

Leadership Symposium Series

A Special Event at Reid Castle in Partnership with Manhattanville College

What Works May Hurt—Side Effects in Education

Presenter: Dr. Yong Zhao

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Medical products are required to disclose both their intended outcomes and known side effects. Educational policy and practice, however, carry no such labels. Teachers, school leaders, and the public are not told that “this program helps improve your students’ reading scores, but it may make them hate reading forever,” or that “school choice may improve test scores of some students, but it may lead to the collapse of American public education.” In his new book “What Works May Hurt,” distinguished professor and specialist in education policy Dr. Yong Zhao shines a light on the long ignored phenomenon of side effects of education policies and practices, bringing a fresh and perhaps surprising perspective to evidence-based practices and policies. Identifying the adverse effects of some of the “best” educational interventions with examples from classrooms to boardrooms, Dr. Zhao investigates causes and offers clear recommendations. This presentation will help school leaders to advance beyond the extreme pendulum swings that characterize today’s school reform efforts.

Yong Zhao speaks around the world on educational issues, particularly on issues related to globalization and education, creativity, global competitiveness, educational reforms, and educational technology. He is a Foundation Distinguished Professor in the School of Education at the University of Kansas. He is also a professorial fellow at the Mitchell Institute for Health and Education Policy, Victoria University in Australia and a Global Chair at the University of Bath, UK. He is an elected fellow of the International Academy for Education and is recognized as one of the most influential education scholars.

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