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**Research Questions**

- What are the effects of engagement with courses where employability has been embedded into the curriculum?

- What are the benefits of engagement with employability over the course of study and beyond?

- How effective is employability in developing different types of capital\(^2\) to support emerging identities?

**Method and data collection**

- Phenomenological methodology
- Semi structured interviews
- Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis (IPA)\(^3\)

**Emerging themes**

- **Micro**: What do students say about employability – what do they make of it? Can we develop a more sophisticated approach to employability which engages student rather than sees student as an object being made ‘employable’?

- **Meso**: impact on institutional approaches to employability (University, Faculty, Qualification)

- **Macro**: influence debate and direction of employability narrative at national policy level

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