

“Research in Action” Podcast Instructor Guide

Use the following episode description, learning objectives, guiding questions and activity suggestions to more easily include “Research in Action” podcast episodes as a supplemental resource for your course.

Dr. Avi Kaplan on Methodological Diversity [00:00-35:15]

Research in Action - Episode 115

Podcast and Episode Information

“Research in Action” is a weekly podcast about topics and issues related to research in higher education featuring experts across a range of disciplines.

On this episode of the podcast, the guest is Dr. Avi Kaplan, an Associate Professor of Educational Psychology at Temple University in Philadelphia. Before that, he was a faculty member in the Department of Education at Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Israel. Avi’s research interests focus on motivation and identity development, with particular interest in the role of the environment in these processes. His recent research involves the application of the Complex Dynamic Systems approach to identity and motivation, and the use of collaborative design-based interventions for promoting educators’ and students’ motivation and identity exploration around the curriculum. His recent publications include chapters in the 2012 APA Educational Psychology Handbook on the application of motivation theory to educational practice, and in the 2016 Handbook of Motivation at School on learning environments and motivation, and special issues in the Educational Psychologist and in Contemporary Educational Psychology on identity formation and motivation. Avi is a Fellow of the Association of Psychological Science, the American Psychological Association, and the Eastern Psychological Association. He is also the current Editor of the Journal of Experimental Education. Avi received his Ph.D. from the Combined Program in Education and Psychology at the University of Michigan.

Segment One [00:00- 18:01] - In this segment, Avi shares about his research on learning motivation.

Segment Two [18:02-35:15] - In this segment, Avi discusses the importance of using a diverse range of methods.

Bonus Clip [00:00-03:31]: Measuring Motivation

Show notes and a transcript for this episode can be found at:

<http://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/research/podcast/e115/>

Learning Outcomes

By listening to this episode, students will be able to:

- Provide examples of motivating and demotivating parameters
- Describe methodological diversity
- Discuss some of the challenges in achieving methodological diversity

Guiding Questions for Listening

- What does Dr. Kaplan explain are some of the varying factors involved in motivation?
- What is an example of a motivating parameter?
- What does Dr. Kaplan describe are demotivating parameters?
- How does Dr. Kaplan explain the relationship of motivation to identity?
- How does Dr. Kaplan explain methodological diversity?
- According to Dr. Kaplan, how is educational psychology failing at methodological diversity?
- What does Dr. Kaplan explain may be some of the challenges in achieving methodological diversity?
- According to Dr. Kaplan, what are some of the ways in which motivation is measured? (See also, Bonus Clip)

Possible Activities

- Ask students to visit the show notes for this episode (<http://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/research/podcast/e115/>) and look at an additional resource that is linked in connection with this episode. Students can write a short review of that resource to share with their peers.
- Ask students to visit the show notes for this episode (<http://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/research/podcast/e115/>) and post an additional resource connected to the content of the episode in the comments section.
- Have students share questions that are raised for them based on the content of this episode. What would they ask Dr. Avi Kaplan if they could?

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About the Research in Action Podcast

“Research in Action” (RIA) is a podcast about topics and issues related to research in higher education featuring experts across a range of disciplines. Episodes are posted weekly and include guest interviews and occasional solo episodes. Guests are from a range of higher education institutions and share their expertise on qualitative, quantitative and mixed methods as well as their personal experiences as researchers, research and writing practices, organizational and productivity strategies, and much more. Some weeks, bonus content will also be posted.

“Research in Action” is hosted by [Dr. Katie Linder](#), research director for Oregon State University Ecampus.

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