



## Qualitative Data for Realist Evaluations

### Tuesday, May 31, 2016

8:30 am - 4:00 pm

**Cartier Place Suites Hotel**  
**180 Cooper Street, Ottawa**

**Description:** Instead of asking whether or not a program or intervention 'works', realist evaluation provides methods for determining "what works for whom in what contexts, in what respects, and how". This type of theory-based evaluation is particularly important when new interventions are being developed; when interventions are being considered for replication or scaling up; when programs are complex or are being introduced in complex settings; or when previous evaluations of programs have found mixed outcomes.

Qualitative data is used in multiple ways in realist evaluations. This workshop will outline the ways in which it is used, and the particular requirements that a realist approach implies for the nature of information to be collected and analysed. Realist interviews are intended to be theory-building and/or theory testing and to be iterative in nature. The implications for evaluation design, research ethics applications, interview techniques and data management will be explored.

This one-day workshop will focus on qualitative data (e.g. interviews and focus groups, qualitative components of surveys). The workshop will provide:

- A brief introduction to realist evaluation, its key assumptions, and the implications of taking a realist approach for evaluation design, implementation and analysis;
- An introduction to realist interviewing, including Pawson and Tilley's idea of 'teacher learner interviews'. Exercises will include writing and testing interview questions for different purposes in realist interviews;
- An introduction to issues and skills in realist qualitative analysis, with opportunities to practice realist qualitative analysis;
- Practical issues to be managed in the use of qualitative data for realist evaluations – sample design, research ethics, data management and other issues identified by participants.

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