THE IMPACT OF CHINESE HIGHER EDUCATION ON AFRICAN INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' CAREER EXPECTATIONS AND JOB SATISFACTION

Abstract

Previous literature on relationship between higher education and international students focuses on the western countries and few consider the impact of eastern education impact. However, China's unprecedented economic growth has attracted foreign students from all over the world, among which the number of African students has been on the sharp rise since 2010. This paper therefore investigated the impact of Chinese higher education on the African students' career expectations and their job satisfactions. Questionnaires were collected from 101 African respondents who have graduated from China universities and currently are working all over the world. Our findings suggest that education in China has a positive relationship on career expectations as well as job satisfactions. In addition, this study also identifies the mediation effects of job acquisition and skill labor between Chinese higher education and international students' work experiences.