Enhancing the Quality of Learning and Teaching in Chinese Higher Education Institutions: Insights from Research on Student Engagement and Course Experience

Abstract
The quality of learning and teaching in Chinese higher education institutions is a topic which has generated heated debate in recent years, though there has been a remarkable paucity of empirical research into this issue. This project attempts to address this issue by bridging two current lines of research on the quality of undergraduate education, i.e., student engagement and course experience. Defining student engagement from a psychological perspective, this project first explores the relationships between students’ course experiences and their motivation and engagement with a sample of Chinese undergraduates. Then, this project reports two interrelated studies of the relationships among Chinese undergraduates’ motivation, engagement, and some desired learning outcomes. The findings reveal some characteristics of learning and teaching in Chinese higher education institutions, and bring implications for the enhancement of student engagement and the quality of undergraduate teaching in China.

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