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Social Work Research Methods
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Why use qualitative methods? What kinds of questions can qualitative methods help you answer? How do you actually do rigorous and reflective qualitative research in the real world? Written by a team of leading researchers associated with NatGen Social Research

(the National Centre for Social Research) this textbook leads students and researchers through the entire process of qualitative research from beginning to end - moving through design, sampling, data collection, analysis and reporting. In this fully revised second edition you will find: A practical account of how to carry out qualitative research which recognises a range of current approaches and applications A brand new chapter on ethics A brand new chapter on observational research Updated advice on using software when analysing your qualitative data New case studies which illustrate issues you may encounter and how problems have been tackled by other researchers. This book is an ideal guide for students, practitioners and researchers faced with

the challenges of doing qualitative research in both applied and academic settings in messy real-life contexts. Encyclopedia of Tourism Management and Marketing Educreation Publishing The purpose of this study was to explore and to evaluate the role of research in social work from the points of view of different populations affiliated with the Portland State University School of Social Work community. Students, faculty and field instructors, and agency directors were asked to express their subjective opinions in an effort to explore attitudes regarding the role of research in social work and to evaluate their estimate as to the value and position of the research component in the curriculum at Portland State University. The research program is intended to assist the student in

becoming an effective professional person.

Encyclopedia of Research Design SAGE
Quantitative Social Research Methods explores the entire spectrum of quantitative social research methods and their application, with special reference to the development sector. It provides detailed coverage of all statistical research and analysis method with an emphasis on multivariate analysis techniques, such as regression discriminant analysis, logistic regression, factor, factor, cluster, correspondence and conjoint analysis. The book is thematically arranged in two sections: the first section introduces development research techniques, explores the genesis and scope of social research, research processes and then goes on to

explain univariate, bivariate and multivariate data analysis with the help of software packages such as SPSS and STATA. The second focuses on the application of social and development research methods in the development sector. It explores research method application and the issues relevant to aspects of development such as population, health and nutrition, poverty and rural development, education, water and sanitation, and environment and natural resource management.

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This book is designed to introduce doctoral and graduate students to the process of conducting scientific research in the social sciences, business, education, public health, and related disciplines. It is a one-stop,

comprehensive, and compact source for foundational concepts in behavioral research, and can serve as a stand-alone text or as a supplement to research readings in any doctoral seminar or research methods class. This book is currently used as a research text at universities on six continents and will shortly be available in nine different languages.

An Exploratory Research Into the Supply of Social Science Information and the Needs of Its Users Edward

Elgar Publishing

A firm knowledge of factor analysis is key to understanding much published research in the social and behavioral sciences. Exploratory Factor Analysis by W. Holmes Finch provides a solid foundation in exploratory factor analysis

(EFA), which along with confirmatory factor analysis, represents one of the two major strands in this field. The book lays out the mathematical foundations of EFA; explores the range of methods for extracting the initial factor structure; explains factor rotation; and outlines the methods for determining the number of factors to retain in EFA. The concluding chapter addresses a number of other key issues in EFA, such as determining the appropriate sample size for a given research problem, and the handling of missing data. It also offers brief introductions to exploratory structural equation modeling, and multilevel models for EFA. Example computer code, and the annotated output for all of the examples included in the text are available on an accompanying website.

Advanced Focus Group Research

American Foundation for the Blind

This comprehensive Handbook is aimed at both academic researchers and practitioners in the field of research. The book's 8 chapters, provide in-depth coverage of research methods based on the revised syllabus of various universities especially considering the students of under graduate, post graduate and doctorate level. This book is a product of extensive literature survey made by the authors. The authors have made sincere efforts to write the book in simple language. The book comprises all the aspects according to new syllabus of PCI and APJ Abdul Kalam Technical University, Lucknow. Though this book is intended for the use of pharmacy students of any level yet it

can also be useful to students of applied fields and medical students. The book deals with interdisciplinary fields such as finding research problems, writing research proposals, obtaining funds for research, selecting research designs, searching the literature and review, collection of data and analysis, preparation of thesis, writing research papers for journals, citation and listing of references, preparation of visual materials, oral and poster presentation in conferences, minutes of meetings, and ethical issues in research. At the end of every chapter and book some questions related to chapter have been mentioned for the support of students to understand the subject. Valuable suggestions for the improvement of this book are most welcome.

