

**MODERN APPROACHES TO DEVELOPING INTERCULTURAL
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Abstract: This article analyzes innovative methods for developing intercultural dialogue in the educational process from a scientific, theoretical and practical perspective. It is argued that in the context of globalization, the formation of effective dialogue between representatives of different cultures is one of the important tasks of the education system. The study highlights the role of interactive methods, digital technologies, project-based learning, problem-based learning, training and debate methods in the development of intercultural competence. It also reveals the importance of innovative pedagogical approaches in forming tolerance, respect, open communication, and commitment to national and universal values in students. The results of the article can be used to effectively organize pedagogical activities aimed at improving the culture of intercultural dialogue in educational institutions.

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Annotation: V dannoy state nauchno-theoreticheski i prakticheski analiziruyutsya innovatsionnye metody razvitiya mejkulturnogo obshcheniya v obrazovatelnom protsesse. Obosnovyvaetsya, chto v usloviyax globalizatsii formirovanie effektivnogo obshcheniya mejdru predstavitelnyami razlichnykh kultur yavlyayetsya odnoy iz vajneyshikh zadach sistemy obrazovaniya. V issledovanii raskryvaetsya rol interaktivnykh metodov, tsifrovyykh tekhnologii, proektnogo obucheniya, obucheniya na osnove problemnykh situatsii, treningov i debatov v razvitiy mejkulturnoy competence. It also shows the innovative nature of pedagogy and the formation of students' tolerance, respect, open society, national and public values. The result status can be used for the effective organization of pedagogical activity aimed at improving the culture of the cultural community and educational institutions.

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Abstract: This article analyzes innovative methods for developing intercultural communication in the educational process from both theoretical and practical perspectives. It substantiates that, in the context of globalization, fostering effective communication among representatives of different cultures is one of the key tasks of the education system. The study highlights the role of interactive methods, digital technologies, project-based learning, problem-based teaching, training sessions, and debates in developing intercultural competence. It also reveals the importance of innovative pedagogical approaches in fostering students' tolerance, respect, open communication, and commitment to national and universal values. The results of the article can be used for the effective organization of pedagogical activities aimed at improving the culture of intercultural communication in educational institutions.

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Today's globalization process has strengthened the ties between the peoples, cultures and civilizations of the world to an unprecedented extent. As a result of the expansion of information and communication technologies, academic mobility, international educational programs and digital platforms, communication between representatives of different nationalities, religions, languages and cultures has become an integral part of everyday life. Therefore, the modern education system is faced with the task not only of imparting knowledge, but also of educating a person as a social subject who can effectively function in a multicultural environment, communicating based on the principles of respect and tolerance. UNESCO's approaches to intercultural education emphasize that the task of education is to strengthen mutual understanding, equality and respect between different cultural groups. [1;45]

The issue of intercultural communication is especially relevant in the higher education and vocational training system. Because it is at these stages that the student actively forms the skills of independent thinking, social adaptation, cooperation and professional communication. According to the OECD global competence approach, a modern student or pupil should understand local, global and intercultural issues, be open to other points of view, and be able to establish effective and respectful communication with representatives of different cultures.[2;65]

In this regard, it is not enough to limit oneself to traditional methods for developing intercultural dialogue in the educational process. Modern pedagogical practice requires innovative methods that are interactive, reflexive, collaborative, technological and problem-

oriented. The purpose of this article is to shed light on innovative methods for developing intercultural dialogue in the educational process on a scientific and analytical basis, to reveal their pedagogical effectiveness, and to develop practical recommendations.[3;112]

The concept of intercultural communication represents the process of information exchange, interaction, clash of values and harmonization between representatives of different cultural spaces. Language, mentality, social stereotypes, communicative behavior, historical experience and value system play an important role in this process. The Council of Europe interprets intercultural competence as “the ability to understand and respect others across various cultural barriers”. This competence is formed in the unity of knowledge, skills, values and attitudes.[4;89]

The methodological foundations of intercultural communication in education are based on several scientific approaches. First, the competency approach measures the outcome of education not only in terms of knowledge, but also in terms of the ability of a person to act effectively in real-life situations. Second, the person-centered approach takes into account the individual experience, values, and communicative needs of each student. Third, the activity-based approach interprets communication in the educational process not as ready-made knowledge, but as an active process that is mastered through cooperation, analysis, experience, and reflection. Fourth, the dialogic approach sees communication as a spiritual and intellectual exchange between equal subjects. [5;89]

