

Impact of neo-liberalism on principles of equity and reciprocity in International Student Exchange

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The inclusion of international educational experiences has increasingly become a priority for universities across the globe. Such experiences are identified as important strategies which contribute to developing student confidence, intercultural awareness and international employability. Short term international student exchanges and overseas field placements are important components of international experiences offered by universities in Australia, New Zealand, the USA and the UK. While the rhetoric surrounding these experiences includes ideas about reciprocity and mutuality, the focus on “work-ready” graduates with “people to people ties” to Asia suggest an agenda motivated by the potential for economic and trade expansion liaison. This paper will explore the way in which neoliberal principles and agenda impact on the development of international students exchange and highlight the difficulties of embedding true reciprocity and equity.