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| Dose Israel Gives an Equal Opportunity For Higher Education?  האם מדינת ישראל נותנת שוויון הזדמנויות להשכלה גבוהה?  Dr Zehorit Dadon-Golan  School of Education, Bar Ilan University and Hemdat Hadarom College of Education, Israel. | |
| **Abstract:** (300 word) Inequality in educational outcomes is currently at the heart of public and academic debates throughout the world in general, and in Israel in particular. Educational inequality is a key factor leading to future social and economic inequality. Therefore, the **objective of this** research is to measure if Israel gives an equal opportunity For Higher Education to all of her citizen by conceptualize an innovative framework for measuring educational inequality, to measure trends in educational inequality over time, and to analyze its underlying origins, based on educational quality indices developed in this work.  The research **method** is based on applying the Gini Coefficient to the field of education in order to determine the extent of inequality.  **A unique data base** was specifically developed for this research by the Ministry of Education. This data base includes data on student levels throughout the last decade (2012-2016).  **The findings** of the analysis of inequality according to the Gini coefficient indicate that the level of overall inequality decreased throughout the years 2012-2016 (by 4%). This trend is salient in cross-sectional analysis because of the variables of gender, region, and maternal education.  The theoretical and empirical importance of this research lies in its conceptualization, development, and measurement of the factors affecting educational inequality. More specifically, besides being a descriptive research that deals with educational inequality, this research empirically examines the causes, origins, and trends of educational inequality. | **Photo** |
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| **Biography**  Dr. Zehorit Dadon- Golan, had a master degree in Logistics and Economics as a part of unique project for graduation students, and a Ph.d in the field of Economics of Education as a President' scholarship for excellent Ph.d student from Bar-Ilan University. Moreover, she had finish her post-doc on Higher Education from the Department of Economics under the supervision of Prof Adrian Zaiderman and Dr Iris BenDavid Hadar.  Dr Dadon-Golan presented her work at a number of international conferences, such as the conference of the American Association for Comparative Education (CIES), and won "excellent article" for her research on inequality in education in Israel. Moreover she had won several grant from the National Insurance Institute, Research and Planning Administration in Israel.  **Her areas of expertise are:** Economics of Education, Poverty and Inequality in Education and Higher Education. | |