In UNESCO and OECD documents, the idea of preparing students as responsible citizens in a complex, diverse and changing world is at the heart of intercultural education. In this, teaching methods, classroom environment, assessment tools and the professional culture of the teacher are important, along with the content of education. [6;76]

Intercultural communication is no longer the sole responsibility of foreign language classes or international exchange programs. It is becoming a transversal competence that must be developed at all levels of general and higher education. This is because the current social environment is multifaceted and multicultural. Thanks to digital communication tools, students are exposed to cultural information from different parts of the world without leaving their classrooms. UNESCO's work on digital education shows that new technologies are making education more interactive, cooperative, and global. [7;90]

In addition, the professional activities of modern youth also require intercultural communication. In the context of international companies, remote work, academic cooperation, foreign grants and joint projects, the ability to work with representatives of different cultures is

becoming an important advantage in the labor market. Therefore, the development of intercultural communication in the educational process is not only a component of spiritual education, but also a component of training competitive personnel. OECD materials note that global competence is an important factor for the future labor market, civic engagement and social cohesion.

The following can be cited as the main factors determining the need to develop intercultural dialogue: first, globalization and international integration; second, the acceleration of information flows; third, migration and academic mobility; fourth, the expansion of multicultural educational environments; fifth, the need for social tolerance and civic culture.

Interactive methods ensure that the student turns from a passive listener into an active participant. Methods such as “brainstorming”, “cluster”, “role-playing”, “fishbone”, “case-study”, “mind mapping”, “BBB”, “insert” teach students to exchange ideas, listen to the point of view of others and express a well-founded response. In particular, role-playing and situational tasks allow modeling real communicative barriers encountered in intercultural communication. [8;76] The student, entering the role of a representative of another culture, becomes more aware of stereotypes, misinterpretations and subtleties in communication. This develops empathy and reflection. Reflective and experiential learning is also indicated in the documents of the Council of Europe as an important mechanism for developing intercultural competence.

Project-based learning is one of the most effective innovative forms of developing intercultural communication. In this method, students study a specific social, cultural or educational problem as a team, collect information, analyze it and create a final product. If the content of the project covers the values, educational experience, language culture, traditions or communicative behavior of different peoples, then the cultural thinking of students is significantly expanded. Scientific research shows that project-based learning not only serves to deepen knowledge, but also to develop teamwork, communicative adaptation and tolerance.[9;32]

The advantage of this method is that students do not accept information in a ready-made form; on the contrary, they independently search, compare, draw conclusions and argue. This forms the skills of openness, active listening, reasoning and compromise, which are natural components of intercultural communication.

Digital technologies have significantly expanded the possibilities of intercultural education. Through virtual classrooms, video conferences, international webinars, joint online

projects, educational platforms, forums and social networks, representatives of different countries or regions can be involved in the same educational process. UNESCO materials on digital pedagogy note that technology, when used correctly, enhances collaboration, critical thinking, social participation and inclusive education.[10;54]

For example, it is possible to organize joint online seminars with foreign students, conduct “dialogue of cultures” lessons based on video conferencing, create multicultural discussion tasks on Padlet, Google Classroom, Moodle or other platforms. Such activities bring students closer to a real communicative environment, increase their speech flexibility and digital culture.[11;43]

Problem-based learning develops students' ability to analyze complex situations, rather than providing ready-made answers. In the context of intercultural communication, situations such as “misunderstood humor”, “differences in formal and informal address”, “attitude to time in different cultures”, “gender roles and communication culture”, “cultural differences in teacher-student relations” can be given as cases. In the process of analyzing these cases, students learn to identify the root of the problem, the influence of stereotypes and the correct communicative strategy.[12;82]

The analytical value of this method is that it prepares a person not only for communication, but also for managing conflict in communication. An important aspect of intercultural competence is precisely conflict literacy, that is, the ability to perceive differences as a source of development, not a conflict.

