

Internationalisation of Azerbaijani higher education system

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Outline of the study

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Literature review

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- Internationalisation rationales
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This study aims..

To investigate the internationalisation process in Azerbaijani Higher Education (HE) system through analysing internationalisation rationales and strategies

Internationalisation vs. Globalisation

Globalisation is...

- an exchange of goods, an establishment of gigantic companies and a development of information and communication technologies

Internationalisation is...

- a process integrating an international/ intercultural dimension into the teaching, research and service functions of the institutions
- a variety of policies and programs that universities and governments implement to respond to globalisation

Internationalisation rationales by Stier, J (2004)



Idealism

Creates a more democratic, fair and just world through the international cooperation.



Instrumentalism

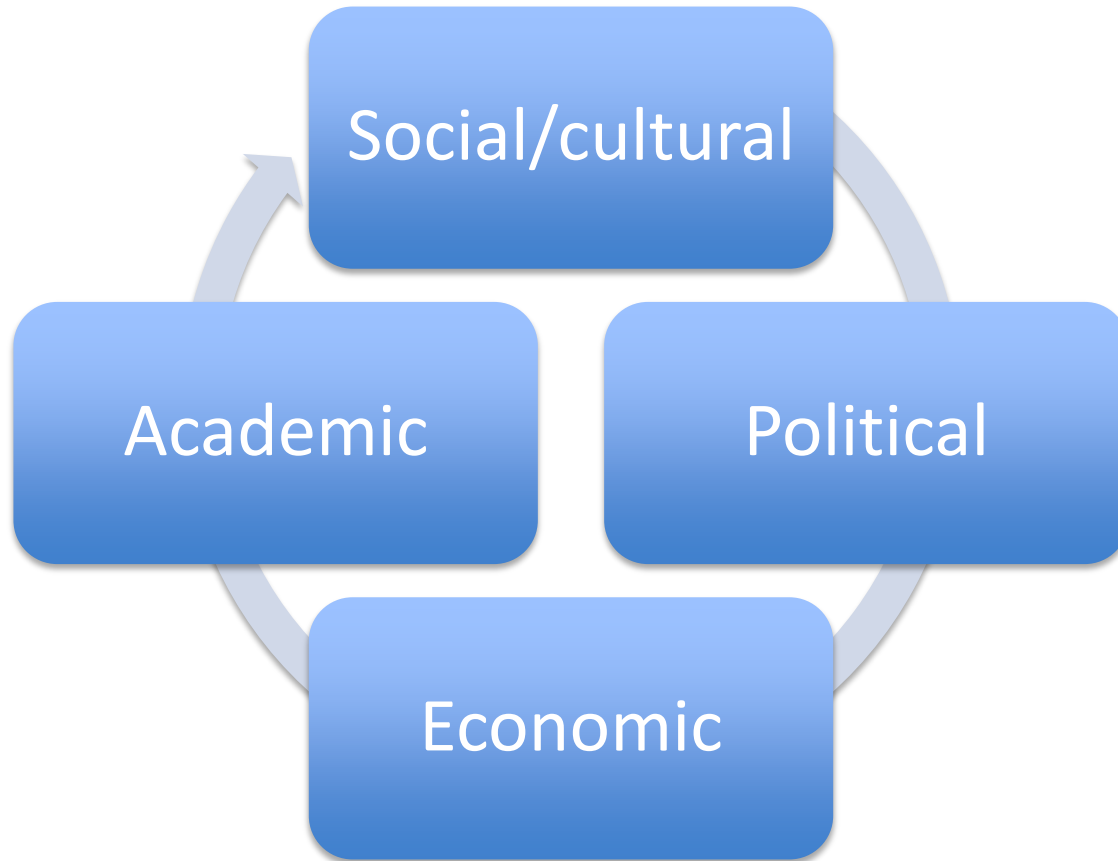
Accepts higher education as a global commodity and university as a market



