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Keynote Speech

Methodological Progress in Higher Education Research?

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There are important developments in our field of higher education research that signify its maturity. We have our learned societies, prestigious journals and – by and large – our research findings are picked up by practitioners and policy-makers. Quite often our research findings spark a debate in the media. Furthermore, we see more attempts to stocktaking exercises through solid reviews and meta-reviews and many reflections on the state-of-the-art in our field. That said, it appears there is fairly limited attention to the methodological challenges in our field. On the one hand this may suggest that the quality of our methodologies is top-notch and there is nothing to discuss ... On the other hand, it may be that we are fairly complacent, we may be ignorant about methodological advancements in the disciplines or maybe we do not even care that much about methods? The presentation will zoom in on these questions.

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