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| Journal Name: | Asian Journal of Economics, Business and Accounting |
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| Title of the Manuscript: | Exploration and Practice of the Training System for Applied Talents in Economics and Management under the Background of New Liberal Arts |
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PART 1: Review Comments

| | Reviewer's comment | Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here) |
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| <p>Compulsory REVISION comments</p> <p>1. Is the manuscript important for scientific community? (Please write few sentences on this manuscript)</p> <p>2. Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</p> <p>3. Is the abstract of the article comprehensive?</p> <p>4. Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</p> <p>5. Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct?</p> <p>6. Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form.</p> <p>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</p> | <p>1. Yes the manuscript important for scientific community</p> <p>The background of 'New Liberal Arts' suggests an interdisciplinary approach that integrates traditional liberal arts disciplines with applied sciences. This is a pressing concern as education systems adapt to rapidly changing economic and social landscapes. Again, the study has the potential to significantly affect how applied talents in economics and management are trained, thereby contributing to improvements in the efficacy and relevance of educational programs, which holds considerable importance.)</p> <p>2. Yes the title of the article is fine</p> <p>3. Is the abstract of the article comprehensive?</p> <p>The abstract addresses an issue of current importance - the integration of new liberal arts into the economics and management major - especially in the context of the information age. It mentions that the article will cover various aspects of implementing the new liberal arts in economics and management, such as professional optimization, course improvement, model innovation, teacher improvement, and quality assurance and provides a specific example (Shandong Jiaotong University) to ground its discussion, lending credence to the research and practice it introduces. The abstract also clearly states its aims - to introduce the background, significance, and research in the construction of the new liberal arts within the context of economics and management education.</p> <p>However, there is no mention of the methods used for research or practice, making it unclear how rigorous or scientifically sound the conclusions might be. It also states that relationships are 'summarized' but does not indicate what those relationships are or the conclusions reached. Furthermore, while the abstract mentions several aspects (like professional optimization and course improvement), it does not offer much detail on each, potentially leaving the reader with questions rather than a clear understanding of what exactly will be covered.</p> <p>4. Yes the subsections and structure of the manuscript are fine</p> <p>5. Yes to some extent the manuscript is scientifically correct</p> <p>6. Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The formatting across the references is inconsistent. ii. Some references do not provide complete information. For instance, in the first reference, it is unclear who the author or organization responsible for the publication is. In the second reference, details like the name of the conference and the publication date are missing. iii. The references are not particularly easy to read or understand. The way the dates, authors, and titles are presented could be clearer. The use of characters like commas and periods is not consistent. iv. In the first reference, the URL appears to be broken or incomplete, which could make it difficult to access the original source. v. Some journal names are abbreviated, and some are full. Consistency would improve readability and credibility. vi. Improving the format and structure of these references will not only add credibility to the research but also make it easier for readers to understand and evaluate the sources used. | |
| <p>Minor REVISION comments</p> <p>1. Is language/English quality of the article</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. There are a few areas where commas are either missing or misplaced, which affects the flow and readability. ii. The article switches between more academic language and more conversational or explanatory tones. This inconsistency can be jarring for the reader. | |

