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**Abstract:**

**Ethics education – multicultural approach with a global view. Polish ethics education - can't it be mapped to a multicultural education?**

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Ethics training in schools is a challenge and an opportunity for young people to develop good moral conduct while preparing them to make appropriate ethical decisions. Cultural relativism assumes that beliefs, behaviors and ethical decisions are culture-specific and that the appropriateness of any choice must be evaluated taking in account the specific culture. Based on the fact that the world is going through a process of globalization and migration, the daily praxis of teaching is to overcome the new challenges, facing teaching in modern society.

The aim of the lecture is to highlight one of the issues which insufficiently deals with the relationship to globalization, migration and multicultural education: teaching values. First, to engage this matter, I will mobilize critical theory, specifically that of Martha Nussbaum, to discuss the concept of global multicultural world. In doing so, I will argue that even though Nussbaum's theory does have some constraints, it is to a larger degree applicable and possible to relate to the ethical challenges of the multicultural education and as a guide for teachers. The theory is plausible in some aspects because it presents reasonable arguments on the necessity of educational reform in an interconnected world, as well as because it makes educational proposals of instrumental worth of the teacher. I will consider first some theoretical debates on multicultural education especially in relation to teaching and learning that is based on democratic values, affirming world citizenship in an interdependent world. Then, I discuss the ethics education in Poland by introducing policies, measures, approaches, curriculum and organization.

The conclusion of the thesis from lecture will state that presented Nussbaum's theory of multicultural education with a global view relates to ethics education. I will highlight the fact, that the challenges of ethics and multicultural education in Poland will likely develop and emphasize the potential of teaching ethics in multicultural environment.