



WHOSE REALITY COUNTS AND WHY IT COUNTS? - EVALUATION OF QUALIFICATIONS FROM DISPUTED TERRITORIES AND UNRECOGNIZED STATES

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Presentation overview

- Country, State, Territory, or ??
- Disputed territories and Unrecognized States
 - Where on Earth?
 - What's the (political) problem?
- Realities – real and conceived
- Evaluation of Qualifications – the big discussion

AND YOU WILL BE INVOLVED!

- Possible solutions



What makes a state?

The **Montevideo Convention on the Rights and Duties of States** of 1933 sets out several requirements:

- (1) a permanent population
- (2) a defined territory
- (3) government and
- (4) the capacity to enter into relations with other States

Unrecognized states are territories that have achieved de facto independence, yet have failed to gain international recognition as independent states.

When is a state recognized as independent?

A territory becomes a sovereign state when its independence is recognized by the United Nations.



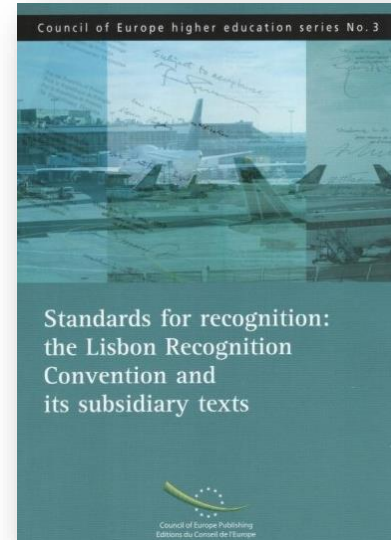
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- Which system of education and which country does the educational credential belong?
- New and unknown document design
- Duplicate institutions
- Fraud
- Limited possibilities for verification – closures and relocation of institutions, inaccessible archives

Ethical obligations: freedom of movement



Legal obligations: Lisbon Recognition Convention



Parties of the Convention

- The Convention is binding between the **states** which have signed or ratified the Convention

However:

- The criteria and procedures of the Convention shall be applied to recognition of education from all the **recognized states**

Party of the convention = State



How Many Countries Are There in the World?



2 non-member states are maintaining permanent observer missions at UN Headquarters: Holy See and State of Palestine

The «other» 11 (or so):

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Abkhazia | 6. Northern Cyprus |
| 2. Cook Islands | 7. Somaliland |
| 3. Kosovo | 8. South Ossetia |
| 4. Nagorno-Karabakh | 9. Taiwan |
| 5. Niue | 10. Transnistria |
| | 11. Western Sahara |



Geography of Europe's «grey zones»



1. Donetsk People's Republic (DNR)
2. Lugansk People's Republic (LNR)
3. Crimea
4. Transnistria
5. Abkhazia
6. South-Ossetia
7. Nagorno-Karabakh

Source: European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR)

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‘Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus’



United States Central Intelligence Agency - [CIA World Factbook: Cyprus](#).

Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (*Kuzey Kıbrıs Türk Cumhuriyeti*) - 1.1 million people



Northern Cyprus is considered by the international community to be part of the Republic of Cyprus.

Higher education institutions on the territory of the Northern Cyprus



Council of Higher Education: overview of the higher education institutions in Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus

- [American University of Cyprus](#)
- [Cyprus Science University](#)
- [Cyprus Social Science University](#)
- [Eastern Mediterranean University](#)
- [University of Kyrenia](#)
- [Girne American University](#)
- [European University of Lefke](#)
- [Cyprus International University](#)
- [Near East University](#)
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Taiwan / Republic of China (ROC)

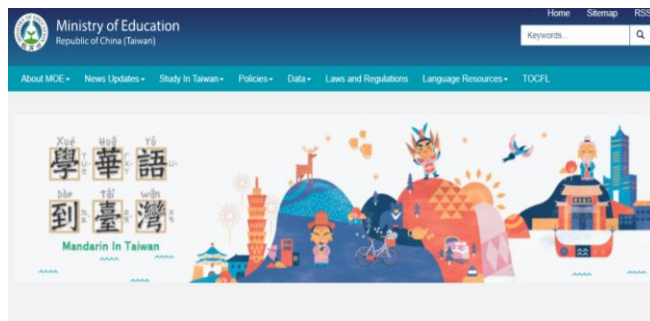


Taiwan / Republic of China (ROC) – 23 million people



- Recognized by 21 UN-member states and Holy See
- Taiwan is claimed by People's Republic of China (PRC)