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| <p>suitable for scholarly communications?</p> | <p>iii. Some sentences are too long and contain multiple clauses, making them challenging to follow. For example, “Traditional economic management education characterized by discipline, specialization, and refinement faces severe challenges and new opportunities.” This could be broken down for clarity.</p> <p>iv. There are claims made about the decline in enrollment and the misalignment of skill sets with job requirements, but no data or references are provided to support these.</p> <p>Improving these areas could make the article more coherent, easier to read, and more effective in communicating its key messages.</p> | |
| <p>Optional/General comments</p> | <p>Introduction</p> <p>i. The introduction provides a detailed background of the “New Liberal Arts” concept, its origin, and its current status. This context is vital for readers unfamiliar with the term. It also walks the reader through a timeline, beginning with the first proposal of the concept in 2018 and leading up to a recent summit in 2022. This helps to showcase the development and importance of the concept over time. Mentioning the involvement of authoritative organizations like the Ministry of Education adds credibility to the article.</p> <p>ii. Again, the introduction is quite specific regarding the focus of the paper, which is on the application of this new concept in the training system for Economics and Management, which implies that the concept is a direct response to modern challenges like artificial intelligence and big data, making it relevant and timely.</p> <p>iii. However, the text uses terms like “Four New” major and the “Six Excellence and One Top” Plan 2.0 without explaining what these are. This could confuse readers unfamiliar with these specific Chinese educational policy terms. Again, while detailed, the introduction is dense and could be intimidating for a reader unfamiliar with Chinese educational systems or the specifics of economics and management training.</p> <p>iv. The introduction focuses solely on the Chinese context. If the article aims to be internationally relevant, it may benefit from comparing or relating this concept to educational shifts globally. Also, while the historical timeline provides some structure, there is a lack of a clear, logical flow in presenting the information. For example, how do the new technologies mentioned in the first sentence relate to the new demands from various sectors of society? The connection isn’t made clear.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The article provides a detailed explanation of what liberal arts and new liberal arts are, clearly outlining the need and importance of this new approach. • It addresses current challenges in education and job markets, citing specifics like enrollment rates, job competition, and new technological requirements. • The author(s) mention statistical figures, such as the number of students in liberal arts and the trends in enrollment, making their arguments more credible. • The article offers practical case studies, particularly focusing on Shandong Jiaotong University, which adds a real-world dimension to the theoretical discussion. • The article recognizes the role of technology, such as big data and AI, in shaping modern economics and management education. • However, the article heavily promotes the idea of new liberal arts without critically analyzing potential drawbacks or challenges in implementing this system. • While data-driven arguments can be strong, the article may benefit from more qualitative insights, such as interviews with educators or students affected by these changes. • While it discusses the changes and their necessity, the article does not offer a comparative analysis with traditional liberal arts, missing an opportunity to highlight the new system’s advantages. <p>Overall, the article is quite comprehensive and provides valuable insights into the subject matter, but it would benefit from a more balanced, concise, and globally relevant approach.</p> <p>Intext citations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The article discusses statistics, like the proportion of students enrolled in liberal arts programs, and statements from authorities, such as Vice Minister Wu Yan. These facts and viewpoints can greatly benefit from proper citation. Citing the sources would lend credibility to the paper and make it easier for readers to trust the presented information. • Readers or researchers may wish to verify the facts or delve deeper into the concepts mentioned. In-text citations enable readers to easily locate the original source of information. This is especially important when discussing national policies, | |

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| | <p>strategies, or changing trends in education, as the article does.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The article discusses various approaches and paradigms related to economics, management, and liberal arts education. Some of these may not be original thoughts but are influenced by prior academic work. Proper in-text citation will ensure the original authors receive credit for their work, maintaining academic integrity. • The paper touches on several complex topics, like the “new liberal arts,” economic and management education changes, and national development strategies. Citations indicate that a thorough literature review has been undertaken and would signify a deep engagement with existing scholarship. • The article outlines various strategies for reforming economics and management education. Proper citations can offer supporting evidence that these strategies are innovative and grounded in empirical research, policy documents, or academic theories. • This paper has implications not just in the field of economics and management but also in educational policy, sociology, and technology. In-text citations can help indicate the paper’s relevance to these other disciplines by pointing to research or policy documents already well-regarded in those fields. • In-text citations help in tracing the evolution of thoughts and ideas. This becomes particularly relevant when discussing “new” systems or paradigms, like the new liberal arts. Proper citation can show how these new ideas are different from or influenced by the older systems. • Finally, citations can also point to conflicting viewpoints or limitations in existing research. By doing this, the author can offer a more balanced view and acknowledge the complexity of the subject matter. <p>In summary, the absence of in-text citations in such a multi-faceted article could be a significant limitation. Proper citations would substantially strengthen the article’s credibility, depth, and scholarly value.</p> | |
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PART 2:

| | Reviewer’s comment | Author’s comment <i>(if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i> |
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| Are there ethical issues in this manuscript? | <i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i> | |

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