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Welcome to the first edition the Global Education Digest, a bibliography of recent published academic and research material relevant to the field of global education. This Digest has been compiled by Development Education Research Centre (DERC) on behalf of Global Education Network Europe (GENE) in the framework of ANGEL activities. ANGEL (Academic Network on Global Education & Learning) is the academic network of global education researchers and academics.

This edition of the Digest builds on previous Development Education Digests (2010-2015) produced by DERC at the Institute of Education, University College London, and which are available on the DERC website (www.ucl.ac.uk/ioe-derc). The Digest is divided into eight themes/areas of work, and within each we have identified policy reports, books, academic articles and doctoral research related to global education. Items for inclusion were found through keyword searches of Scopus, Web of Science, Google Scholar, and British Library (including ETHOS and Proquest) databases, as well as through informal discussions with colleagues in the field.

The core focus of the Digest is on literature on global education. Selected literature with a focus on related concepts, such as global citizenship, environmental education, and education for sustainable development, has also been included where these have clear links to concerns in global education. However, we have not attempted to comprehensively review literature related to all of the concepts used in these areas of work, as this would have been too big a task for a single publication.

This edition covers material published since 2015 and in the English language. The decision to focus on English language publications is a reflection of DERC’s location in the UK and our familiarity with that literature. We are aware that colleagues in other countries have compiled similar bibliographies and annual reviews in other languages (see, for example, the digest series by colleagues in Germany which reviews literature from 1949 to the present; www.eine-welt-unterrichtsmaterialien.de). We would welcome more information on similar publications as well as suggestions about how connections between them might be built in the future.

While we have endeavored to identify all of the relevant articles, books and reports, we are aware that there are bound to be omissions. We would always welcome suggestions for additions, however, and these can be sent to directly to Massimiliano Tarozzi (m.tarozzi@ucl.ac.uk).

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CONTEXT

The second decade of the twenty first century in the field of global education has been characterised by the major expansion of academic and research material, the increased importance given to this area by UNESCO, the inclusion of relevant themes within the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, and the OECD PISA Global Competence initiative for 2018.

A number of new academic journals have been launched in this field, for example, most notably:

- **Journal of Global Education and Research**, a new open-access journal published by the Association of North America Higher Education International (ANAHEI)
- **Journal of Global Citizenship & Equity Education** published by the Centre for Global Citizenship, Education & Inclusion, Centennial College, Toronto, Canada
- **Sinergias - Diálogos educativos para a transformação social** (Synergies – Educational dialogues for social change), an open-access journal published in Portuguese, English and Spanish by a network of universities and civil society organisations in Portugal.

The Development Education Research Centre’s own journal, the *International Journal of Development Education and Global Learning* is also now available open access.

In addition, the term ‘global citizenship’ has been a theme of more than twenty books in this decade alone. The impact of centres of research in global education in the UK, Finland, Germany, Canada, United States, Italy and Spain can also be seen in the growth in the number of PhDs being produced and major research projects being conducted.
A feature of policy related research since 2015 has been the growing debates around the concept of global citizenship. This has been particularly in response to initiatives from UNESCO and the UN, and the mention of the term in the UN Sustainable Development Goals (Goal 4 target 7). The influence of the concept of global citizenship can be seen particularly in work of Yemini, Torres and Tarozzi. Themes such as inter-cultural understanding, climate change, sustainable development, peace building, gender equality and human rights can also be seen in a range of these publications.

Within Europe, there has been greater recognition of the need to publish research and evaluation reports of projects funded by the European Commission. This can be seen in, for example, the Schools for Future Youth and Global Schools projects. The European Commission’s Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development has also supported projects addressed at civil society actors and local authorities that seek to inform EU citizens about the interconnectedness of the world and empower them to become critically engaged on global development issues (see the EU DEAR (Development Education Awareness Raising) Programme).

In addition to round tables, reports and peer reviews promoted by the Global Education Network Europe (GENE), there have also been some important publications reviewing global education in particular countries. Most notably, this includes GENE reports on Ireland, Cyprus and Belgium, and a number of articles related to practice in Spain, Ireland and in Latin America.

Reports


**Books**


**Book Chapters**


**Academic Journal Articles**


doi.org/10.1002/jid.3115


Sant, E. (2017). Can the Subaltern Nation Speak by Herself in the History Curriculum?


Doctoral Theses


Recently there has been a major expansion of theoretical texts in the field of global education, including some very influential and important books that move the debates in this field forward.

A critical focus on global citizenship and postcolonial thinking is evident from the work of Andreotti, Pashby and Shultz. Two major books by Tarozzi and Torres also provide excellent introductions to some of the key issues and debates around global citizenship education. Gaudelli’s book is important as it brings together a range of theoretical discussions, including references to sustainability and human rights, with examples of classroom practice. Two edited volumes by Davies et.al. also provide an important introduction to international debates on global citizenship education. More broadly, the edited volumes by Maguth and Harshman et. al. demonstrate the range of evidence based research emerging in the fields of global education and global citizenship education. A more philosophical approach, influenced by Critical Realism, can be seen in the volume by Ellis.
Reports


Books


Book Chapters


Academic Journal Articles


Bourn, D. (2016). Teachers as agents of social change. *International Journal of Development Education and Global Learning*, 7(3), 63-77. [https://doi.org/10.18546/IJDEGL.07.3.05](https://doi.org/10.18546/IJDEGL.07.3.05)


Gershon, W. S. (2015). Double Binds, Abuses, and a Hopeless Hope: Epistemological...