Exploratory Factor Analysis SAGE

Publications

This book focuses on understanding the analytics knowledge management process and its comprehensive application to various socioeconomic sectors. Using cases from Latin America and other emerging economies, it examines analytics knowledge applications where a solution has been achieved. Written for business students and professionals as well as researchers, the book is filled with practical insight into applying concepts and implementing processes and solutions. The eleven case studies presented in the book incorporate the whole analytics process and are useful reference examples for applying the analytics process for SME organizations in both

developing and developed economies. The cases also identify multiple tacit factors to deal with during the implementation of analytics knowledge management processes. These factors, which include data cleaning, data gathering, and interpretation of results, are not always easily identified by analytics practitioners. This book promotes the understanding of analytics methods and techniques. It guides readers through numerous techniques and methods available to analytics practitioners by explaining the strengths and weaknesses of these methods and techniques.

Handbook of Research Methodology

SAGE

This monograph focuses on the level of management culture development in

organizations attempting to disclose it not only with the help of theoretical insights but also by the approach based on employees and managers. Why was the term "management culture" that is rarely found in literature selected for the analysis? We are quite often faced with problems of terminology. Especially, it often happens in the translation from one language to another. While preparing this monograph, the authors had a number of questions on how to decouple the management culture from organization's culture and from organizational culture, how to separate management culture from managerial culture, etc. However, having analysed a variety of scientific research, it appeared that there is no need to break down the mentioned cultures because they still

overlap. Therefore, it is impossible to completely separate the management culture from the formal or informal part of organizational culture. Management culture inevitably exists in every organization, only its level of development may vary.

Social Science Research SAGE Publications

This paper reports on an exploratory study across three universities which was intended to help inform us about why students make the options choices that they do. More particularly, why do students choose? or choose not? to take social and environmental accounting courses? Based upon a series of interviews, a survey was drawn up and applied across the three universities. The data analysis reveals that whilst many

initial expectations were not incorrect, the reasons for student choice are more complex than social and environmental accounting teachers and researchers have tended to assume. This exploratory study points to a wider range of possible explanations for student choice that might be employed as foci in further work on why students do what they do.

Management Culture and Corporate Social Responsibility Springer

In this examination of the social interactions of children with visual impairments, theory and research are combined to explore how these children can be helped to succeed socially. Innovative practical strategies are provided for educators, researchers, and families on how to assist children in the development of social skills. Qualitative

ethnographic approaches demonstrate how classroom teachers can work effectively with individual children and present valuable insights about children's interactions.

Policy Advocacy, a Framework for Social Change in Pakistan SAGE

This proceedings volume explores the new and innovative ways in which marketers find new global customers and build meaningful bridges to them based on their wants and needs in order to ensure high levels of customer satisfaction. Customer loyalty is ensured through continuous engagement with an ever-changing and demanding customer base. Global forces are bringing cultures into collision, creating new challenges for firms wanting to reach geographically and culturally distant markets, and

causing marketing managers to rethink how to build meaningful and stable relationships with evermore demanding customers. In an era of vast new data sources and a need for innovative analytics, the challenge for the marketer is to reach customers in new and powerful ways. Featuring the full proceedings from the 2018 Academy of Marketing Science (AMS) World Marketing Congress (WMC) held in Porto, Portugal, this volume provides current and emerging research from global scholars and practitioners that will help marketers to engage and promote customer satisfaction. Founded in 1971, the Academy of Marketing Science is an international organization dedicated to promoting timely explorations of phenomena related to the science of

marketing in theory, research, and practice. Among its services to members and the community at large, the Academy offers conferences, congresses, and symposia that attract delegates from around the world. Presentations from these events are published in this Proceedings series, which offers a comprehensive archive of volumes reflecting the evolution of the field. Volumes deliver cutting-edge research and insights, complementing the Academy's flagship journals, the *Journal of the Academy of Marketing Science* (JAMS) and *AMS Review*. Volumes are edited by leading scholars and practitioners across a wide range of subject areas in marketing science. *Qualitative Research Practice* University of Chicago Press

The Second Edition of An Applied Guide to Research Designs offers researchers in the social and behavioral sciences guidance for selecting the most appropriate research design to apply in their study. Using consistent terminology, the authors visually present a range of research designs used in quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods to help readers conceptualize, construct, test, and problem solve in their investigation. The Second Edition features revamped and expanded coverage of research designs, new real-world examples and references, a new chapter on action research, and updated ancillaries.

