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Biography



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Professor, Dr. Jussi Kivistö has an experience of teaching and researching higher education administration, management and policy for over 20 years. He holds a position of full professor and as serves as the Unit Head of Administrative Studies Unit, Faculty of Management and Business, Tampere University, Finland. During the past years, Dr. Kivistö has served as a consultant for the World Bank and as Principal Investigator/researcher in several national and international research and development projects, and he has been a frequent keynote speaker or invited expert in events and projects related to Finnish higher education policy. Kivistö has authored over 130 publications, mainly in the field of higher education management and policy.

Abstract

Performance-based funding of universities: what we know about the impacts?

Performance-based funding (PBF) models have increasingly been adopted as mechanisms to enhance accountability and efficiency in higher education systems and institutions. This keynote presentation delves into the multifaceted impacts of PBF on university governance, drawing upon a broad spectrum of empirical studies and theoretical frameworks. It critically examines the underlying assumptions of PBF models, highlighting their intended and unintended outcomes. The presentation also addresses the complex dynamics introduced by PBF, including potential shifts in academic priorities caused by PBF incentive structures. By synthesizing current research findings, the presentation offers insights into the effectiveness of PBF as a governance tool, identifies key factors that influence its outcomes, and suggests areas for future research.