QA of higher education in Taiwan



A	B	C	D	E
1	List of Universities & Colleges			
2	SY 2019-2020			
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4	Code	School Name	Address	Telephone
5	0001	National Chengchi University	NO.64,Sec.2,ZhuNan Rd.,Wenshan District,Taipei City 11605,Taiwan, R.O.C.	(02)29393091
6	0002	National Tsing Hua University	No.101, Section 2, Kuang-Fu Road, Hsinchu, Taiwan 30013, R.O.C.	(03)5715131
7	0003	National Taiwan University	No. 1, Sec. 4, Roosevelt Road, Taipei, 10617 Taiwan R.O.C.	(02)33663366
8	0004	National Taiwan Normal University	162,Hefeng East Road, Section 1, Taipei, Taiwan	(02)77341111
9	0005	National Cheng Kung University	No.1, University Road, Tainan City 701, Taiwan, R.O.C.	(06)2757575
10	0006	National Chung Hsing University	145 Xingda Rd., South Dist., Taichung City 402, Taiwan, R.O.C.	(04)22873181
11	0007	National Chiao Tung University	1001 University Road, Hsinchu, Taiwan 300, ROC	(03)5712121
12	0008	National Central University	No.300, Zhongda Rd., Zhongli District, Taoyuan City 32001, Taiwan R.O.C.	(03)4227151
13	0009	National Sun Yat-sen University	No. 70, Lienhai Rd., Kaohsiung 80424, Taiwan, R.O.C.	(07)5252000
14	0012	National Taiwan Ocean University	No.2, Beining Rd., Zhongzheng District, Keelung City 202, Taiwan (R.O.C)	(02)24622192
15	0013	National Chung Cheng University	No.168, Sec. 1, University Rd., Min-Hsiung Township, Chia-yi County 621, Taiwan R.O.C.	(05)2720411
16	0014	National Kaohsiung Normal University	No.116, Heping 1st Rd., Lingya District, Kaohsiung City 802, Taiwan, R.O.C.	(07)7172930
17	0015	National Changhua University of Education	No.1, Jin-De Road, Changhua 500, Taiwan, R.O.C.	(04)7232105
18	0016	National Yang-Ming University	No.155, Sec.2, Linong Street, Taipei, 112 Taiwan, R.O.C.	(02)28267000
19	0017	National Taipei University	151, University Rd., San Shia District, New Taipei City, 23741 Taiwan, R.O.C.	(02)86741111
20	0018	National Chiayi University	No.300 Suyefu Rd., Chiayi City 60004, Taiwan, R.O.C.	(05)2717000
21	0019	National University of Kaohsiung	700, Kaohsiung University Rd., Nanzhi District, 81148, Kaohsiung, Taiwan, R.O.C.	(07)5919000
22	0020	National Dong Hwa University	No. 1, Sec. 2, Da Hsueh Rd. Shoufeng, Hualien 97401, Taiwan, R.O.C.	(03)8903000
23	0021	National Chi Nan University	No.1, University Rd., Puli, Nantou County, 54561 Taiwan, R.O.C.	(049)2910960#2996
24	0022	National Taiwan University of Science and Technology	No.43, Sec. 4, Keelung Rd., Da'an Dist., Taipei 106, Taiwan R.O.C.	(02)27333141
25	0023	National Yunlin University of Science and Technology	123 University Road, Section 3, Douliou, Yunlin 64002, Taiwan, R.O.C.	(05)5342601
26	0024	National Pingtung University of Science and Technology	1, Shuefu Road, Neipu, Pingtung 912, Taiwan, R.O.C.	(08)7703202
27	0025	National Taipei University of Technology	1, Sec. 3, Zhongxiao E. Rd., Taipei 10608 Taiwan, R.O.C.	(02)27712171
28	0026	Taipei National University of the Arts	1 Hsueh-Yuan Rd., Beitou District, Taipei 11201, Taiwan, R.O.C	(02)26961000
29	0029	National Taiwan University of Arts	59,Sec. 1, Daganan Rd., Banqiao Dist., New Taipei City 22058, Taiwan, R.O.C.	(02)22722181
30	0030	National Tatung University	369, Sec. 2, University Rd., Taichung, Taiwan, R.O.C.	(089)318855
31	0031	National Ilan University	No.1, Sec. 1, Shennong Rd., Yilan City, Yilan County 26047,Taiwan, R.O.C.	(03)9357400
32	0032	National United University	1, Lienda, Miaoli 36003, Taiwan, R.O.C.	(037)381000
33	0033	National Formosa University	No.64, Wunhua Rd., Huwei Township, Yunlin County 632, Taiwan, R.O.C.	(05)6315000
34	0035	Tainan National University of the Arts	No.66,Daci Village,Guantian District,Tainan City,72045 Taiwan, R.O.C.	(06)6930100

