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Academic Resilience, Student Learning Outcomes, and Large-Scale Reform

Abstract

This seminar provides a cross-national analysis of the long-term effectiveness of education policies enacted by G10 countries in response to the global pandemic. National profiles in a recently published [Routledge](#) volume that included England, France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Netherlands, Belgium, Canada, and Japan are examined. The profiles considered the degree of learning losses experienced in the aftermath of the pandemic, along with large-scale surveys that captured non-cognitive learning outcomes such as socioemotional skills and growth mindset. The analyses examined the interplay of cognitive and non-cognitive skills captured by PISA and other national student assessment surveys. The seminar concludes with a critique of education reform agendas in a post-pandemic digital world.

Biography

Louis Volante (PhD) is a Distinguished Professor at Brock University and a Professorial Fellow at UNU-MERIT / Maastricht Graduate School of Governance. His interdisciplinary scholarship focuses on the global governance of education; politics, policy, and large-scale reform; political economy of education systems; international achievement surveys and policy diffusion; and impact evaluation of policies and programs. Professor Volante's research is widely referenced in academic and policy communities and has received continuous funding from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC). His current SSHRC funded research examines the long-term impact of the pandemic on cognitive and non-cognitive student learning outcomes.

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