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Introduction

My international and comparative research program is rooted at the nexus of social justice, equity, and diversity in K-12 & higher education policy & lea covering 1) Diversity, equity, & inclusion in K-12 and higher education settings, 2) Social justice and ecological leadership for educational change, 3) Development of educators' careers and professionalism with equity and diversity lens, 4) immigration, refugees, diverse cultures, and educational policy through comparative studies.

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Jun 2024

Khalid Arar · Ira Bogotch · Yvonne De La Rosa · [...] · Denise Mifsud

Dear Colleagues, we six authors have come together to share our reflections on research methods. Our composite and cut-up accounts (Bogotch, 2023; Burroughs, 1959; Skerl, 1985) are deliberately meant to challenge current educational research writing and the publishing enterprise which we depict as a set of established, prescriptive, and formulaic r...

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How to Maintain Education During Wars? An Integrative Approach to Ensure the Right to Education

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Apr 2024

Soheil Salha · Ahmed Tlili · Boulus Shehata · [...] · Mohamed Jemni

It is widely acknowledged that the relationship between education, security, and stability is bidirectional. In times of war, access to quality education becomes compromised, and conversely, the absence of proper education constrains individuals to a life under constant threat, disrupting education provision. War, viewed as a "lifetime and life-wid...

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Feb 2024

Emily R. Crawford · Bryan Mann · Khalid Arar

This case occurs in a Midwestern community that has received Afghan individuals and families. It explores the experiences of an Afghan mother and two children as they transition into U.S.-based schooling culture and norms as the children start elementary school. The family initially had the help of a K–12 liaison from a community-based organization...

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Mapping doctoral dissertations in an educational leadership programme: A longitudinal examination of knowledge construction in the last two decades

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Feb 2024

 Khalid Arar ·  Munube Zeynep Yilmaz ·  James W. Koschoreck

This paper offers a meta-analysis scoping study of doctoral dissertations completed in the last 20 years in one doctoral programme of Educational Leadership (EL) at a higher education institution in Texas, aiming at identifying topical foci, epistemology, methodology and main themes. Therefore, we systematically collected, documented, securitised a...

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Culturally proficient leadership: Equipping educators to better serve refugee students during a crisis

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Jan 2024

 Khalid Arar ·  Corinne Brion ·  Eman Abo-Zaed Arar ·  Anna Saiti

Purpose: The purpose of this paper is to explore the proficiency of leadership practices in dealing with refugee students' cultural needs during the COVID-19 pandemic. Design/methodology/approach: Semi-structured interviews were employed to elucidate data from teachers, counselors, and leaders in a U.S. Midwestern suburban community that had record...

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Dec 2023

 Khalid Arar ·  Miguel Guajardo ·  Anna Saiti ·  Eman Abo-Zaed Arar

There are many studies on the role of technology in facilitating equality, quality, and effectiveness in higher learning in the last decade. This study aims at exploring the sustainability of a postgraduate program in a USA context following the COVID surge. Relational assurance is employed through qualitative methods, and frameworks to make sense...

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It is widely agreed that the relationship between poverty and education is bi-directional: poor people lack access to a decent education, and without the latter people are often constrained to a life of poverty (Van der Berg, 2008). Poverty as a "lifetime, and life-wide status" thus develops into a self-fulfilling prophecy that is difficult to emer...

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The "beyond" spaces of social justice leadership

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Using "platica" as both data and methods, the researchers invite readers to author their own platicas as a pathway into leadership for social justice.

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The social contract for Palestinians, and access to legal systems, human rights and mitigation for offenses perpetrated against the Palestinians remains unclear. This paper reveals Palestinian leaders can be trained as doctoral candidates by the Palestinian professoriate, to mentor teacher leaders and teachers through the Professional Educators and...

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In this chapter, the authors take a more macro view and consider some of the challenges and promises of some of the current trends the authors have observed in the ELA field in the MENA region based on the chapters that have important implications for systemic improvement. Consistently changing political influences on educational policies and insti...

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This volume explores how educational leadership and administration (ELA) is constructed in the Middle East and North African region (MENA), and charts the development of ELA as a discipline. Against the backdrop of rapid growth and interest in the educational restructuring, educational reforms, policy and leadership landscape of the region, chapter...

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This chapter maps pictographically the main educational reforms and policy development in the MENA region in the last half century. It also explores the pendulum of internationalization versus localization and contextualization of educational policy, reforms, and leadership in the region. Hence, there is rapid growth and interest in educational res...

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Although the Obama-Biden administration recognized and the Biden-Harris administration continues to emphasize the importance of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), including medicine, for the nation's continuing prosperity, the United States produces significantly fewer STEM graduates than other countries. To make up the diffe...

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This study is a qualitative investigation of education policies and decision making during COVID-19 pandemic in five Middle East and North Africa Region (MENA) countries: Kuwait, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine, and Qatar. It aims at scrutinizing how these countries responded to the education disruption caused by the pandemic between February 2020 and...

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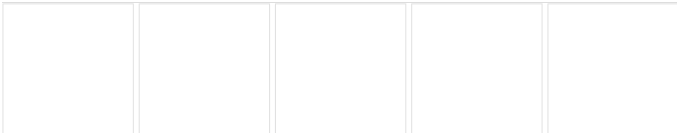
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The article describes the flow of Palestinian students from Israel, identifying the reasons that a large proportion of students from the Palestinian Arab Minority in Israel (PAMI) (21%) currently study abroad. The article traces the development of PAMI students' studies outside Israel and the characteristics of this movement including the disciplin...

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This chapter discussed ethical leadership from the educational perspective as the rapidly developing field. After introducing the background of ethical leadership, different definitions and components of ethical leadership are presented. The chapter also focused on why we need ethical leaders in school environment and how they apply this leadership...

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Servant leadership may be of particular relevance in our era of accountability in education because it adds the component of social responsibility to transformational leadership, and in turn, emphasizes the needs of teachers and students, particularly in unprivileged communities. As opposed to other models outlined in this book, servant leadership...

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The current chapter focuses on the culturally relevant leadership (CRL) in education, which has derived from culturally responsive pedagogy and culturally responsive teaching. CRL has been a significant aspect of social justice efforts in educational settings. Our purpose in this chapter is to make the readers acquainted with various CRL models and...

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Research shows that positivity is critical for leaders and for higher organizational performance and success. Positive leadership refers to the implementation of varied positive practices that enable teachers and schools to fulfil their highest potential, succeed at work, experience elevating energy, and attain higher levels of effectiveness that c...

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The authors have spent a significant part of their careers studying and teaching educational leadership in a wide array of professional development programs around the world, both in K-12 and in higher education institutions. The first author was a school principal for a decade before transitioning to teaching and researching educational leadership...

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The new focus on workplace spirituality is one way to apply spiritual beliefs and satisfy the need to feel the spirit through work. Indeed, in recent years the model of spiritual leadership has received more and more attention, yet insufficient, by researchers from the field of educational leadership. In the current chapter, we attempt to construct...

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The concept of authenticity (i.e., the idea of 'being oneself') is becoming a central focus in the scholarship about leadership in non-education sectors. Authentic leaders, anchored by their own deep sense of self, values and beliefs are more concerned about serving others than they are about their own needs and recognition. They benefit the school...

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