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# Research Methods and Empirical Studies of Higher Education Study Environments

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Educational research often separates the causes of academic performance into "prior" conditions such as student demographics, students' previous educational results, admission criteria, etc., on the one hand, and changeable factors on the other hand. Changeable factors include class size, student-staff ratios, indoor environment, length of the school day, and pedagogical factors, that is, all types of teaching practices and activities. However, it has been difficult to reliably identify specific factors within the study environment. For this Special Issue, we invite colleagues to contribute articles on research methods and empirical studies of higher education study environments (meaning both offline and online teaching and learning settings and activities aimed at both curricular and extracurricular purposes). The aim is to jointly strengthen research into the changeable factors in higher education with a view to creating a strong foundation for developing the quality of study environments.









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