

CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN WORLD EDUCATION

SUMMER SESSION 1978

**Time:** Tuesday and Friday  
8:30 - 12:20

**Instructor:** Michael G. Bruce

Course Description:

Attention will be focused on the similarities and dissimilarities which other educational systems offer when contrasted with our own. China, Cuba, the Soviet Union, the USA and the countries of the European Community will be among those studied. The values underlying these systems, the theory which guides them and the values which they seek to transmit to their students will be examined. The purpose of the course will be to understand better these educational systems in their own right and, by contrast, to understand our own more clearly.

Required Texts:

- Urie Bronfenbrenner, Two Worlds of Childhood (paperback)  
John Vaizey, Education in the Modern World (paperback)

Additional Reading: a detailed list of books and articles will be provided during the course. Materials will be placed on reserve in the Library.

- Requirements:
- two or three short class presentations on specific topics
  - one major research paper on a topic of the student's choosing, arising out of the substance of the course. (Where possible, this will relate to the student's specialism.)