

REALIST METHODS and REALIST SYNTHESIS TRAINING WORKSHOPS WITH DR. GILL WESTHORP

February 18th and / or 19th, 2014

College of Pharmacy and Nutrition, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Registration: \$275 for one day workshop / or \$350 for both days

Special registration fee for Graduate Students who wish to attend. Contact us for details.

February 18, 2014 Realist Evaluation

Target audience: Evaluation practitioners and commissioners in Government, NGOs, consultants, and academicians. All participants are expected to have at least a working knowledge of evaluation (commissioning, designing and/or conducting). No experience in realist evaluation is necessary. This will be an applied program and all participants are requested to 'bring a program' (or policy, initiative, strategy) to work on.

This one day workshop will;

- Introduce the concepts that underpin realist research and evaluation approaches;
- Explain the particular meanings, and provide examples of the three key ideas in realist evaluation – context, mechanism and outcome;
- Explore techniques for realist evaluation design, including developing realist questions, selecting appropriate data collection methods, and the analytic approach;
- Provide practical examples from real world evaluations;
- Provide opportunities for participants to practice applying the ideas to their own policies or programs.

The Presenter

Dr Gill Westhorp is an internationally recognised specialist in realist methodologies. She runs a consultancy business specialising in realist evaluation and realist synthesis based in Adelaide, Australia. She is also Adjunct Associate Professor at Charles Darwin University, Darwin, and an Associate at RMIT University, Melbourne. She regularly provides professional development for academics and evaluators around the world, and consults to research and evaluation teams as a realist methodologist. Her methodological work initially focussed on developing realist methods for settings that lack good quality outcomes data. She now focuses on complexity theory and realist evaluation.



February 19, 2014 Realist Synthesis

Target audience: This program targets researchers and evaluators who are undertaking, or wish to undertake, a realist synthesis. PhD candidates and commissioners of reviews may also find it of value. All participants are expected to have at least a working knowledge of literature review. No experience in realist synthesis is necessary. This will be a practical program and all participants are requested to bring a potential topic, policy or program for review.

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This one day workshop will;

- explain the key differences between realist synthesis and other forms of systematic review;
- explain the key ideas in realist philosophy and their implications for review methods;
- introduce the RAMESES standards for realist synthesis and other resources to support researchers undertaking syntheses;
- provide practical guidance and examples for specific steps in realist synthesis, including developing appropriate questions for realist synthesis, eliciting program theory, literature searching, data extraction, analysis and writing up;
- Provide opportunities for participants to practice applying the ideas to their topics for realist synthesis.

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Registration form:

Registration Deadline February 10, 2014

Name:			
Institution:			
Phone Number:			
Email Address:			
Desired Date(s):	February 18, 2014 only (Realist Evaluation)	\$275.00	
	February 19, 2014 only (Realist Synthesis)	\$275.00	
	February 18 and 19, 2014	\$350.00	
Dietary or Disability requirements:			
Payment can be made by Visa or Mastercard (3% processing fee) or Cheque			
Visa / Mastercard #			
Expiry:			
Signature:			

Please send complete registration form to Leane King at leanes.king@usask.ca or via fax to (306) 966-6377

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Bessborough Hotel: deltahotels.com/Hotels/Delta-Bessborough
Sheraton Hotel: sheratoncavaliersaskatoon.com

Cancellation Policy: We will refund full registration if canceled before February 10th, 2014. No refunds will be processed after this date.

If you have any questions regarding this workshop, please contact Leane King at 306 966-2833