

The Moral Matters of Teaching: A Finnish Perspective

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In this talk I will discuss teaching as a moral profession and provide both theoretical frameworks and empirical research findings to illustrate the moral nature of teachers' work. I use my own country Finland as an example of a country with high students' achievement in PISA studies and good teacher education.

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