

IBRU News

International Education Research Database

The International Baccalaureate Research Unit initiated an International Education Research Database in 2002 and has continued to maintain it ever since. A wide range of resources and methods has been utilised for gathering the bibliography. This is an exciting and challenging project that aims not only to make a contribution to defining the field of International Education but also to provide a valuable resource to a range of researchers. The Database currently holds nearly 3,000 references and, according to web logs, is accessed by researchers throughout the world. Future development plans include structuring this corpus by devising sub-categories as it expands, and launching an online questionnaire in order for researchers to offer input on international education and additional references. The Database is available online at <http://research.ibo.org/> by following shortcuts to 'Research'. It is updated approximately every six months.

IB Research Notes

IB Research Notes is a quarterly newsletter published jointly by IBRU and the IB Curriculum and Assessment Centre (IBCA). It is made available to the public online via the IBO website as a PDF file in English, French and Spanish. *IBRN* provides a forum for the IBO community to discuss research issues including research methodology, methods and outcomes. Each issue usually features a leading article on an international educational research topic by an author, who may or may not have a direct connection with the IBO, supported by one or two short critical responses to it. This is accompanied by a regular feature that describes an aspect of research conducted by members of IBRU.

Each issue also includes the 'Research Noticeboard' feature that draws attention to recent developments in the field such as conferences, journals and services of interest to

the readership. *IB Research Notes* can be found at <http://www.ibo.org/> and then following shortcuts to 'Research'.

Current Research Projects

Members of the IB Research Unit are currently working on a variety of research projects. These include an enquiry into interactive intergenerational learning in the context of Creativity, Action, Service (CAS) in the IB Diploma Programme; a study in partnership with IB regional offices around the world of the transition of IB Diploma graduates between school and university; and an evaluation in partnership with the International Schools Association of the ISA's 'Internationalism Self-assessment Instrument' for schools. Watch this space for further details!



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