Reframing Education as a Public and Common Good

Enhancing Democratic Governance

- Analyses the overarching principles that guide the governance of education
- Argues that highlighting monetary aspects of education may undermine the role of the state and impact equality of opportunity
- Asserts that considering education as a common good can lead to the strengthening of democratic and participatory approaches to educational governance

This book examines the normative principles that guide the governance of education, in particular the notion of education as a public good. Determining whether this concept is still valid is a topic of growing importance, especially considering the phenomena of increasing privatisation and marketisation in the sector. The author posits that the prioritisation of economic aspects of education may lead to the weakening of the role of the State in ensuring equality of opportunity and social justice, and thus to a significant risk of considering education as merely a private, marketable good. The volume argues that considering education as a common good can lead to the strengthening of democratic and participatory approaches to educational governance, based on the recognition of education as a shared endeavour and responsibility. It will be of interest and value to students and scholars of education as a public good, social justice, and the wider neoliberalisation of the education sector.

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