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### Nexus of Theories and Methods

#### Research Methods in Higher Education

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### Speakers

**Per Fagrell** (KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden)

Per Fagrell is a PhD student at KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, Sweden, where his thesis work has a focus on which ways external stakeholders, e.g. industry, can have an impact on engineering education. A study on industrial adjunct professors in Sweden has been published in NordSTEP (Nordic Journal of Studies in Educational Policy) and he has also written a book chapter for a forthcoming Springer edition about technical universities. He is also senior advisor in educational policy matters at The Association of Swedish Engineering Industries (Swedish: Teknikföretagen).

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Wei Huang is a professor of School of Economics and Management at Changsha University of Science and Technology (CUST). He is also the co-director of Educational Economics and Fiscal Institute of Hunan Province (EEFI). Previously, he completed his Ph.D. in Economics at the Education Science Institute of Huazhong University of Science and Technology (HUST) in 2005. Currently, his research focuses on improving the effectiveness of college student (financial) aid and its implications for public policy in China’s higher education. He is also interested in developing theory-driven, rigorously tested experimental studies to promoting college student psychological and behavioral development.

**Fan Li** (Wageningen University & Research, The Netherlands)

Fan Li is a post-doctoral research fellow at Development Economics Group, Wageningen University and Research in the Netherlands. He received his PhD from LICOS-Centre for Institutions and Economic Performance, KU Leuven, Belgium in 2017. His research interests are mainly focusing on higher education development in China, particularly in conducting field experimental studies and using quasi-experimental methods in policy impact assessment.

**Andrey Lovakov** (National Research University Higher School of Economics, Russia)

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**Maria Yudkevich** (National Research University Higher School of Economics, Russia)

Maria Yudkevich graduated from Lomonosov Moscow State University (Department of mechanics and mathematics) in 1996 and got a Master degree in Economics from Higher School of Economics in 1998. Got PhD at HSE (2003). Head of the International Laboratory for Institutional Analysis of Economic Reforms (LIA HSE), implementing projects in the field of theoretical and empirical analysis of the socio-economic institutions. HSE Vice-Rector, who is responsible for coordinating the fundamental research and academic development at HSE. Professional Interests: institutional economics, economics of education, contract theory, game theory.