## Essay for the application to the Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree on Education Policies for Global Development, Edition IX (2024/2026).

***Contrasting Educational Policies: Insights from PISA 2022***

 In December 2023, the OECD unveiled the PISA 2022 results, sparking significant educational discussions across the participant countries. Countries with strong performance often laud their PISA success, attributing their positive outcomes to the effectiveness of their educational policies. Conversely, in countries where performance falls short, the release of PISA results frequently triggers a cycle of blame and a flurry of policy suggestions aimed at educational improvement. With this small assignment, we invite you to critically examine these dynamics, by paying specific attention to the contrasting education policy ideas derived from PISA 2022.

Instructions:

* Search the main results of the PISA 2022 results in your country (or a country of your choice in case your country does not participate in PISA).
* Choose two media articles from this country that analyze education policies in light of the PISA 2022 outcomes. These insights could originate either from prominent educational figures/stakeholders within the country or directly from the media outlet's own analysis.

Essay:

* Summarize the key education policy ideas or recommendations presented in each media piece.
* Identify any divergent perspectives/viewpoints in tackling the educational problems underscored by the PISA results, or alternatively, in understanding the country's success in PISA, depending on the situation. Additionally, elucidate the main rationale underpinning these differing perspectives or viewpoints.
* Finally, reflect on your own understanding of the PISA results in this country and their implications for education policy. How has analyzing these media pieces influenced your perspective?

*\* Typing: Font should be Times New Roman, size 11; spacing for the main text should be 1.5.*

*\*\* The assignment should be concise, not exceeding one page (references to the media article of other references are excluded).*