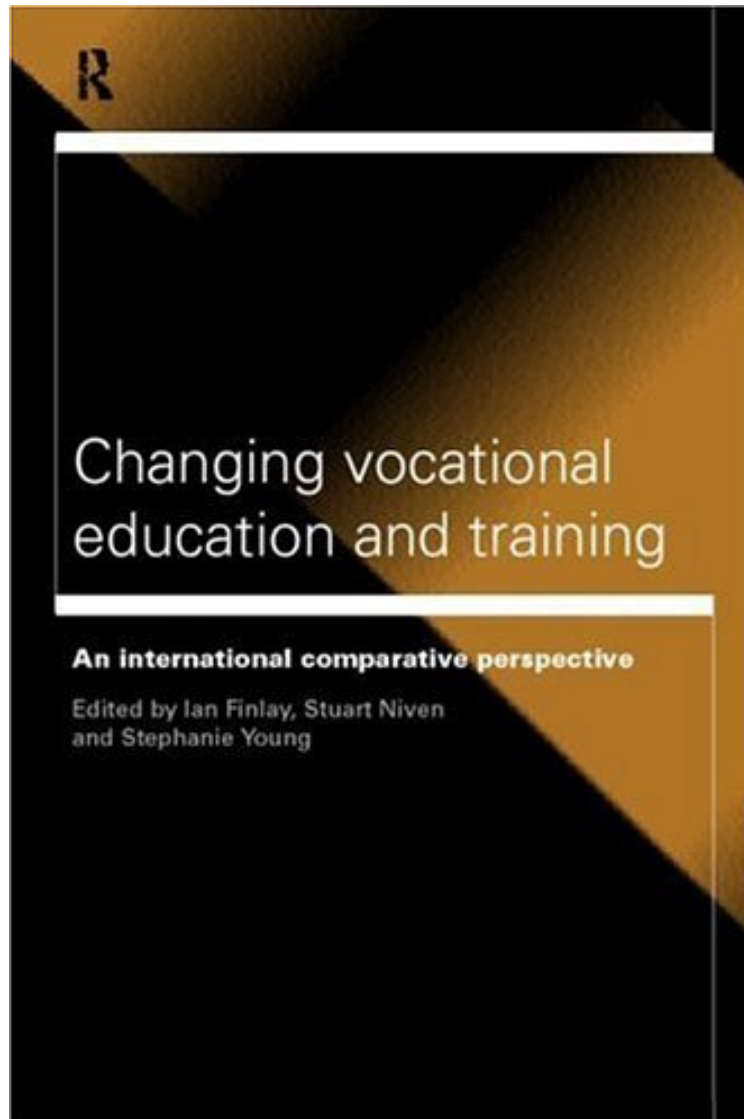


# Changing Vocational Education and Training: An International Comparative Perspective

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analysis and development of vocational education and training in Europe, Africa, America and Asia. The international community of vocational educators should welcome this new work since it will inform debate of current issues and future trends. The Scottish editorial team of Finlay, from the Scottish School of Further Education at the University of Strathclyde, Niven, President Emeritus of the International Vocational Education and Training Association and Young, Director of Lifelong Learning at the Glasgow Development Agency are well apprised of international developments. Niven is well known for his contributions to IVETA's international conferences and publications. The illuminative research of Niven and Finlay funded by the Advisory Scottish Council for Education and Training Targets, which underpinned much of the work and is referred to in the work, presents new insights into the achievement of consensus in different international contexts. The research was grounded in an expert seminar attended by prominent researchers from different countries e.g. Dar-chin Rau from Taiwan, Betsy Brand from the USA, Olli Rati from Finland, Jim Gleason from Ireland, Iain Bellis from South Africa, Johnny Sung from Singapore and Willi Brandt from Germany. The experts report on how consensus is reached within their countries, and the closing chapter identifies key principles which could have wide application. The book gives a highly readable global perspective on the challenges faced by vocational education and training in recent years. It is a welcome addition to the literature of international education and training and is a must for post-graduate students of comparative education.

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