

LEARNING THE SKILLS OF UNDERWATER FISHING

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"I am an enthusiastic and self - motivated young woman. An engineer by profession, I am currently completing a Master's degree in Electronic Business Management at MRU. Interests include social networking, travelling and writing articles." This is a quote from a quite friendly and rather typical introduction of a person who enters the foreign educational environment, which in our case is Mykolas Romeris University in Vilnius, Lithuania.

Our article is particularly interested in those persons who choose the double degrees or the so called international degrees in our university. It is necessary to note that those degrees give a lot of 'credit' to the university itself when it goes about the accreditation of the study programs etc.

Applying the globally acclaimed model that explains culture through the metaphorical image of an iceberg (E.T. Hall), as well as on the concepts of cultural shock and ecodesign in the networked societies, the aim of this paper is to explore the reasons and challenges that might explain why Lithuanian native students demonstrate a theoretical loyalty to 'foreigners'; however rejecting them from their everyday agendas and social life; and the willingness of authors to understand the way they perceive their local (Lithuanian) peers. The data consists of a number of authentic, audio-recorded face-to-face interviews with a selected sample of Lithuanian students, together with the responses in the questionnaires they were requested to fill in.

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