

BIBLIOGRAFÍA SELECCIONADA SOBRE GARANTÍA DE CALIDAD Y ACREDITACIÓN DE LA EDUCACIÓN SUPERIOR

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I. PRESENTACIÓN

Los cambios progresivos sufridos por la educación en los dos últimos decenios han afectado todos los ámbitos de la misma, pero ha sido en el nivel de educación superior en el cual estos han sido más significativos.

El crecimiento de la demanda, o sea del número de estudiantes que ha progresado en forma espectacular en la mayoría de los países, en particular en los del mundo desarrollado y la dificultad del Estado para hacer frente a ésta demanda ha favorecido la aparición de una oferta del sector privado extremadamente diversificada.

Este factor de progresión y diversificación de la oferta si bien en algunos casos puede ser considerado favorable, no es seguro que globalmente repercuta positivamente en la evolución de la sociedad. La aparición de numerosas instituciones privadas que actúan con fines de lucro y sin casi ningún control del Estado en particular en algunas regiones del mundo como es el caso de América Latina, deja sombras sobre la calidad del producto ofrecido y por lo tanto sobre la validez de los diplomas. Favorece sin duda alguna una respuesta quizás más adecuada al mercado, pero no es seguro que aumente la calidad de la educación, entendiéndolo por calidad no solamente una mejor adecuación a un sistema económico hoy mundializado, sino también una mayor pertinencia en relación a un compromiso social armonioso, donde los valores y la defensa del interés común ocupan un lugar preponderante.

Si bien es evidente que el Estado no puede hoy responder a toda la demanda y que el sector privado continuará a intervenir en la oferta, parecería que en términos de modalidad de gestión es la coparticipación Estado/sector privado y por lo tanto la cofinanciación, lo hoy en día es lo más pertinente y sobre lo cual podría existir un consenso.

Es en ese sentido, como elemento de regulación y de una cierta garantía de la calidad de la educación, que el tema de la acreditación ocupa un lugar particularmente importante en el ámbito de la Educación superior. La existencia de mecanismos, o sea de criterios institucionales y programáticos que todas las universidades deberían obligatoriamente cumplir para obtener el reconocimiento de sus diplomas es un factor indispensable para otorgar un papel relevante a la acreditación.

Esta bibliografía selectiva ilustra la diversidad de situaciones y las tendencias actuales de la temática de esta conferencia.

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