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Scientific integrity in qualitative research seminar (SCIQUAL)

Venue: Sweelinckzaal, Drift 21, Utrecht

September 13th (9.30 am – 5.30 pm); September 14th (10 am – 4 pm)¹

Call for submissions

It is a pleasure to invite you to submit your abstracts to the poster/discussion session of the **Seminar on scientific integrity in qualitative research (SCIQUAL)**. The seminar is organized by Methodology and Statistics Department of Utrecht University, The Netherlands and will take place in Utrecht on September 13th and 14th, 2017.

SCIQUAL includes the following: A talk session where invited speakers give short presentations about their work (followed by discussions), and a poster session. Apart from these two sessions, we are also planning to include a discussion hour if there are adequate number of requests from attendees. The idea of the discussion hour would then be to give the attendees a chance to discuss their research and clarify specific questions with experts.

Our speakers for the talk session are:

Prof. Martyn Hammersley (The Open University, UK)

Prof. Bill Lee (University of Sheffield, UK)

Prof. Gillian Symon (University of London, UK)

Prof. Giampietro Gobo (University of Milan, Italy)

Prof. Michael Gibbert (Università della Svizzera italiana, Switzerland)

Dr. Marit Helene Hem (University of Oslo, Norway)

Dr. Gerben Moerman (University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands)

Dr. Floryt van Wesel (Utrecht University, The Netherlands)

Dr. Lakshmi Balachandran Nair (Utrecht University, The Netherlands)

Theme

Scientific integrity or the commitment of researchers to adhere to the basic rules of good scientific practice is a much discussed topic nowadays. Especially in the case of qualitative research, where there is a lack of standardized measures to ensure the quality of the methods, scientific integrity is a

¹ Tentative schedule



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fuzzy concept and a big concern. To add on to this, increasing demands to publish or perish compel researchers to produce strong, concrete, evidence-based contributions (Jones, 2013) at an alarmingly fast pace. Other factors like financial constraints, competition etc. also might tempt scientists to achieve success swiftly through the use of unfair research practices (Salathé, 2008). This is an alarming trait since good science is supposed to be credible, authentic, trustworthy and ethical.

Therefore, SCIQUAL focuses on different aspects of scientific integrity specifically pertaining to qualitative research methods. A few topics which would come under the umbrella term of scientific integrity includes:

- Plagiarism
- Research misconduct (falsifying or fabricating data)
- Questionable research practices
- Ethical dilemmas
- Transparency
- Data sharing
- Integrity during the research process (conflicts of interest, anonymity, confidentiality etc.)
- Pressure to publish and its effects on scientific integrity

Any other topic which might fit in with the main theme are also welcome.

Guide for authors

The deadline to submit abstracts is **June 30**. The abstract should contain a maximum of 500 words, including references. A minimum of 1 and a maximum of 5 keyword(s) should be included along with. A maximum of 1 figure (size < 1 MB) is also allowed.

Please send your abstracts to scientificintegrity2017@uu.nl

Important Dates

Deadline for submission: **June 30**

Notification of acceptance: **August 1**

Organising committee:

Dr. Lakshmi Balachandran Nair with the Methodology and Statistics Department, Utrecht University

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We look forward to seeing you at SCIQUAL!