

# Internationalisation of Higher Education: Kurdistan region of Iraq as an example

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# The history of Internationalization of Higher Education in Kurdistan

## ► **The start of Internationalisation of Higher Education**

### a) Before Iraq-USA war in 2003

- 1) Economic sanction
- 2) Limitation of access to Education for Kurdish students

### b) After 2003

- 1) Transition of power in Iraq
- 2) Economic growth and national expenditure

# The process of Higher Education

- ▶ The support of KRG to Higher Education
- ▶ Collaboration between the universities in Kurdistan and International Institution of Higher Education
- ▶ Trying to find a suitable partnership to achieve the goals.
- ▶ providing easy access of technology to university students and staff
- ▶ Concentrating on research capacity building.

# The challenges facing the process of Internationalisation of Higher Education in KRG

- ▶ Lack of financial resources
- ▶ Dependency of Kurdish universities on government budget.
- ▶ Using traditional methods of university governance
- ▶ Centralisation of the decisions
- ▶ Lack of professional staff
- ▶ Outdated of educational curriculum
- ▶ Lack of foreign language skills among university staff and students

# Conclusion and recommendations

- ▶ Universities have been working on finding reputable Higher Education Institutions.
- ▶ Improving the students exchange program.
- ▶ Increasing the awareness of the university staff and students about Internationalization of Higher Education.
- ▶ Encouraging university staff and students to learn foreign languages.
- ▶ Encouraging international academics and students to visit Kurdistan for scientific research about Kurdish language, culture, history and geography.