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V.M. Bekhterev: pedagogic education as viewed by a scientist of the end of XIX – beginning of the XX centuries

The article deals with the pedagogic education as viewed by V.M. Bekhterev. The scientist regarded the continuous education as a sequence of stages of specially organized education and training in preschool educational institutions, schools, and later in universities. Being not only a theorist but also a practical worker in this sphere, V.M. Bekhterev created scientific and educational institutions where his progressive ideas were implemented.

Key words: *V.M. Bekhterev, history of domestic pedagogy, continuous education, preschool education, school education, higher education.*

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BUILDING A CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK TO UNDERSTAND SCHOOLS AS OPEN SYSTEMS IN A GLOBALIZING ENVIRONMENT*

In this paper, Thompson's theory of organizations as open systems (1967), Epstein's School-Community Partnership Model (1995), and Etzkowitz's Triple Helix Model (2003) have been discussed and integrated into one model. It is proposed to explore this new combined model to better understand schools as open/close systems that collaborate with other organizations in a globalizing environment.

Key words: *organizational theory, open systems, school-family-community, partnership, collaboration, Triple Helix, entrepreneurial university, globalization.*

Organizations as open systems [10]

The first concept that was used to build a conceptual framework for this discussion is the theory of the organizations as open systems devel-

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oped by James Thompson in 1967. It can be surprising that 50 years ago, when the organizations went through industrialization process in which all seemed to be well organized, Thompson recognized the organizations—manufacturing firms, hospitals, schools, armies, community agencies—as extremely complex entities that lived in uncertainty. In his book, *Organizations in Action*, the researcher offered 95 distinct propositions about the behavior of organizations regardless of the culture in which they exist. Thompson’s theory is grounded in concepts in the social and behavioral sciences. While Thompson does not offer an actual theory of administration, his theory successfully extends the scientific base upon which any emerging administrative theory must rest [3]. Thompson (1967) describes the organizational change through the relationships between an organization and its environment.

The following figure demonstrates the key ideas of the organizational theory by Thompson (Fig. 1).

The chart illustrates that any organization has *Inputs*, *Transformational Process*, and *Outputs*. As their Inputs, secondary schools have new students/pupils, their parents/guardians, new hired teachers and staff members, new technologies (policies and regulations) that constantly arrive to schools, and new information that reflects both, new knowledge in subject areas and knowledge about changes in society. A core system at an organization is what that particular organization does. It is an organizational *Transformational Process* that transforms *Inputs* to *Outputs*. For example, newly admitted students graduate after going through education (transformation process), or newly hired teachers after being trained and utilized retire or leave the school because of any reasons. Core system is a central component of every organization, because it includes the processes that make the organization to physically exist. At schools, the core system refers to teaching/learning process, work in class, activities after school time, homework, and parent involvement. The *Transformation Processes* end with the *Outputs* that can be expressed in final exams, diplomas, school reports to the authorities, graduation rate, rate of acceptance to college, etc.

Feedback from the *Outputs* to the *Inputs* stimulates an ongoing flow of human resources, clients, information, and technical and technological change. If apply the *Feedback* to school, it may refer to the reputation of schools in their local communities. Local community awareness is built by the word of mouth and local advertising. *Environment* on the chart refers to those forces that affect an organization and push the organization to reflect by making adjustments and/or changes in its operation. Those adjustments and transformational changes may take place at the stages of *Inputs*, *Transformation Process*, and *Outputs*.

Based on how school leaders define their *Environment* or the main external force for changes, they react to that pressure and make changes to the direction that the *Environment* pushes them to. The school administrators often see the government that frequently changes the rules, policies and procedures as the main force for changes and the main source of the constant uncertainty. However, there are other forces that exist in *Environment* but can be left unnoticeable, under-

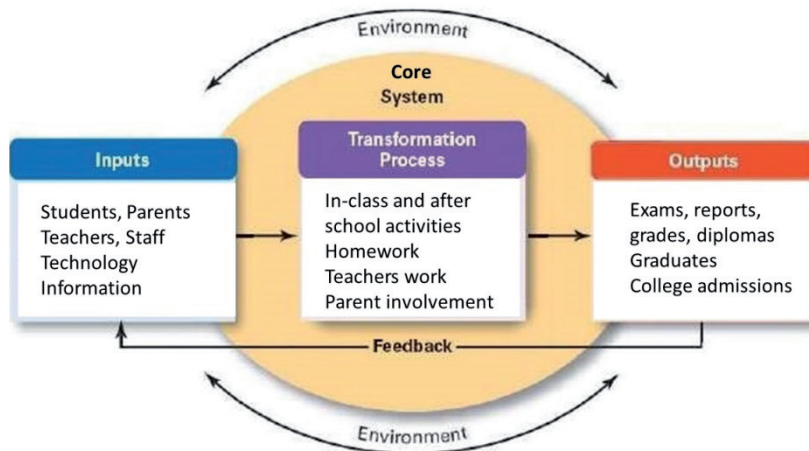


Fig. 1. Schools as open systems [10]

timated, or simply ignored by school leaders because of lack of vision and understanding of interconnectedness.

