

Centre for Advancement in Realist Evaluation and Synthesis

Spring/Summer 2018 Events. For more information or to register please go to

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ReMOTE Workshop:

“Incorporating Middle-Range Theory in Realist Evaluation and Synthesis”

June 14th, 2018. This workshop is offered twice @ 1:00am* (BST) and again at 5:00pm (BST)

[*for reference 1:00am (BST) is 10:00am in Sydney Australia]

This 2.5 hour online training webinar will explain how to incorporate middle-range theory (MRT) in applications of Realist Methodology. Pawson and Tilley (1997) have argued for the importance of theorizing the logic of programmes in relation to ‘what works, for whom, under what circumstances, and how’. This may involve using a creative retroductive process to develop original theory statements or to pool from the existing theoretical literature or a combination of the two. The aim of this webinar is to increase capacity for incorporating MRT in project design and analysis. Participants new to realist methodology can view the following video for an introductory overview in advance of the workshop:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=11&v=QrneOfFXz0

For more information please go to: <https://realistmethodology-cares.org/140618-remote-workshop-incorporating-middlerange-theory-in-realist-evaluation-and-synthesis/>

Introduction to Realist Evaluation and Synthesis – (few spaces remaining)

May 21st and 22nd, 2018. Foresight Centre, University of Liverpool

This introductory workshop will present fundamental concepts in realist methodology to help participants understand how complex interventions can be realistically assessed and improved. Participants will learn about realist philosophy, scientific realism, evidence-informed theory development, middle-range theories and the context-mechanism-outcome configuration. Determining the scale and scope of realist inquiry, protocol development, appraisal and other issues will be addressed in an interactive setting with multiple examples and hands-on exercises. Participants should expect to leave with a clear understanding of the fundamental approach in realist methodology and motivation for continued exploration.

For more information or to register please go to: <https://realistmethodology-cares.org/may2018-intro-to-realist-methodology/>

5th Annual CARES Summer School for Realist Methodology Training

July 17th – 20th, 2018. Foresight Centre, University of Liverpool

The 5th Annual CARES Summer School for Realist Methodology Training is a 4-day programme designed to orient researchers, evaluators, commissioners, policy makers and others in the principles and practice of realist inquiry. The application of realist methodology to inquiry is a careful study. For many, collective effort and co-learning is fundamental to developing an inspired capacity to undertake the approach. The Summer School is designed around open-group consultations on participant projects to resolve conceptual challenges and demonstrate commonalities across a diverse range of projects. Exposure to this diversity in application builds a robust understanding of the approach and a community of practice for post-workshop peer support.

For more information or to register please go to: <https://realistmethodology-cares.org/annual-cares-summer-school/>

2018 CARES Advanced Training in Realist Methodology and Retrodution

July 24th – 27th, 2018. University of Liverpool in London (33 Finsbury Square, London)

The 2018 advanced course is for participants who have already taken prior realist methodology training and are seeking a focussed environment to advance in their project. Participants can expect to improve their understanding of foundational realist concepts including ‘retrodution’, ‘mechanisms’ and the ‘context-mechanism-outcome’ configuration. Candidates must be working on projects involving realist methodology and should have an interest in group consultation. There will be opportunity to receive individualized attention on projects, time to work through research design issues and discuss challenges. Please note that there are pre-requisites for this training and requires pre-approval from the workshop instructor.

For more information please go to: <https://realistmethodology-cares.org/advancedtraininglondon2018/>