“Globalization, Chinese culture and the Expansion of Higher Education System in Taiwan”

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The global market gives nation-states no choice but to be subject to its rules. As a result, they need to modify themselves to meet its requirements in order to gain access to the considerable amount of capitalist profit available. This adjustment is manifested in their higher education policies, as witnessed by the fact that many countries have been enlarging their higher education capacity in order to cultivate more human capital. This functions as a critical element in enhancing their international competitiveness in the global market. As Taiwan is a key member of this market, the above relationship is significant in the Taiwanese context. However, although globalization exercises a profound influence on higher education policy in a society such as Taiwan, social culture also plays a role in conditioning such policy. This lecture argues that the significant expansion in the Taiwanese higher education system has occurred as a result of a combination of globalization and Chinese culture.

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