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In the collection of materials of the conference, the role and role of Science, Education and production in the era of globalization, the pressing problems of the issues of interaction of these processes, feedback on their solutions were presented by mature specialists of the field.

In addition, research on the scientific and practical topic, carried out in the economics, Exact Sciences, Natural Sciences and socio-humanities during the globalization period, information is presented in the scientific and practical fields, which includes the latest innovative technologies in the fields of production.

It can be argued that this collection is one of the specific intersections of current thoughts and innovative ideas of the world of science. This scientific and practical conference was actively attended by professors and scientific researchers engaged in scientific research in Uzbekistan and foreign countries. In increasing the position of the scientific and practical conference, the professors and teachers of domestic and foreign higher educational institutions made a significant contribution.

Professors and teachers of foreign higher educational institutions who actively participated in the work of the conference made a worthy contribution to the high level of interaction with scientists of our country. The processes of international cooperation with foreign countries and exchange with them in the field of Science in the era of globalization have a positive effect on the development of Higher Education, the fields of Science and production. The materials of this conference are special in that they include a wide range of research, from theoretical developments to practical solutions, demonstrating the diversity of approaches and directions in this area.

In conclusion, it should be noted that this scientific and practical conference will be a very useful collection for everyone who is interested in modern research in the fields of further development of Higher Education, Science, Education and production in the era of globalization. The authors are responsible for the content and quality of the articles and abstracts included in the collection.

## DEVELOPING SOFT SKILLS IN THE EDUCATIONAL PROCESS: METHODOLOGICAL APPROACHES

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**Abstract.** In the context of rapid global changes and the growing demands of the labor market, the development of soft skills has become a critical objective of modern education systems. Soft skills such as communication, teamwork, problem-solving, and critical thinking are essential competencies that complement academic knowledge and enhance employability. This study examines methodological approaches to developing soft skills in the educational process. The research is based on theoretical analysis, comparative review, and synthesis of pedagogical practices. The findings indicate that interactive teaching methods, project-based learning, collaborative activities, and digital tools significantly contribute to the development of soft skills among students. The study proposes a comprehensive methodological framework for integrating soft skills into educational curricula. The results highlight the importance of aligning teaching strategies with labor market requirements and fostering a learner-centered educational environment.

**Keywords:** soft skills, education, teaching methodology, communication skills, critical thinking, collaborative learning.

### Introduction

The modern education system is undergoing significant transformation due to globalization, technological advancements, and the evolving needs of the labor market. Traditional educational models that focus primarily on knowledge acquisition are no longer sufficient to prepare students for real-world challenges. Instead, there is a growing emphasis on developing soft skills, which include interpersonal, social, and cognitive competencies that enable individuals to function effectively in diverse professional and social environments.

Soft skills have become increasingly important in the 21st century, as employers seek candidates who possess not only technical expertise but also the ability to communicate effectively, collaborate with others, and adapt to changing circumstances. According to recent studies, employers value soft skills such as teamwork, problem-solving, and emotional intelligence as much as, if not more than, technical knowledge.

Despite their importance, soft skills are often underdeveloped in traditional education systems. This is mainly due to the dominance of teacher-centered approaches and standardized assessment methods that prioritize memorization over critical thinking and creativity. Therefore, there is a need to develop innovative

pedagogical strategies that facilitate the integration of soft skills into the educational process.

The purpose of this study is to explore methodological approaches to developing soft skills in education and to identify effective teaching practices that promote the acquisition of these competencies.

### **Literature Review**

The concept of soft skills has been widely explored in educational and psychological research. Scholars define soft skills as a combination of interpersonal, communication, and cognitive abilities that influence how individuals interact with others and solve problems.

Previous studies emphasize that soft skills are essential for career success and lifelong learning. Researchers argue that educational institutions should shift from traditional knowledge-based models to competency-based education, where soft skills are integrated into the curriculum.

Several pedagogical approaches have been identified as effective in developing soft skills. These include collaborative learning, project-based learning, experiential learning, and problem-based learning. These methods encourage active participation, critical thinking, and communication among students.

Moreover, digital technologies have introduced new opportunities for soft skills development. Online learning platforms, virtual collaboration tools, and interactive multimedia resources enable students to engage in diverse learning experiences that promote communication and teamwork.

However, the literature also highlights challenges in implementing soft skills development, such as lack of teacher training, limited assessment tools, and insufficient integration into educational standards.

### **Methodology**

This study employs a qualitative research design based on theoretical and comparative analysis. The research methodology includes the following approaches:

- analysis of scientific literature
- comparative analysis of teaching methods
- synthesis of pedagogical practices
- conceptual modeling

The study examines various educational practices used in higher education institutions to develop soft skills. These practices are analyzed in terms of their effectiveness, applicability, and impact on student learning outcomes.

Additionally, the study identifies key methodological principles for integrating soft skills into the educational process. These principles include student-centered learning, active engagement, and continuous assessment.

### **Results and Discussion**

The findings of the study indicate that the development of soft skills requires a systematic and integrated approach. Several methodological strategies have been identified as particularly effective.

First, interactive teaching methods play a crucial role in soft skills development. Activities such as group discussions, debates, and role-playing

encourage students to express their ideas, listen to others, and engage in meaningful communication.

Second, project-based learning is an effective method for developing teamwork and problem-solving skills. Students work collaboratively on real-world projects, which enhances their ability to manage tasks, communicate effectively, and find solutions to complex problems.

Third, the use of digital tools significantly contributes to the development of soft skills. Online collaboration platforms and virtual classrooms provide opportunities for students to interact, share ideas, and work together in a digital environment.

Another important factor is the role of the teacher. Educators must act as facilitators rather than traditional instructors, guiding students through the learning process and encouraging active participation.

Despite these positive outcomes, challenges remain. These include limited resources, lack of teacher training, and difficulties in assessing soft skills. Therefore, it is necessary to develop appropriate evaluation methods and provide professional development opportunities for teachers.

### **Conclusion**

The study concludes that soft skills are essential components of modern education and play a significant role in preparing students for the labor market. The development of these skills requires the adoption of innovative teaching methodologies that promote active learning and student engagement.

Interactive methods, project-based learning, and digital technologies have proven to be effective in enhancing soft skills among students. However, successful implementation depends on the readiness of educational institutions to integrate these approaches into their curricula.

It is recommended that policymakers and educators prioritize the development of soft skills by designing competency-based educational programs, providing teacher training, and implementing appropriate assessment tools.

In conclusion, the integration of soft skills into the educational process is essential for fostering well-rounded individuals who are capable of adapting to the challenges of the modern world.

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