Exploratory Research Into the Relationship Among Socio-economic Status, Significant Other Influences

and Level of Occupational Aspiration SAGE

Throughout history, storytelling has played a role in communicating messages. Organizational researchers have recently explored storytelling as a tool for interpreting organization processes and events. Stories have offered insight into messages in a descriptive way and bring out the interaction between employees and leaders. This exploratory research collected and analyzed 31 stories told by members of two law enforcement agencies: the Lovington Police Department, which as 19 employees, and the Artesia Police Department, which had 56 employees. The research problem investigated was how stories influence the attitude and behavior of

individuals in a law enforcement organization. This research is a single case study that provides an interpretive framework for collecting and analyzing data through interviews of stories selected from law enforcement officers. Stories were collected, recorded, and then imported into a software program known as Digital Voice Editor 2 for transcription. The stories were then entered into a computer database program NVivo 8, for categorization. An analysis of the stories collected in this study indicated that participation did reflect perceptions of the organization and did repeat organizational stories and beliefs in their narratives. Stories were categorized according to their mode (comic, tragic, epic, or romantic); examples of each type were elicited and

are discussed herein. The themes remained consistent within the departments. The management styles of the two departments, despite some consistent themes, were different. Management of the two departments reflected different understandings of employee perceptions, so recommendations are different for each agency. The agency environments were similar, yet the research indicated a need for different management methods in dealing with the different problems. Problems with employee morale generally stemmed from communication failures, often more a matter of failure to communicate rather than miscommunication, suggesting the possible benefits of more proactive communications. Storytelling research

offers insight into how a message is told in descriptive ways. Storytelling brings out the interaction between employees and leaders by offering an understanding of the social environment of the agencies and thus proving storytelling as a vital part of civilization and organizations. Future studies in storytelling within law enforcement organizations should involve larger departments and more diverse populations.

Final Report BoD – Books on Demand "Comprising more than 500 entries, the Encyclopedia of Research Design explains how to make decisions about research design, undertake research projects in an ethical manner, interpret and draw valid inferences from data, and evaluate experiment design strategies

and results. Two additional features carry this encyclopedia far above other works in the field: bibliographic entries devoted to significant articles in the history of research design and reviews of contemporary tools, such as software and statistical procedures, used to analyze results. It covers the spectrum of research design strategies, from material presented in introductory classes to topics necessary in graduate research; it addresses cross- and multidisciplinary research needs, with many examples drawn from the social and behavioral sciences, neurosciences, and biomedical and life sciences; it provides summaries of advantages and disadvantages of often-used strategies; and it uses hundreds of sample tables, figures, and equations based on real-life

cases."--Publisher's description.

An Exploratory Research Note SAGE

This book reviews the latest techniques in exploratory data mining (EDM) for the analysis of data in the social and behavioral sciences to help researchers assess the predictive value of different combinations of variables in large data sets. Methodological findings and conceptual models that explain reliable EDM techniques for predicting and understanding various risk mechanisms are integrated throughout. Numerous examples illustrate the use of these techniques in practice. Contributors provide insight through hands-on experiences with their own use of EDM techniques in various settings. Readers are also introduced to the most popular EDM software programs. A related

website at

<http://mephisto.unige.ch/pub/edm-book-supplement/offers> color versions of the book's figures, a supplemental paper to chapter 3, and R commands for some chapters. The results of EDM analyses can be perilous - they are often taken as predictions with little regard for cross-validating the results. This carelessness can be catastrophic in terms of money lost or patients misdiagnosed. This book addresses these concerns and advocates for the development of checks and balances for EDM analyses. Both the promises and the perils of EDM are addressed. Editors McArdle and Ritschard taught the "Exploratory Data Mining" Advanced Training Institute of the American Psychological Association (APA). All contributors are top