Educationalism

Enhances the academic experience of students and teaching staff

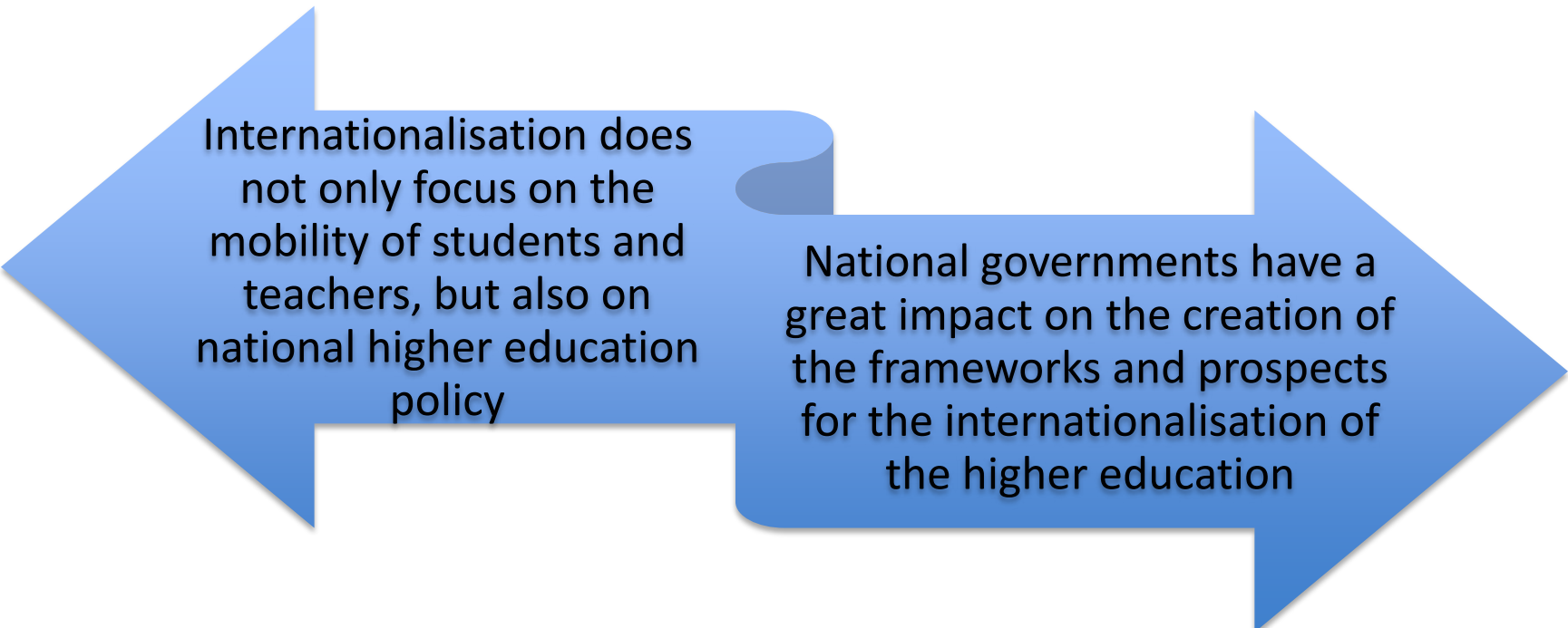
Internationalisation rationales by Knight, J (2008)



Internationalisation strategies



National higher education policy



Internationalisation does not only focus on the mobility of students and teachers, but also on national higher education policy

National governments have a great impact on the creation of the frameworks and prospects for the internationalisation of the higher education

Internationalisation of Azerbaijani HE system

Azerbaijan joined the Bologna process in 2005

Azerbaijan participates in the projects under the Tempus and Erasmus programmes

Analysis of document and Skype interviews

‘State program on reforms in the higher education system of the Republic of Azerbaijan for the 2009-2013’ (MoE, 2009).

“Setting-up/developing international relations offices at HEIs in Azerbaijan for speeding-up the institutional internationalisation process in a globalizing world: Qafqaz University’s experience” (Erguvan and Bagirov, 2010).

Findings



Academic, political and economic rationales are appropriate for the internationalisation of Azerbaijani HE system.

Academic strategies are implemented through establishing international cooperation and integration into the Bologna system.

Poor libraries, centralized education system, low salaries, a lack of access to international journals, modern university facilities and textbooks hinder the internationalisation process are the main challenges in the internationalisation process in post-Soviet Azerbaijan.

Recommendations

- ❑ National policy must be established to create appropriate quality assurance systems, increase salaries that strengthen the ability of institutions to compete for foreign researchers and to expand international research cooperation
- ❑ Local HEIs should develop their own internationalisation strategies

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