

Notes from the IRN-DER network meeting 4,

Time: 26 October 2025, at 3.00 pm – 4.30 pm CET

Chair of the meeting: Gun-Britt Wärvik

Notes: Britt-Marie Apelgren

Participants: see List of attending participants below

Welcome!

Gun-Britt Wärvik welcomed all the participants to the fourth global IRN meeting.

1. Presentations: Overview of the research field

Presentations on changes in the research field of doctoral education, with a focus on the project book – Sverker Lindblad and Tom Popkewitz (see ppt presentations, attachment 1 and 2)

2. Break-out groups' discussions

The participants were randomly assigned to groups to discuss the presentations in relation to participants' own doctoral education contexts. In addition, members were asked to propose ideas for upcoming global meetings 2026.

3. Report back from groups

Participants commented briefly on their own contexts and issues related to paradigm, models and theories were discussed. Suggested focus in the global IRN-DER meetings 2026 is the concept of 'case' and what to be compared in relation to the book project and participants' case presentations.

4. Update and presentation of the book project

Sverker and Gun-Britt presented an update of the book project and abstracts, including an extended invitation to submit abstracts (see mail from Gun-Britt Wärvik 17 November 2025). New deadline is 10 January 2026 (see ppt presentation, attachment 3).

5. Update on Conferences:

- AERA 2026. Paper to be presented at the AERA meeting: Lindblad, Sverker & Barbara Gross: *International Networking and Diverging Interests in Doctoral Education Research Communities Organized through Scientific Communication*.
- ECER 2026 Tampere Finland – Sverker presented the idea of an IRN-DER symposium (deadline for submission 30 January 2026) [ECER 2026, Tampere | EERA](#). An invitation to participate here will be sent out in a few days.

Please, note that the two invitations, the book proposal and the symposium, are two separate invitations.

6. End of meeting – Gun-Britt

Meetings for 2026 have not yet been decided. Invitations will be sent out before Christmas.

Notes, Power Point presentations, papers and other documents can be found on the IRN-DER network website:

<https://www.gu.se/en/research/research-on-doctoral-education-in-educational-research>

Attending participants:

1. Sverker Lindblad
2. Gun-Britt Wärvik
3. Britt-Marie Apelgren
4. Alebachew Kemisso
5. Tom Popkewitz
6. Barbara Gross
7. Anselmo Paolone
8. Marcia Serra Ferreira
9. Turid Løyte Harbo
10. Daniel Boccacci
11. Edwin Keiner
12. Ezequiel Caride
13. Dani Friedrich