

Reform on Quality Assurance Policy of Research in French Universities – An Approach toward Performance Management

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Abstract

In view of the recent reforms on higher education and research studies from 2005 in France, a new trend of management toward the performance management reveals. This trend of reforms shows two significant facts. First, the current of New Public Management, which originated from the Neo-liberalism and prevailed in Anglo-Saxon countries, has invaded and influenced French HE and research domain. Second, the value of equality which is traditionally cherished by French HE has been shaken by the competitive culture.

The article aims to explore the reform on quality assurance policy of research in French universities since 2005. Given the unsatisfied results in international comparisons related to scientific research, French government decided to engage in the reinforcement of its scientific research. Under this context, three laws reshaping the research domain in French universities were promulgated: « Law of programme for the research » (2006), « Law related to liberty and responsibility of universities » (2007) and « Organic law related to laws of finances » (approved in 2001 and going into effect in 2006).