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Contributions of Kumaravadivelu's Language Teacher Education Modular Model (KARDS) to Iranian EFL Language Institute Teachers' Professional Identity

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Abstract: This research aims to investigate the contributions of KARDS (knowing, analyzing, recognizing, doing, and seeing) to Iranian English as a foreign language (EFL) institute teachers' professional identity reconstruction. The researchers employed purposive sampling to choose twenty teachers. A KARDS questionnaire (Hassani, Khatib, & Yazdani Moghaddam, 2019a, 2019b) was used to classify the teachers into a more KARDS-oriented group (n=10) and a less-KARDS oriented group (N=10) on the basis of their scores on the questionnaire through quartile-based visual binning technique. Pre-course interview, post-course interview, teacher educator and teachers' reflective journals, and class discussions were employed to gather data. After the pre-course interview, there was an implementation phase during which all twenty teachers became familiar with KARDS. Then, Grounded Theory was applied to analyze the data. Findings showed that there were four big shifts from "uncertainty of practice to certainty of practice", "the use of fewer macro-strategies to the use of more macro-strategies", "linguistic and technical view of language teaching to critical, educational, and transformative view of language teaching", and "conformity to nonconformity to dominant ideologies" in teachers' professional identities in both groups. The changes were analogous and/or identical in nature but not in quantity, and they should be underscored and incorporated in teacher education programs.

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