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AROUND THE PEDAGOGICAL THOUGHT

Paweł Prüfer

Religion and ethics and the spirit of entrepreneurship and agency

Abstract: This article presents the theoretical analysis of entrepreneurship and social activity of an individual, in perspective of sociology of religions and economics ethics. The Weber's diagnosis of the "spirit of capitalism" confirms and does not unequivocally resolve the question of the entrepreneurial activity of individuals who take into account their religious identity. The article attempts to confirm the thesis that Catholic economics ethics promotes active, creative and efficient involvement of people in social space which requirements are in individual and community social contexts. Subjectivity, creativity, agency – these are just some of the elements confirming and strengthening the idea of the active presence of the individual in the economic and entrepreneurial sphere.

Key words: ethics, Catholicism, entrepreneurship, social activity, religion

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Mirosław Radła

Changing the value of the book

Abstract: In recent years, a systematic decrease in interest in reading has been observed in Poland. One might even speak of a crisis. The article presents data on the reading activity of Poles, the reasons for this, as well as the change in the value of a book and its role in human life.

Key words: book, value, cultural change

PROBLEMS OF THE SCHOOL FUNCTIONING

Kazimierz Ostrowski

Teacher in the field of pedagogical research – selected theoretical issues and practical solutions

Abstract: The presented material highlights an important aspect of Teacher's work which is the research approach. The relationship between the implementation of pedagogical tasks (such as teaching and upbringing) and the research is an important link in work of Teacher. The author focuses attention to the fact that the explorative approach may help Teacher to collect data, explain and use preventive measures that will modify the educational aspect of the institution. This way, activities within acquiring knowledge, its analysis, making decisions and introducing

changes will become visible. The author also hands over non-parameter tests. They are procedural in the process of statistical analysis and inference; they provide a quantification presentation leading to evaluation and compensated content.

Key words: research work, teacher, pedagogy, non-parametric statistical tests

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Angelika Cedro, Laurencja Lewandowska

From Johnny to John the special educational needs of students during the full eight-year education at the Torun Therapeutic School

Abstract: The article is a reflection on therapeutic education and its importance for children with learning difficulties. It contains research material showing a comparison of skills and problems of students who start and finish school. The article presents evidences that students lead by specialist during 8 years of education obtained very satisfying results of their work. Thanks to the Torun Therapeutic School and the solutions used in it, they achieved optimal development for themselves and school success to the best of their abilities and they prepared to take up secondary school.

Key words: education, specific learning difficulties, adaptation of educational requirements, method of positive reinforcement, meeting special educational needs, equal educational opportunities, school success

PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION

Krystyna Żuchelkowska

Ecological issues in the educational process of kindergarten

Summary: The article shows that nature and the natural environment will be protected from destruction when children develop sensitivity and ecological awareness from an early age. An important role in this process is played by ecological education in kindergarten, which aims to induce the desired changes in the child's personality, as well as to teach how to live in harmony with nature, protect and multiply its potential.

Key words: ecological education, ecology, nature conservation, pre-school education

OLD & NEW READINGS

Tymoteusz Ławecki, Klaudia Żernik

Quantitative and qualitative view of the child

Review: *Dziecko i dzieciństwo w badaniach pedagogicznych*, Marzenna Magda-Adamowicz, Ewa Kowalska (red.), Wydawnictwo Adam Marszałek, Toruń 2020, ISBN 978-83-8180-200-0, ss. 364.

Publication „Child and childhood in pedagogical research” was edited by Marzenna Magda-Adamowicz and Ewa Kowalska from University of Zielona Góra. The text is a monograph what presents different approaches and views of the authors in child pedagogy. The main idea of this book was to persuade that childhood should be perceived.

Numerous authors of the texts have addressed issues related to, among others: triangulation of research, phases of research design, diagnostic survey, experimentation, phenomenography, biographical approach and research in action. The monograph is a worthwhile item for exploring one's knowledge of research on the childhood.

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