



INVITATION

*You are cordially invited to the next monthly seminar hosted by the SA Branch of the **Australasian Evaluation Society***

So what is 'Realist Synthesis', anyway?

Realist synthesis (Pawson, 2006) is a form of theory driven qualitative systematic review of literature and evidence. It applies the theoretical principles developed for realist evaluation (Pawson and Tilley, 1997) to the field of literature review.

But how is it different from meta-analysis, or from any other form of literature review? What are its advantages and disadvantages for reviewers? More importantly, what are its advantages and disadvantages for 'evidence-based' policy and programs?

Presenter:

Dr Geoff Wong, *Researcher and Lecturer, University College London; GP Principal, Swiss Cottage, London*

An educator, a researcher and a practicing GP, Dr Geoff Wong qualified in Medicine from Cambridge University and (what is now) Guy's, King's and Thomas' Medical school in London and went on to undertake his GP vocational training in North London. He was awarded a Doctorate in Medicine (MD) (under the supervision of Professors Trisha Greenhalgh and Ray Pawson) for his realist synthesis on the use of the Internet in medical education in 2009. At UCL, he teaches a web based MSc course in International Primary Care. He is currently undertaking an Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) realist review on the use of legislation in public health with Professor Ray Pawson and the National Institute of Healthcare and Clinical Excellence (NICE). He has lectured and taught extensively on realist synthesis both within the UK and internationally, and has been in SA presenting a Master Class in realist synthesis.

Time: 4:30 (for a 4.45 pm start) - 6:30pm

Date: Tuesday 2nd March 2010

Venue: KPMG, 7th Floor, 151 Pirie St,
Hindmarsh Square, Adelaide

Drinks and light refreshments will be served.

Please **RSVP by 5 pm Friday 26 February** for catering purposes

Numbers are strictly limited to 30 participants, so register early to reserve your place. **To register** for this event, email to: gill@communitymatters.com.au