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Concentration or dispersal of research funding? Theoretical and empirical perspectives

The question of how to ensure the best possible outcomes of research funding is a key issue on the science policy agenda. A central aspect concerns the relationship between the size of funding and research performance: Is scientific discovery and productivity best supported by concentrating investments in the hands of a limited number of PIs or by spreading out funding among many research teams? First, the talk outlines arguments and evidence for and against funding concentration based on a systematic literature review. Secondly, an examination of concentration trends in Danish funding patterns over the last 15 years is presented.

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