Thompson's (1967) theory explains that there are two distinct strategies of how schools react on the environmental pressure and seek survival paths. The closed-system strategy seeks certainty by incorporating only those variables positively associated with goal achievement. The open-system organizations recognize organizational interdependence with environment. Their strategy shifts attention from goal achievement to survival and incorporates uncertainty.

Since organizations are understood as people who work together to achieve common goals, people may have different attitude of dealing with uncertainty. Educational organizations are not different from any other industry, because all organizations are interdependent with their force environment regardless whether or not they recognize and accept that reality. Schools may tend to be more or less open systems depending on chosen survival strategy and school leaders' abilities to recognize and deal with uncertainty.

School-Family-Community Partnership Model [5]

The second theory that underpins the conceptual framework developed for this paper is the School-Family-Community Partnership Model [5] that was introduced in the late 1980s by Joyce Epstein. The chart below demonstrates a partnership model adopted from the original work by Epstein.

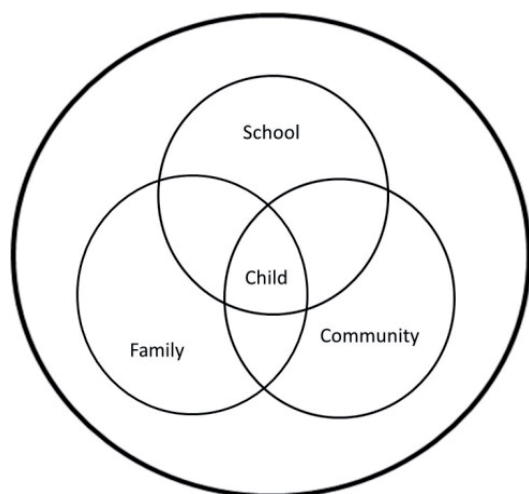


Fig. 2. School-Family-Community Partnership Model

Epstein's (2001) model has three main spheres: *School*, *Family*, and *Community*. These

spheres are overlapping that represents that the interests and influences of the stakeholders in children's education are mutual. Joyce Epstein developed six types of partnership to support collaboration between school, family, and community. These types are described below.

Type 1 – Parenting: Parenting includes all of the activities that parents engage in to raise happy, healthy children who become capable students.

Type 2 – Communicating: Families, school, and community agencies communicate with each other in multiple ways. From a positive involvement perspective, communication must be two-way – from schools to parents and from parents to schools, from schools to businesses and from businesses to schools.

Type 3 – Volunteering: There are three basic ways that individuals volunteer in education. First, they may volunteer in the school or classroom by helping teachers and administrators as tutors or assistants. Second, they may volunteer for the school; for instance, fundraising for an event or promoting a school in the community. Finally, they may volunteer as a member of an audience, attending school programs or performances.

Type 4 – Learning At Home: School activities to encourage learning at home provide parents with information on what children are doing in the classroom and how to help them with homework.

Type 5 – Decision making: Parents and community leaders participate in school decision making when they become part of school governance committees or join organizations.

Type 6 – Collaborating with the Community: School collaborates with community organizations, coordinates community resources and services for school students, families, and local organizations.

Epstein describes various levels of interactions. Traditional organizational interactions occur between families and schools. This kind of interaction received an extensive interest from researchers. The interactions between school and community organizations, specifically, business organizations, need to be explored in-depth in the context of a globalizing environment. Widely known African proverb that reflects Epstein's model says that "It requires a village to raise a child." In today's globalizing world, a metaphor of a "village" should be expanded to a "global village."

Triple Helix Model [6]

Etzkowitz (2003, 2004) discussed how the globalization shifts society toward a knowledge-

based economy. In his work, Etzkowitz explores transformation processes that occur at higher education institutions worldwide. He stated that the “university retains the traditional academic roles of social reproduction and extension of certified knowledge, but places them to a broader context as part of its new role in promoting innovation” [6, p. 300]. The Triple Helix Model (Figure 3) developed by Etzkowitz (2003) exhibits the emergence of so called “entrepreneurial” universities in the areas of collaborations and tri-lateral networks that accompany these collaboration processes.

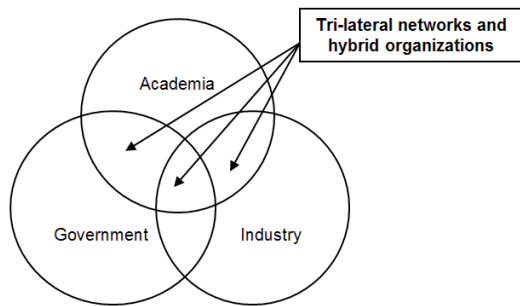


Fig. 3. Triple Helix model: Emergence of entrepreneurial university

The Triple Helix overlapping spheres of *Academia*, *Government*, and *Industry* also illuminate the contemporary situation, when a globalizing market and the increasing role of the federal government influence university missions and the role that they play in today’s society [9]. Etzkowitz (2003) emphasized that the Triple Helix interaction is a key to “improving the conditions for innovations in a knowledge-based economy” (p. 295). The researcher argued that intellectual capital in the knowledge-based economy becomes as essential as financial capital and “financial capital is increasingly infused with knowledge” (p. 297).

