A Question of Method examines the current circumstances and possible future of higher education in the former Soviet Union, to see whether beyond the obvious changes brought about by the collapse of the Communist states in Asia and Europe, there have been deeper and perhaps longer-lasting transformations – of the way university teaching and learning is looked at and thought about, of the student audience, and of the academy’s relation to the market and the state. It asks whether such shifts amount to a fundamental change in the higher education system itself.

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