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Intercultural approach and multiculturalism in different countries in modern multicultural societies

The term «multicultural» describes the culturally diverse nature of human society, including not only ethnic or national cultures, but also linguistic, religious, and socio-economic diversity. Interculturalism, on the other hand, is not similar to the dynamic concept of multiculturalism and refers to the evolving relationship between cultural groups. In this sense, the term was defined as «the existence and fair interaction of different cultures and the possibilities of forming common cultural expressions through dialogue and mutual respect». It is quite natural to accept the above meanings of the terms «interculturality» and multiculturalism, because the scientific terms are the subject of conventions in the academic community or among the general public. However, for the sake of academic correctness, we should bear in mind that the term «multiculturalism» was used in Anglo-Saxon literature to refer to very different multicultural (intercultural) concepts of societies and education. In addition, from the point of view of their theoretical development, multicultural theories could be advantageously compared with the works of the authors of intercultural relations.

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