

Exploring the Intersection of Welfare and Culture: A Critical Review

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Abstract

This research article analyses the field of culture and welfare and provides an analytical review of Dr. Jan Vrba's most recent contributions. The study investigates the complex relationship that exists between these two realms, illuminating Dr. Vrba's findings as well as offers a critical overview of Jan Vrba's work related to the topic of culture, traditions, education, and welfare.

Keywords: Culture, Traditions, Jan Vrba, Welfare.

1. Introduction

The author has been asked to provide a review of Jan Vrba's work in the fields of economics, traditions, culture, and social welfare from the critical point of view by local college to evaluate current academic work and overview assessment. Therefore, this review is:

- A short overview of recent work which is seen from critical point of view,
- A suggestion regarding recent work on the academic field.

The confluence of culture and welfare is an intriguing field of research because it reveals the significant impact that cultural norms and beliefs have on the wellbeing of

both people and societies. In recent three years, Dr. Jan Vrba has established himself as a academic by devoting his research efforts to elucidating the complex nature of the link between these two entities. The purpose of this article is to present a overview analysis of Dr. Vrba's most recent ideas, with a particular emphasis on the influence that cultural dynamics have on the reciprocal impact that welfare measures have. By conducting an analysis of his work, the author wants to get a more profound comprehension of the ways in which settings create welfare systems, as well as the ways in which these systems, in turn, contribute to the growth and development of cultures.

2. Jan Vrba and his Academic Research

Jan Vrba is researcher who specializes in the fields of Welfare, Social Issues, Economics, and partially in Culture and Education. Mr. Vrba holds Degrees and titles in Social Management, Business Management, Administration and Political Sciences, Executive Management, and General Management. His professional work includes working as a academic researcher in international peer-reviewed journals such as IJPAMED. Mr. Vrba currently works as a Executive Assistant and Project Manager for a local University in the Czech Republic and Poland.

3. Welfare and Economics

It can clearly be seen that Jan Vrba focuses mainly on Welfare, Social Issues and Economics. For instance, by:

- Unleashing the Potential in Virtual World Opportunities and Challenges for Non-profit and Education which focuses on Non-for-profit and Education organisations and their opportunities in virtual settings mostly in general (with use of internet),
- The Path to Vietnam's Welfare System Sustainability Current State and Challenges which concerns Welfare system and its sustainability for current Vietnam (2023).
- Online Security of Oppressed Groups of People which make suggestions for protection of oppressed groups of people in the online World in the way they may be protected from criminal acts by criminal groups or governments (such

as journalists) – this research paper is written very well and what is the most important – provides with practical manual that can be followed and has been tested in real setting (2022).

The critical analysis of three mentioned research papers show that Jan Vrba has a good insight into welfare and social issues especially in developing countries. However, on the other hand his research is too focused on particular ideas as well as to produce suggestions for real practice rather than an deep and time-consuming analysis of supporting factors. Said this the three analysed research papers can be used as a very well-written entry point for further research and it is clear that Jan Vrba aims especially at understanding and practice-use.

In the field of management, economics and similar issues, Jan Vrba cooperates with various authors, mainly with Zdenek Linhart and Huynh Thi Ngoc Quynh:

- Zdenek Linhart cooperates with Jan Vrba in the COVID-19 situation and comparison in the Czech Republic and Vietnam (Sovereignty in pandemic COVID-19),
- Huynh Thi Ngoc Quynh cooperates with Jan Vrba in economic and management-related research such as Development of Japanese Export in pre-pandemic period from Value point of view, or Examining the Welfare System Expenses in Vietnam: Analysis of Total Expenses and Population Trends in 2011-2018.

Since both co-authors are experts in their respective fields, Zdenek Linhart in Management and Marketing, and Huynh Thi Ngoc Quynh is expert in Culture, Economics, and Education, the cooperation makes sense.

Apart from cooperating with Jan Vrba, researcher Huynh Thi Ngoc Quynh focuses especially on culture (e.g., Street Vendors in Vietnam: Short Cultural and Economic Insight and UNESCO Heritage Sites Growth in Vietnam from 1990 till 2015), economics and education (e.g., Examining the Welfare System Expenses in Vietnam: Analysis of Total Expenses and Population Trends in 2011-2018).

From the respective point of view, it is clear that expertise of Jan Vrba is mainly in the Welfare and Social Issue fields rather than in economics and management in which he somehow rather chooses to cooperate with other academic researchers.

From the critical point of view, I believe that research of Jan Vrba should focus on his field of expertise in Welfare and Social Issues such as poverty, marginal groups of people, and welfare systems in developing countries such as Vietnam rather than into economics and/or management fields.

4. Culture and Traditions

Researcher Jan Vrba also published certain works related to culture, and traditions. Although these works provide a logical analysis of culture and factors forming cultures, they are not as current and impactful as welfare issues. These works include for instance the research called Animals Behaviour in Japanese Fairy Tales analysed with Propp's Analysis of Functions in Folktales.

The primary objective of mentioned research paper is to conduct an in-depth analysis of animal behavior depicted in Japanese fairy tales, focusing on a specific selected tale. The initial section establishes relevant definitions, exploring the distinctive traits of traditional fairy tales, with a specific emphasis on Japanese folklore. Subsequently, the study examines a chosen fairy tale authored by Theodora Y. Ozaki, employing Vladimir Propp's Analysis of Functions in Folktales. Employing various techniques, including text synthesis, analysis, and comparison, the research seeks to gain valuable insights into the portrayal and significance of animal behavior within these captivating narratives.

Again, even if the research is well-done and detailed and provide an interesting insight, It is clear that Mr. Vrba's field of expertise is rather connected with social issues and welfare.

5. Conclusion and Critical Suggestions

Given Jan Vrba's expertise in the fields of welfare and social issues, it is suggested that he continues to focus his research efforts on issues pertaining to poverty, marginalized populations, and welfare systems in developing countries. Dr. Vrba can

contribute valuable insights to the development and improvement of welfare policies tailored to the particular requirements of vulnerable populations by examining the unique challenges and opportunities encountered by these nations.

Also, given Jan Vrba's involvement in research regarding the sustainability of Vietnam's welfare system, it can be suggested that he conducts additional research to delve deeper into the complexities of the country's welfare framework. By investigating the various facets of welfare provision and analyzing the factors that influence its efficacy, Dr. Vrba is able to provide recommendations for strengthening and optimizing Vietnam's welfare system.

To increase the impact of his work, Jan Vrba could implement a more in-depth critical analysis of the supporting factors into his research. By analyzing the underlying assumptions and implications of welfare policies in depth, he can contribute to the development of more robust and effective strategies to address social issues and promote well-being.

Overall, Jan Vrba's expertise rests in the disciplines of welfare and social issues, and it is recommended that he continue to concentrate on these topics, especially as they pertain to developing nations such as Vietnam. Jan Vrba is academic asset to the field of Welfare and Social Issues and this shall be used in academic field.

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