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Using case-based research methods: Why evaluation is not a choice between qualitative or quantitative methods



Overview

Are you tired of the same old choices between qualitative and quantitative research methods that have been around for decades? When using such methods for understanding complex health and social conditions and contexts are you conscious that the former deliver little generalisability and the latter too often involve simplifying contextual complexity? If so, you might be interested in coming along to this presentation to learn more about quali-quantitative research for small-N situations – the innovative ‘third way’ in research methods.

‘Case-based analysis’ refers to a group of approaches that incorporate the best features of both qualitative and quantitative research methods in an attempt to overcome the weaknesses of both. The seminar will step you through the rationale and origins of USA-based Charles Ragin’s case-based analysis methods, using a hypothetical community-based health intervention.

At the end of the seminar, you will understand the basic principles, procedures and logic of case-based approaches and be able to build on this foundation to begin practicing as a case-based researcher.



Who should attend:

This seminar is best suited to those with experience in quantitative and/or qualitative research methods who are looking to extend their strengths as researchers, particularly in ways that better address the needs of evaluations of complex health and social interventions in their local communities.

About the Presenter:

Dr Erica Bell has published on case-based methods in international journals across a wide range of health areas, from hospital error to youth substance abuse to healthy ageing. Her book *Research for Health Policy* published in 2009 by Oxford University Press dedicated a chapter to case-based research methods using the example of an evaluation of a community-based intervention.

When: Friday, 17 September 2010

Time: 1200 – 1330 hr

Where: Video Conference Room, 5th Floor CML Building, 18 Elizabeth St, Hobart CBD (Bus mall, opp. GPO; entrance to building is indicated on picture above)

RSVP

No need to RSVP. Admission is free. For more information, contact: kerrison_jenny@yahoo.com.au