Republic of Kosovo

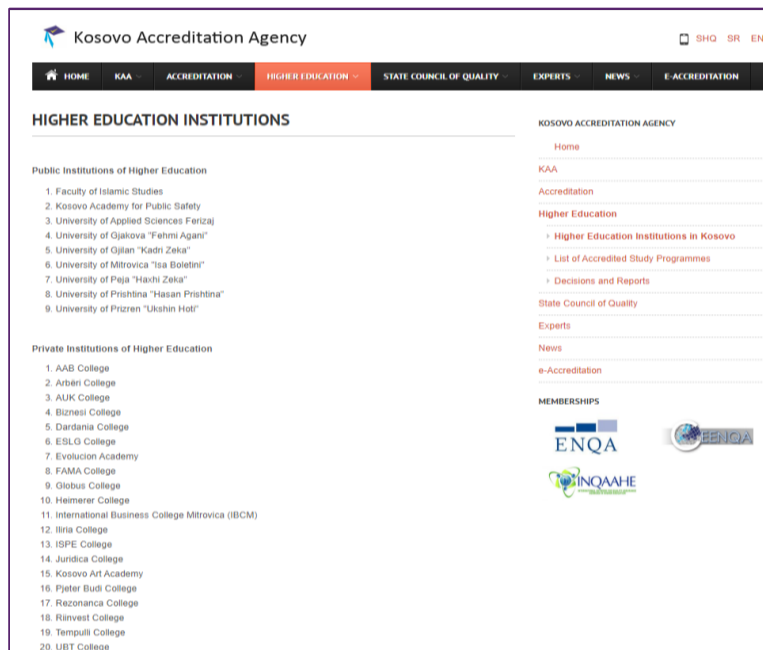


Republic of Kosovo - 1.8 million people



- Partially recognized state and disputed territory in Southeastern Europe
- Recognized by 108 UN-member states
- Serbia claims the territory

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1. Faculty of Islamic Studies
2. Kosovo Academy for Public Safety
3. University of Applied Sciences Ferizaj
4. University of Gjakova "Fehmi Agani"
5. University of Gjiçan "Kadri Zeka"
6. University of Mitrovica "Isa Boletini"
7. University of Peja "Haxhi Zeka"
8. University of Prishtina "Hasan Prishtina"
9. University of Prizren "Ukshin Hoti"

Private Institutions of Higher Education

1. AAB College
2. Arbin College
3. AUK College
4. Biznesi College
5. Dardania College
6. ESLQ College
7. Evolution Academy
8. FAMA College
9. Globus College
10. Heimerer College
11. International Business College Mitrovica (IBCM)
12. Iliria College
13. ISPE College
14. Juridica College
15. Kosovo Art Academy
16. Pjeter Budi College
17. Rezonanca College
18. Rininvest College
19. Tempuli College
20. UBT College