Debate technology develops students' skills in logical thinking, reasoning, listening to and respectfully responding to opposing points of view. If the discussion topics are devoted to issues such as “national values and globalization”, “multilingualism and the quality of education”, “cultural identity in the digital environment”, “international education and cultural adaptation”, students gain a deeper understanding of intercultural processes. [13;32]

The pedagogical effect of debate is that it does not force the student to change his or her mind, but rather teaches him or her to consider the views of others. A culture of open and reasoned communication is one of the main indicators of intercultural competence. The OECD also describes open, appropriate and productive interaction of students as a central element of global competence.

Trainings allow for the development of necessary communication skills through intensive experience in a short period of time. Training sessions such as “identifying stereotypes”, “empathy mapping”, “active listening”, “communication in conflict situations”,

“tolerance laboratory”, “culture shock management” are particularly effective. They help the student reflect on his inner views, behavior and attitude towards others.[14;93]

Knowledge alone is not enough to develop intercultural dialogue; personal experience, feelings, and inner positions are also important. Therefore, tools such as reflective diaries, essays, self-assessment charts, and group discussions deepen this process.[15;87]

An analysis of innovative methods shows that they have positive results in several areas in the development of intercultural communication.

First, they enrich the knowledge component. Students develop a systematic understanding of the history, values, traditions, speech etiquette, and social norms of other peoples. This reduces communication errors.

Secondly, they develop a skills component. The student acquires practical communicative skills such as listening, discussing, asking questions, compromising, arguing, and working in a team. Projects and interactive activities are especially effective in this regard.

Thirdly, innovative methods form a system of values and attitudes. Such qualities as tolerance, respect, equality, openness, cooperation, responsibility and social sensitivity are strengthened precisely in the active learning process. The materials of the Council of Europe and UNESCO also emphasize that intercultural education is not only “learning about another culture”, but also “learning to live together with another”.

Fourth, innovative approaches increase learning motivation. The student perceives the topic in a real-life, relevant and practical context. In particular, lessons that involve digital technologies and elements of international online cooperation attract students more actively. UNESCO materials on new digital technologies also indicate innovative technologies as a factor that enhances student participation.

Certain pedagogical conditions are necessary for the effective development of intercultural dialogue in the educational process.

First of all, the content of education should be built in harmony with national and universal values. The student should be instilled with the idea of understanding and appreciating his own culture, as well as respecting other cultures. A person who does not know his own culture cannot enter into a full-fledged dialogue with another culture.

Secondly, the teacher himself must be interculturally competent. The teacher's speech, manners, impartiality in assessment, and approach free from stereotypes serve as a role model for students. OECD surveys specifically highlight the training of teachers in intercultural and global competence as one of the important factors.

Third, the learning environment must be open, safe, and dialogic. A psychological environment in which students can express their opinions without fear, respect other points of view, and learn from mistakes is an important factor in the development of intercultural dialogue.

Fourth, the assessment system must also be adapted. It is necessary to assess not only theoretical knowledge, but also the student's skills in collaboration, listening, analysis, respectful expression and reflection.

Based on the analysis, the following practical recommendations can be put forward.

1. It is necessary to include modules on intercultural communication in the content of higher and general secondary education subjects.
2. It is advisable to organize an interactive seminar or debate in the "dialogue of cultures" format at least once each semester.
3. Joint online projects should be launched with the participation of foreign educational institutions, local multilingual groups, or international students.
4. It is necessary to organize short-term training and methodological seminars on intercultural competence for educators.
5. It is recommended that students' reflective writing, essays, and portfolios be used as assessment tools.
6. The use of real-life cases and conflict communication situations in lessons yields effective results.
7. It is necessary to increase the number of tasks related to tolerance, netiquette, and a culture of ethical communication on digital platforms.

The development of intercultural dialogue in the educational process is one of the priority tasks of the education system in today's conditions of globalization and digital transformation. This process determines not only the scope of knowledge of a person, but also his worldview, social adaptation, professional training and civic position. Scientific analysis shows that interactive methods, project-based learning, digital technologies, problem-based learning, debate and training sessions are highly effective in forming intercultural competence.

For the effective development of intercultural dialogue, the content, methods, environment and assessment system of education should be harmoniously organized. Especially important are the professional training of teachers, the interactive organization of student activities and the targeted use of digital tools. Therefore, the integration of innovative pedagogical methods with intercultural education remains one of the most relevant directions

for improving the quality of modern education and educating a tolerant and competitive personality.

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