

***Poverty in Education:
what do we know and what can we do?***

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KOSOVO (Hotel AMAZONA, K.K. Kastriot, Fshati Azizi - Mitrovicë)

The main topic of [Summer School 2017](#) will be social justice with strong accent on the effect of poverty in education. NEPC started exploring the issue of poverty and education in 2014 and since has confirmed its starting belief that, in the region, poverty in connection to education is not being directly addressed. It seems that educators often put on a head blind and ignore the issue. In many cases in the belief that solving the problem of poverty is beyond education.

The five day interactive programme will provide knowledge and data about effects of poverty in education and involve participants in designing research and school based activities that can assist in mediating the effects of poverty.

CONCEPT

The countries of NEPC region face numerous economic and social challenges caused by, among other things, long term economic recession. The situation regarding the number of people living at risk of poverty or social exclusion is particularly grave as statistics show there are high percentages of the region's population in this group. Poverty and social exclusion harm individuals and limit their opportunities to achieve full potential by affecting their wellbeing and lowering educational outcomes. This situation has heavy implications for both education systems and schools.

The Summer School is based on the understanding that education has direct impact on social justice and that students from low socio economic background, living in poverty or at risk of poverty are multiply disadvantaged learners. Research literature consistently shows that parental socio-economic status is related to academic achievement of their children. Research also shows that children living in poverty frequently have poor literacy and language skills and have limited access to reading materials that negatively affects the learning results; growing up in poverty contributes to having a negative perspective about the future; children with lower socio-economic status background are often victims of bullying in schools.

One of the measures of social justice in education is educational equity ie the degree to which student academic achievements are patterned by group differences. In more equitable national education systems group differences such as socio-economic status have a minor influence on students' academic achievement. Comparative research can indicate how educational policies, structures and practices either mediate or exacerbate group differences in student academic achievements. The Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) is an especially useful cross-national dataset for measuring equity however national data sets should be especially important for policy makers and practioners in detecting the national issues and should be used for improvement of educational systems.

The main questions SS2017 will aim to answer are:

- * Are the social policies that are in place enough to address the issue of poverty?
- * Are schools perpetuating classism in society?
- * Which school policies and practices contribute to alleviating the issue of poverty in education?
- * How to involve students, parents and local communities in design and implementation of school policies and practices
- * Can good practices for poverty alleviation contribute to segregation and labelling?
- * What relevant data is available through international assessment systems such as PISA and how to exploit it through secondary analysis?
- * How can secondary analysis of international assessment system of student's achievement, such as PISA, assist in addressing the issue of poverty and its impact in education?
- * Analyses of current situation and data in participating countries especially in regard to low SES students

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Hotel costs: 65 euro per day – single room; 45 euro per day double room

Summer school fee: 300 euro

Summer school fee for NEPC members (2nd representative): 200 euro

Application deadline: April 25th 2017.

Application form available from March 25th 2017.

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