

Finnish lessons
&
What China can learn?

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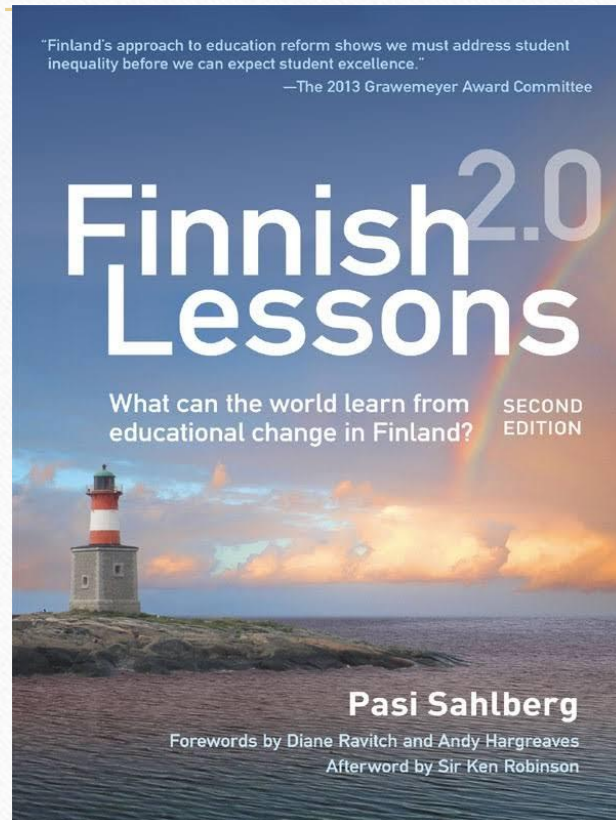
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My topics

- What are the lessons of Finnish education?
- Are Finnish lessons misunderstood by Chinese?
- How can Finnish education experience help China?
- What can China learn from Finnish education?
- What comparative approaches are to be used?

What are Finnish lessons?



- Finnish lessons in the eyes of Chinese=Miracles
 - Students achieve high performance in shortest learning time.
 - Best students go to teacher education training.
 - Vocational education is popular.
 - Everything functions well when there is no monitoring system.

Misunderstanding of Finnish education by Chinese

- Finnish students have less pressure for enrolling into higher education institutions because most high school graduates can find place in universities.
 - 47 500: 140 000; 10% (University of Tampere)
- The strength of Finnish education is on basic education.
 - Finland also has good higher education system.
- Finnish experience can be learned if we can visit Finnish schools.
 - Many visitors are disappointed because they have found little experience can be applied in China.
- Finnish experience cannot be learnt because the contextual differences between China and Finland.

What can the Finnish experience help China?

- Not a tool



- But a mirror



What China can learn from Finland through the mirror?

- To learn how Finns was learning from other countries when reforming its education system.
- Teaching methods and learning environment in Finland in the 1960s-1970s are similar to the current situation in China.
 - Teacher-centered approach
 - Students needed to select vocational or academic path in early age
 - There were quality variations between the schools

Finnish experience in education reforms

- Holistic perspective: integration of reforms in all levels of education
- Reform started with unifying ideas & values on education
- Foreign experience + localized innovation
- Patience
- “Sisu” spirit

Are there Finnish lessons we can learn quickly?

- Techniques in teaching and learning?
- Identifying and developing students interests?
- Higher education entrance examination?
- Regional university reforms?
- Collaborating with Finnish educationalists in resolving challenges and initiating innovation?

A major research theme of SFERC:
What China can learn from Finnish education experience?



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Comparative approaches

	Normative	Analytical
'Best Practices'	Which are the 'best practices' that should be adopted?	Whose practices are considered 'best practices'?
Dissemination	How can 'best practices' be effectively disseminated?	Under which conditions is dissemination of a practice likely to occur?
Impact of Lesson Drawing	What has been improved as a result of policy borrowing?	Who benefits, who loses in the act of lesson-drawing?

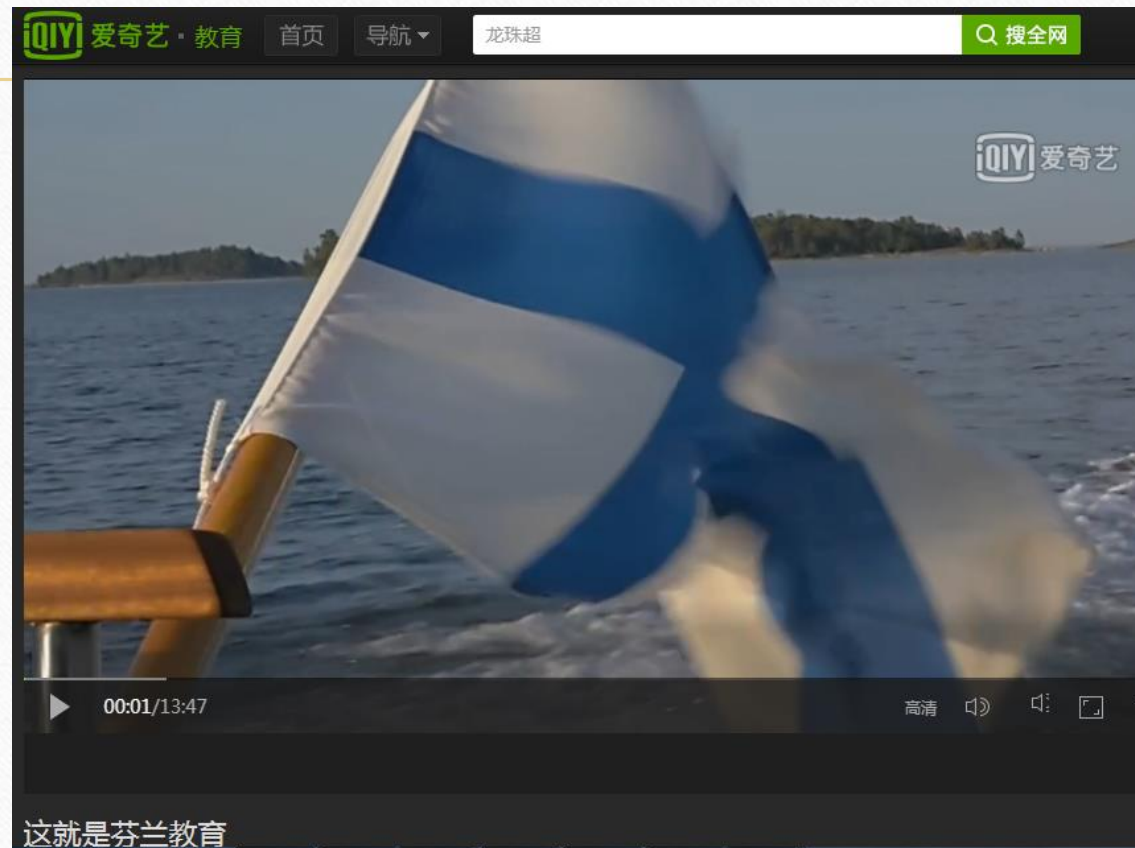
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