

Abstract

Internationalization of Higher Education (IoHE) became popular due to the expansion of international activities in higher education institutions as well as to high demand of young people to access to university. Since that time, its concepts, approaches and rationales have been changing according to national context. In Latin-America and specifically in Ecuador, there are limited international initiatives despite, higher education reform that recovered State's role, quality assurance and strengthened human talent during Rafael Correa's administration. This thesis will analyze the development and importance of IoHE in Ecuador through its rationales. Finally, this research will provide an evidence if State has driven or not IoHE in the country.

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