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Repurposing University Education: The Role of Liberal Arts Education in Asia *with Joshua Mok Ka-ho*

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In the last decade or so, people have begun to question the value of higher education when come to graduate employment and employability issues. In particular, some commentators even raise the question about the relevance and value of liberal arts education in the contemporary society with increasing attention given to STEM subjects for career preparation of young people. This paper sets out against the context of COVID-19 pandemic crisis to critically examine the role of liberal arts education in Asia, with particular reference to reflect the value / role of liberal arts education in preparing responsible citizens for the challenging time confronting us. The critical reflections of the role of liberal arts education in Asia would offer us comparative insights when repurposing university education in our contemporary society with intensified pressure for vocationalizing higher education.

This event is a Pre-Conference Session of Canadian Society for the Study of Higher Education 2023, and it is open to all.



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