



CENTRE FOR ADVANCEMENT IN REALIST EVALUATION AND SYNTHESIS (CARES)
WORKSHOP WITH JUSTIN JAGOSH, Ph.D.

Introduction to Realist Evaluation and Synthesis

JANUARY 26th and 27th 2017 (Thursday-Friday)



Dr. Justin Jagosh is a senior research fellow at the University of Liverpool and Director of the *Centre for Advancement in Realist Evaluation and Synthesis (CARES)*. He previously held a Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Postdoctoral Fellowship in which he led a large realist review on *the Impact of Participatory Research*. He is currently conducting original research to advance realist methodology in the health sciences and facilitates introductory and intermediate level workshops on the use of realist methodology for evaluation and review.

Realist methodology assists us in understanding the observable and 'hidden' forces that produce outcomes in complex health and social interventions. In this 1.5 day workshop, participants will explore the advantages and challenges of using this methodology in evaluating or synthesizing evidence - to move past the question of 'was it successful?' to better understanding **how, for whom, and under what circumstances** interventions produce their particular outcomes. This workshop is suitable for those new to the methodology, as well as those who are currently working on realist projects.

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Professional:
£200

Student:
£125

TO REGISTER

Places are limited to 30. To register please use this link: <TBA>

LOCATION

The Chapel, Foresight Centre, University of Liverpool, 1 Brownlow Street

**For registration queries or assistance please contact Kathleen McAdam:
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DAY 1 – January 26th

12:00pm - 1:00pm (Lunch Provided)
1:00pm – 4:00pm (Part 1)

Day 1 will provide an orientation to realist evaluation and synthesis by pointing to the key literature, explaining fundamental methodology concepts, and touching upon the corresponding philosophy of Realism. Participants will gain an understanding of the underlying logic of realist methodology; a view of the mindset needed to use the approach, and a vision of the overall process of doing a realist evaluation or review. Two simple exercises will be provided for hands-on practice.

DAY 2 – January 27th

9:30am – 12:30pm (Part 2)
12:30pm – 1:00pm (Lunch Provided)
1:00pm – 4:00pm (Part 3)

Day 2 will bring in more advanced concepts with a focus on understanding mechanisms, CMO configurations and realist theorizing. Those who are currently applying realist methodology will be encouraged to share their challenges and insights and seek the advice of others. Those who are at the contemplation stage will be encouraged to develop their preliminary ideas. Those who would like to simply sit and listen are also welcome to do so. You will be asked to complete a brief questionnaire a few weeks in advance of the workshop.