



The CEU Summer University announces the course

TOWARDS A POLITICAL ECONOMY OF EDUCATION -

REGIONALISATION, GLOBALISATION AND PRIVATISATION IN EDUCATION

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BRIEF COURSE DESCRIPTION

The summer school on *Towards a Political Economy of Education* aims to bring together original thinking, internationally renowned academics at the top of their field, state-of-the-art research and original web-based resources into critical debates on education financing and privatisation in and of education in its different forms.

It will run two concurrent streams. The one will be on *Regionalisation, Globalisation and Privatisation in Education*; the other will be on *Innovative Financing Mechanisms for Quality Education*. Taken together, the two streams work towards a more comprehensive analysis and exploration of the political economy of education and as such begin to establish a core of durable and useful ideas and debates around education justice and to provide knowledge and examples of how these can be advanced collaboratively and internationally. The participants for each stream will be different but they will work together on cross cutting areas.

The purpose of the stream on *Regionalisation, Globalisation and Privatisation in Education* will be to examine a family of initiatives that aim at opening up the education sector to a greater range of private actors. We will look at why these developments are taking place now, the actors involved in advancing these initiatives, what evidence from the field tells us about the opportunities and outcomes for various groups (the learner, families, the state, transnational firms, local entrepreneurs, venture philanthropy, consultants) and why these kinds of initiatives continue to be highly controversial. The aim of the summer school is therefore to examine education policy from the perspective of service delivery arrangements and will focus a social justice lens through which to debate the consequences of changes in the coordination, governance and provision of education services. Private provision and the privatizing of education services not only looks different in different regions and countries of the world, but these services are shaped by a different set of dynamics between the global and the local, and between the state, economy, civil society and religious organizations. The school will therefore also work with a range of country initiatives and case studies to trace out the issues involved, review the evidence, and consider the outcomes and alternatives. We will also propose a series of normative frameworks as a lens on the relation between education and social justice, and as a means for assessing the nature of framing issues and shaping outcomes. Hybrid forms of education service provision have significant consequences for access, resourcing, governance and achievements in and across national education systems. In turn, this has implications for social cohesion, economic development and political engagement.



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