researchers from the US and Europe. Organized into two parts--methodology and applications, the techniques covered include decision, regression, and SEM tree models, growth mixture modeling, and time based categorical sequential analysis. Some of the applications of EDM (and the corresponding data) explored include: selection to college based on risky prior academic profiles the decline of cognitive abilities in older persons global perceptions of stress in adulthood predicting mortality from demographics and cognitive abilities risk factors during pregnancy and the impact on neonatal development Intended as a reference for researchers, methodologists, and advanced students in the social and behavioral sciences including psychology, sociology,

business, econometrics, and medicine, interested in learning to apply the latest exploratory data mining techniques. Prerequisites include a basic class in statistics.

An Exploratory Research Study SAGE Publications

Social Work Research Methods is a step-by-step journey through the process of conducting research. With over 30 years of teaching experience, author Reginald O. York helps readers discover how research can enable them to better serve clients in the field. Each chapter features a hands-on approach to producing research, with practical chapter exercises that reinforce methods mastery. Using their own data, students engage in realistic research activities and gain an appreciation for science-

informed practice as a means of evaluating client outcomes.

Social Inclusion and Urban Form : an Exploratory Research Study Pine Forge Press

The Encyclopedia of Tourism Management and Marketing is, quite simply, the definitive reference work in the field. This is the largest tourism management and marketing ontology that has ever been put together and offers a holistic examination of this interdisciplinary field. Bringing together a wealth of expertise, a team of international authors from all parts of the world shed light on the current state of tourism research and practice around the globe and provide unique insights into the field. Carefully curated by leading tourism scholar Dimitrios

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Generalized Blockmodeling SAGE Publications India

Arthur L. Stinchcombe has earned a

reputation as a leading practitioner of methodology in sociology and related disciplines. Throughout his distinguished career he has championed the idea that to be an effective sociologist, one must use many methods. This incisive work introduces students to the logic of those methods. The Logic of Social Research orients students to a set of logical problems that all methods must address to study social causation. Almost all sociological theory asserts that some social conditions produce other social conditions, but the theoretical links between causes and effects are not easily supported by observation. Observations cannot directly show causation, but they can reject or support causal theories with different degrees of credibility. As a result, sociologists have

created four main types of methods that Stinchcombe terms quantitative, historical, ethnographic, and experimental to support their theories. Each method has value, and each has its uses for different research purposes. Accessible and astute, *The Logic of Social Research* offers an image of what sociology is, what it's all about, and what the craft of the sociologist consists of. [An Applied Guide to Research Designs Exploratory Research in the Social Sciences](#) This book provides an integrated treatment of generalized blockmodeling appropriate for the analysis network structures. [Exploratory Studies and Strategies](#) SAGE Publications This study is an exploratory analysis of

the belief in free will within the social sciences. While free will is a common topic in many fields, currently, very little research has investigated this topic. As such, this study was based on the assumption that no statistical difference would be found between the social sciences on belief in free will. To investigate this hypothesis, a historical case study was used to analyze belief in free will among professionals in the social science fields. Three general problems were addressed. First, this study examined the consistency of the belief in free will or determinism across the major divisions of the soft sciences. Second, this investigation highlighted the differences found within anthropology and political science. Lastly, consistency and inconsistency in

the belief of free will and determinism within the social sciences was discussed. Significance was found in political science and anthropology. Two potential implications are addressed for these findings. Firstly, anthropology and political science may not accurately be classified as social sciences. Secondly, a mobius model was introduced to explain the natural flow of quantitative and qualitative methods that define the social sciences. These results provide an understanding of the social sciences beliefs concerning free-will. As no research has investigated belief in this way before, this research provides a basis for further research. Further research should be pursued addressing the role of religion, time, sub-fields, and work in multiple fields. The proposed

mobius-model should also be further analyzed.

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