

A top-down view of various school supplies scattered on a white surface. In the top left, there's a red watercolor palette with yellow, green, and brown colors, next to a yellow ruler and a pair of yellow-handled scissors. A pink pencil sharpener and a red pencil are nearby. In the center, a pair of pink scissors and a blue pencil are prominent. To the right, several blue pens and pencils are arranged, along with a blue compass. In the bottom right, there's a green pencil case with a cartoon character, a pink eraser, and a yellow pencil sharpener. The background features a blue and pink geometric pattern.

# Educational Policy in Comparative Perspective: the Case of Azerbaijan and Estonia

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# Theories on Education

- *Functionalism*
  1. *Provide social value*
  2. *Create more informed society*
  3. *Establish equal opportunities*
- *Human capital theory*
- *Human capital and economic growth*

# Strength of Estonia

- *Leader of economic growth among post soviet countries*
- *IT and telecommunication developments*
- *Technological advancement*





# Similarities of Estonian and Azerbaijani Education

*Mutual educational history and certain characteristics*

- *Unified curriculum*
- *Same ideological content*
- *Centralized system working with top down principles*
- *Non-existence of critical thinking and freedom of self-determination*



# Similarities of Estonian and Azerbaijani Education

## *Similar challenges and problems*

- *Eliminate communist ideology, Russian impact and totalitarian comprehension of the training*
- *Rearrange and propose new educational module*
- *Present new teaching methods*
- *Change the curricular*
- *Overhaul course books or revise reading materials*
- *Present new examination framework and assessment of school methods*



## Similarities of Estonian and Azerbaijani Education

- *There were fluctuation in the fulfilment of the initial reforms*
- *Teachers adoption to reforms went slowly*
- *Blind acceptance and absence of critical approach towards reforms*
- *positive aspect characterised for both countries was to try to modernise teaching methods and bring innovation to schools*



## Differences of Estonian and Azerbaijani Education

- *Initiatives and discussion of educational reforms in Estonia started in late 1980s*
- *Legal framework of Estonian educational system is more developed and comprehensive*
- *In Azerbaijan beginning of 1990s was characterized with Nagorno-Karabakh war, political instability and economic decline*
- *Law on education (1992 amended 2010)*



## Differences of Estonian and Azerbaijani Education

- *Differences in secondary schools programs*
- *Different curricular topics*
- *Preparation for career in Estonian schools*
- *Language skills*
- *Examinations*