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Preface

How This Book Emerged

During the preparations for the ninth conference on Mathematics Education and Society, held in Volos, Greece, in April 2017, the first editor of this book became aware of the richness of research in the field of inclusive mathematics education in Brazil. While Germany, with its more urban geo-social organisation, has a long tradition of special needs schools and started only recently with the inclusion of students with learning impairment and with problems in their socio-emotional development into regular schools, Brazil has experience of organising schools with a large variety of special needs students in the same classroom. Germany started to extend the inclusion of students with special educational needs into regular schools only recently. Consequently, the German-speaking research community has laid its main foci on teaching concepts that allow for different paces in the learning process as well as on teacher education for inclusive mathematics education, whereas researchers in Brazil have documented the situation and investigated ways of inclusion of students with very specific special needs. It goes without saying that both research traditions complement each other and, together, have the potential to provide an overview of inclusive mathematics education that might be of mutual interest and of interest for an international audience.

We are especially grateful for the funding we received from the KoUP programme of the Universität Potsdam, Germany, on the basis of the project application of the two German editors of this volume. The resources allowed the editors and many authors to meet in person in Brazil – a meeting that contributed a lot to the supportive and inclusive spirit which accompanied the development of this book. The resources also allowed us to organise a process of professional language editing in order to present the interested reader with a pleasant reading experience. It is fair to say that without the support from the Universität Potsdam, the volume would not exist in the current form.

After we sent out invitations to submit proposals for chapters to the research communities in Brazil and in the German-speaking countries in June 2017, we were

able to accept all proposals and organised a process of peer-reviewing of the incoming manuscripts among the authors of the volume. Out of the initial 35 proposals, 2 have been withdrawn and 1 has been rejected in the reviewing process, leaving the 32 chapters present in this book.

The Content

Part I serves as an introduction that comprises not only this chapter but also explanations of the educational systems and status quo of inclusive education and inclusive mathematics education in Brazil and the German-speaking countries. As an understanding of specific studies might be intensified by a deeper knowledge of the national situations, the readers are cordially invited to acquaint themselves with the different socio-political backgrounds from which the studies here were conducted.

Part II problematises inclusion and connected concepts and revisits the question of inclusion as such. While the idea of inclusion has been debated controversially in general education, critical discussions of the idea of inclusion seem to be scarce in mathematics education research. This part of the book starts with the teachers' perspective in a chapter by Baraldi, Rosa, Capellini, and Miranda. Marcone continues with a chapter on what he calls "deficiencialism" – that is, a mindset of interpreting otherness in terms of deficiencies. In the next chapter, Faustino, Moura, Silva, Muzinatti, and Skovsmose explain that inclusion in the classroom does not necessarily imply inclusion in the ongoing learning processes. Skovsmose concludes the deliberations with his chapter on inclusion as a "contested concept".

Part III is dedicated to the various concepts for arranging inclusive education in the mathematics classroom. Here, the reader can find theoretical considerations and empirical findings concerning concepts such as learning environments as presented by Höveler; learning office as presented by Blumenthal, Voß, Sikora, and Hartke; dialogic learning as presented by Lutz-Westphal and Skutella; and landscapes of investigation as presented by Silva, Roncato, Souza, Giuglio, Gaviolli, and Scagion. The chapter by Krähenmann, Moser Opitz, Schnepel, and Stöckli illustrates how video studies of inclusive classrooms can be used to further conceptualise inclusive mathematics education. Eventually, the chapter by Balt, Ehlert, and Fritz discusses how numeracy skills can be assessed in an inclusive environment as a prerequisite of successful teaching.

Part IV comprises several contributions on teaching mathematics to learners with hearing impairment in Brazil, focussing especially on the role of the interpreter of Libras, the Brazilian Sign Language, in the mathematics classroom as in the chapters by Pinto and Segadas, by Borges and Nogueira, and by Moura and Penteado. In her concluding chapter, Peixoto analyses a special case in the context of problem-solving for deaf students.

Part V combines two chapters on autism and learning mathematics. In the first chapter, Souza and Silva report from a study with students with autism spectrum

disorder in a Brazilian elementary school. In the second chapter, Viana and Miarka present a case study of students with autism spectrum disorder learning mathematics.

Part VI focusses on the impact of language for the learning of mathematics. After Bednorz and Kleine present their evaluation of linguistic difficulties in mathematical tasks, Götze elaborates on the cognitive function of language for learning mathematics in primary school, illustrated with an example of multiplication and division. The last chapter in this part is a study by Werner, Berg, and Höhr, in which students with speech and language impairment, students with learning disabilities, and students without special educational needs are compared with regard to their verbalising skills.

Part VII contains those chapters which address emotional barriers towards a fruitful participation in the mathematics classroom. Carmo, Gris, and Palombarini set the scene with their overview and own original research on mathematics anxiety. Orbach, Herzog, and Fritz use their chapter to trace mathematics anxiety in the transition from primary to secondary school. Kollosche uses student data to identify reasons for the self-exclusion of learners from mathematics. Eventually, Hagegans contributes a more productive chapter by focussing on the support of students with motivational problems in problem-solving activities.

Part VIII discusses mathematics education and inclusion in special institutional circumstances, including the hospital as studied by Cajango and Sales, the solidarity economy as investigated by Meneghetti and Gargarella, and the prison as examined by Oliveira and Nogueira.

Part IX concludes the book by looking at teacher education for inclusive mathematics education. Troll, Besser, Abels, Ahlers, Greve, Leiss, and Süßenbach set the scene by presenting their study of interventions in teacher education aimed at prospective teachers' abilities to manage inclusive education. Wagner and Ehlert use their chapter to go into more detail and present an analysis of prospective teachers' diagnostic competences. Bock, Siegemund, Nolte, and Ricken report from a bachelor studies seminar held at the Universität Hamburg, Germany, where prospective primary school teachers and prospective teachers for special education studied aspects of inclusive education collaboratively. Bitterlich and Jung contribute with a chapter in which they analyse the experiences of prospective teachers when facing heterogeneity in school. Eventually, Scherer provides an outlook by discussing the challenges that inclusion poses for subject-specific teacher education in mathematics.

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Part I
Introduction

Inclusive Mathematics Education: An Introduction



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Abstract Inclusion has become a global topic in education and educational studies. This introduction briefly recapitulates the idea of inclusion and the essential steps in this development.

In the last decade, inclusion has become a paramount topic in educational studies. Indeed, exclusive and segregating practices in education and beyond can be found in history and present in all modern societies (e.g. Arnold, Yeomans, Simpson, & Solomon, 2009). In many countries around the globe, the catalyst for the development of inclusive education has been a series of international declarations on diversity and education, which raised awareness or even laid legal foundations, such as the Salamanca Statement on Special Needs Education (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, 1994). The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (United Nations, 2006) can be considered the most influential document. In the convention, which was ratified by Brazil and Austria in 2008, by Germany in 2009 and by Switzerland in 2014, the states have agreed to

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