Etzkowitz (2003, 2004) believes that today’s universities must fully participate in the market. The researcher acknowledges that there is still tension at many universities, because many traditional professors argue that the mission of the university originally was, and continues to be, teaching and conducting research. The new mission of the universities to participate in social and economic development also provokes resistance not only among faculty and staff, but society as a whole.

Constructing an Integrated Model

Connecting Thompson’s (1967) organizations as open systems theory with Epstein’s

(2001) School-Family-Community Partnership Model and the Triple Helix model by Etzkowitz (2003) allows considering *Global Environment* [1; 2] as the existing powerful force that should not be left unnoticed neither ignored as educational leaders build strategy for their schools. Figure 4 below proposes to consider all three theories in relations with each other.

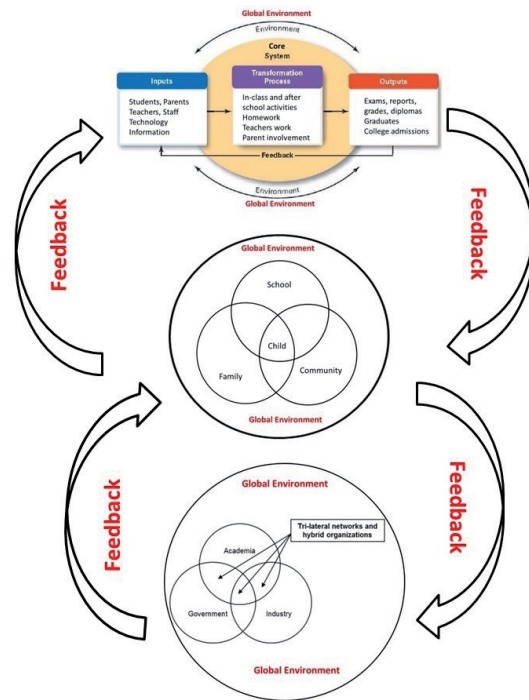


Fig. 4. Integrated model of schools that collaborate in a global environment

When educators implement School-Family-Community Partnership Model [5], a holistic view of the environment should include the today’s reality on a global scale, the reality that is constantly changing and stays uncertain. Today, educational organizations are expected to be open systems to the higher degree than it was 50 years ago, when Thompson (1967) developed his powerful organizational theory. In the Triple Helix model, the role of the educational institutions should be more entrepreneurial [4; 6]; schools should stimulate interactions and exchanges between all spheres/helices to better prepare students to successfully move from secondary school to college and further to their professional lives. Those organizations that collaborate in the global environment may be recognized as “entrepreneurial” institutions that are searching their unique ways to survive and prosper.

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Построение целостных концепций в средней школе как открытой системе в условиях глобализации

Для построения целостных концепций, стратегий и программ в средней школе представлена авторская модель на основе трех теорий: 1) Томпсона (1967) – об организациях как открытых системах, взаимодействующих с окружением и изменяющихся под внешним давлением; 2) Эрштейна (2001) – партнерство школы, семьи и местного сообщества для создания системы поддержки обучения школьников; 3) Ечковича (2003) – тройное взаимодействие и предпринимательские университеты. Данные теории предлагается рассматривать в их логической взаимосвязи в условиях глобализации рынка.

Ключевые слова: *организационная теория, открытые системы, школьное семейное сообщество, партнерство, сотрудничество, Тройная Спираль, предпринимательский университет, глобализация.*

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Раскрывается ряд проблемных вопросов в понимании схожести и различий сущностных и практико-прикладных основ знаниевой и компетентностной моделей образования. Рассматривается понимание компетентности, прежде всего, как интегративного личностного качества. На основе сопоставления смысловых и структурно-содержательных параметров показаны противоречия в трактовках традиционно выделяемых компонентов компетенции (знать, уметь, владеть).

Ключевые слова: *компетенции, компетентность, компетентностный подход, компетентностная модель образования, знания, умения, навыки, опыт, способность, готовность, знаниевая модель образования.*

Для специалистов, занимающихся проблемами высшей школы, все более очевидно, что одной из наиболее актуальных и трудно реализуемых задач сегодня выступает операционализация критериев успешности подготовки бакалавров, магистров, специалистов, их фиксация в реальной педагогической практике. Это критерии, раскрывающие сформированность того, что современные федеральные государственные образовательные стандарты определяют как «компетенции», являющиеся продуктом так называемого компетентностного подхода.

Стоит вспомнить, что в своё время переход к компетентностному подходу в образовании рассматривался как «радикальное средство модернизации» (Б.Д. Эльконин), позволяющее молодому человеку с большей эффективностью «включаться в определенную деятельность» (А.М. Аронов), «эффективно действовать за пределами учебных сюжетов и учебных ситуаций» (В.А. Болотов), «переносить способности в условия, отличные от тех,

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