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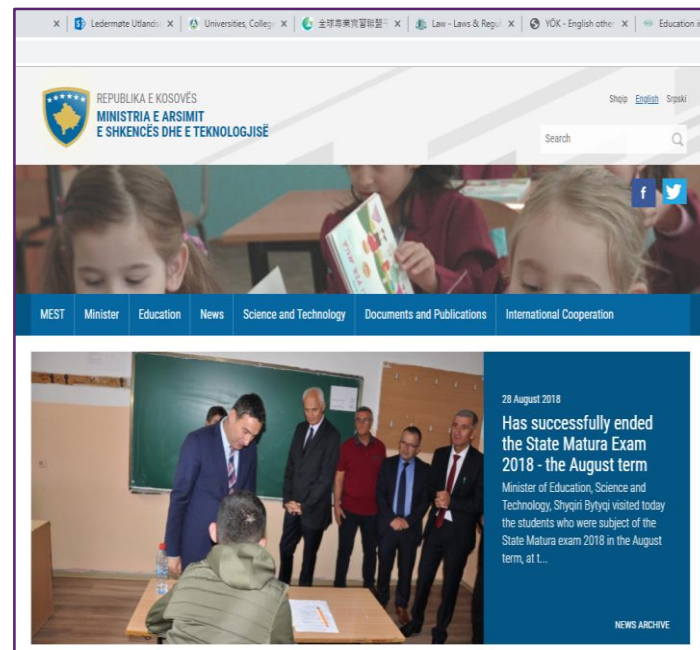
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‘Pridnestrovian Moldavian Republic’



<https://reconsideringrussia.org>

Transnistria – breakaway state, that is internationally recognized as part of Moldova – **0.5 million people**



‘Republic of South Ossetia’, ‘Republic of Abkhazia’



- **Republic of South Ossetia** – disputed territory, internationally recognized as Georgian territory – **53.000 people**
- **Republic of Abkhazia** – selfdeclared state, internationally recognized as Georgian territory – **240.000 people**

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Azerbaijan-Armenian Conflict



**Nagorno-Karabakh –
disputed territory –
150.000 people**

<https://blogs.kent.ac.uk/carc/2018/04/15/the-nagorno-karabakh-conflict/>

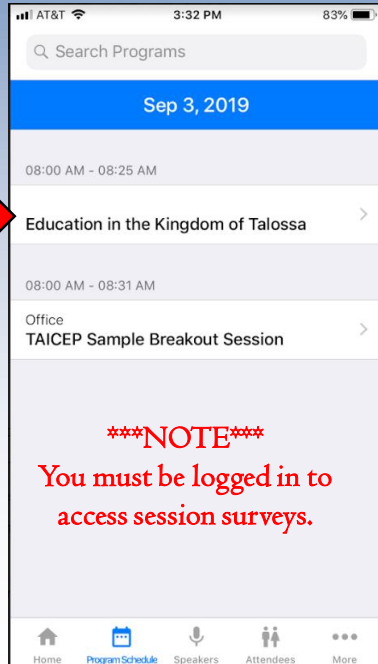
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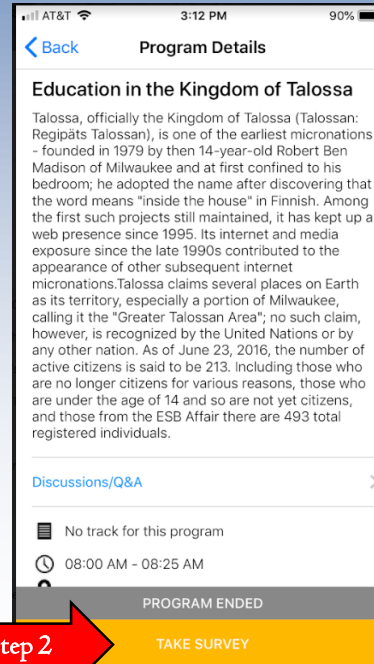
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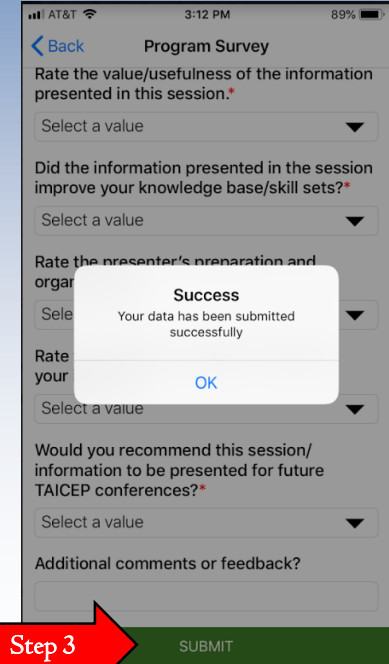
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