Formal education through schools has always been the primary focus of research and practice in global education. In the UK, the impact of the government funded Global Learning Programme can be seen in a range of reports. The European Commission funded Global Schools Project and Schools for Future Youth Project also provide important evidence of impact of their projects and bring in links to broader conceptual debates on global citizenship education.

Themes such as human rights, sustainable development and inter-cultural understanding can be seen from a number of the academic articles that have been published. There have also been a number of PhDs completed in the English language that address how young people learn about global issues including themes such as citizenship and understanding of global poverty.

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**Books**


Book Chapters


Academic Journal Articles


Learning, 7(3), 47-62. https://doi.org/10.18546/IJDEGL.07.3.04


Shultz, L., Pashby, K., & Godwaldt, T. (2017). Youth voices on global citizenship: Deliberating across Canada in an online invited space. *International Journal of Development Education and Global Learning, 8*(2), 5-17. [https://doi.org/10.18546/IJDEGL.8.2.02](https://doi.org/10.18546/IJDEGL.8.2.02)


### Doctoral Theses


Durham, S. G. (2015). *Exploring elementary teachers' conceptions of global citizenship through cross-cultural interaction* (Doctor of Philosophy). Clemson University, Clemson, SC, USA. [https://tigerprints.clemson.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?referer=https://scholar.google.co.uk/&htpsredir=1&article=2562&context=all_dissertations](https://tigerprints.clemson.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?referer=https://scholar.google.co.uk/&htpsredir=1&article=2562&context=all_dissertations)

Historically global education emerged out of practice led by civil society organisations and whilst this can be reflected in the articles listed below, it is noticeable that there have been no major publications in this area published in the English language over the past two years.

What is however significant are the examples that pose issues around ways of working and addressing themes such as fundraising, stereotyping and relationship of learning to forms of social action.

**Academic Journal Articles**


Doctoral Theses


INFORMAL EDUCATION INCL. YOUTH WORK, MEDIA & COMMUNITY WORK

Compared to the other areas of education and learning, informal education has been featured less in terms of research related to global education themes. However, there is evidence of engagement with themes that connect to complex identities in the global age, the relationship between experience, engagement and development of a sense of a global identity, and research on minority communities. Social media is a theme that is particularly beginning to emerge in research alongside lifestyle areas such as music, culture and the arts more widely.

Academic Journal Articles


Reports


Doctoral Theses


The main areas of publication in this area have been related to social justice, sustainable development and intercultural understanding within teacher education. In this sense, teacher education could play a crucial role in implementing GCE policy, as highlighted also by UNESCO. Looking at existing literature on global issues within teacher education, some studies highlight teachers’ concern regarding inadequate teaching tools and resources. Others stress teachers’ self-perception of not being well-prepared to handle global citizenship or related issues and therefore tending to avoid them in classroom activities. Similarly, others observe that while teachers recognize the importance of global education, they often feel trapped between curricular goals encouraging its incorporation in the classroom and cultural norms of nationalism.
Books

Book Chapters


Academic Journal Articles


**HIGHER EDUCATION RESEARCH**

The growth in interest in the concept of global citizenship and continued engagement with the concept of internationalization are major themes of research and publications in this area. The Ethical Internationalisation in Higher Education project led by Vanessa Andreotti has already resulted in a number of important publications, for instance. The extent to which the theme of global citizenship has become part of the vocabulary and curriculum development in many universities can be seen in the work of Moraes, Shultz and Jooste. There are also increasing bodies of evidence emerging about the ways in which global themes are being reflected within courses that have a distinctly professional and vocational focus, especially in medicine, engineering and business studies. Sustainable Development also remains an important theme within higher education, as can be seen by the publication of the Routledge Handbook edited by Barth et.al.
Reports


Books


Book Chapters


Burbules, & M. Griffiths (Eds.), *International Handbook of Interpretation in Educational Research* (pp. 1055-1075). Dordrecht: Springer.


**Academic Journal Articles**


Li, J., & Xu, J. (2016). Global Competency Assessment Scale for Undergraduates in the Contemporary China’s Higher Education. *Psychology Research, 6*(6), 345-360. https://doi.org/10.17265/2159-5542/2016.06.003


**Doctoral Theses**


Another key feature of global education practice has been the belief that through forms of international experience, learners’ knowledge, views and engagement in global issues will increase. International partnerships and forms of linking are therefore a theme of a number of recent publications, including the work of Bell and Allen. Study visits, particularly for teachers, have also been a theme of numerous publications.

International volunteering and its associated area of service learning has been a rich area of research for many years. A number of publications in the past two of years have contained increasingly critical reflection on these initiatives, particularly with reference to themes such as ‘emotional tourism’.

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Books


**Book Chapters**


Academic Journal Articles


Schwarz, K. C. (2015). Encounters with discomfort: How do young canadians understand (their) privilege and (others’) poverty in the context of an international volunteer experience? *Comparative and International Education, 44*(1). [https://ir.lib.uwo.ca/cie-eci/vol44/iss1/5](https://ir.lib.uwo.ca/cie-eci/vol44/iss1/5)


**Doctoral Theses**


Hoult, S. (2015). *Aspiring to a postcolonial engagement with the other: an investigation into student teachers' learning from their intercultural experiences during a South Indian study visit* (Doctor of Philosophy). Canterbury Christ Church University, Canterbury, UK. [https://create.canterbury.ac.uk/14455/6/14455.pdf](https://create.canterbury.ac.uk/14455/6/14455.pdf)


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GENE (Global Education Network Europe) is the European network of Ministries, Agencies and other national bodies responsible for support, funding and policy-making in the field of Global Education. Started in 2001 with 6 national structures from 6 countries, GENE now has grown to include over 40 Ministries, Agencies and other national bodies, from over 25 countries.