

## Notes from the IRN-DER network meeting 5,

Time: 26 February 2026, 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 fifth global IRN-DER meeting.

- 1. Information** on progress with the book project 1, the submission to ECER 2026 and participation in conferences (NERA 2026, AERA 2026) – Sverker Lindland (see attached ppt IRN-DER progress information 260226). Participants were invited to share conference papers and work in progress related to our network. We also discussed the possibility of a second book being initiated by network members.
- 2. Presentation:** *Institutional traditions and networks in doctoral education in educational sciences: Shifting research and knowledge networks in Mexican public institutions (1993 – 2025)* – Inés Dussel (see attached ppt Dussel & Quintanilla)
- 3. Break-out rooms:** discussing Inés Dussel's presentation in relation to educational sciences and paradigmatic changes in participants' own contexts
- 4. Comments and issues from the break-out rooms for sharing** – All participants. Questions and issues discussed were what constitute 'paradigms', the doctoral title and the doctorate, the expansion of doctoral education in educational sciences, the status and tradition of doctoral theses and Vivas in relation to authorship and AI, the genre of doctoral theses/dissertations, affective and relational aspects in doctoral education.
- 5. Discussion** on future activities/conferences/symposia/books with suggestions from the network participants. Apart from the issues discussed above in relation to the break-out rooms, the participants suggested further discussions on how to define a doctoral thesis in Educational Sciences, subjectivity, power and the relation between supervisors and doctoral researchers. In addition, participants were encouraged to give a short presentation of work in progress at the next global IRN-DER meeting on 20 May 2026. Please contact Sverker Lindblad or other of the convenors if you would like to make a short presentation (10-15 min).
- 6.** Next global network 20 May 2026 (Invitation and agenda will be sent out in the beginning of May)
- 7. End of meeting** – Gun-Britt Wärvik

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. Inés Dussel
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
14. Åsa Broberg
15. Aimee Haley
16. Kirsten Sivesind
17. André Vitor
18. Dan Zang
19. Ronald Bisao
20. Tom Popkewitz