

Hi Folks,

Members of our qualitative community may find this CFP interesting:

Grounded Theory as a Research Theory and Research Paradigm

Sociological Focus invites submissions for a special issue on Grounded Theory. We are seeking empirical and theoretical papers that in various ways address the Logic of Grounded Theory. The “object of study” is not the key point. Any kind of empirical subject matter is acceptable. In other words, this is not a Call for Papers directed to the study of any specific topic like race, gender or class per se. Instead, the goal is to be reflexive about the possible strengths and weaknesses of the Grounded Theory approach.

We are seeking papers that explore (among other possible topics):

1. How Grounded Theory should ideally be conducted as a Research Theoretical Approach.
2. The development of different versions of Grounded Theory over the last several decades.
3. Examples of the heuristic value of Grounded Theory in examining a specific topic.
4. How Grounded Theory is related to the study of everyday interaction in Symbolic Interactionism.
5. How Grounded Theory might be used as a way to do Ethnomethodological Research.
6. How knowledge production in the social sciences (not just sociology per se) is facilitated by taking a Grounded Theory Approach.
7. Ways in which the use of Grounded Theory has led to more adequate understanding of specific research topics.
8. Evaluations of current literature where Grounded Theory has been the major Research Theory and/or Research Paradigm.
9. The Quantitative versus Qualitative debate and the notion of “Mixed Methods” where a Grounded Theory Research Theory is compared and contrasted to a more Quantitative Research Theory in the same study, at more or less the same time.
10. Comparison of Max Weber’s notion of ideal types and what could be called “Ideal Type Models” (ITMs) with a Logic of Method that is based on Grounded Theory but nevertheless tends to point to what are considered epistemologically Real Types.
11. A philosophical critique of Qualitative research in the social sciences and a strong argument in favor of the Hypothetico-Deductive Method as still implicit in Grounded Theory.

Other issues concerning Grounded Theory are also fine. The goal is to get more discussion of Grounded Theory, especially among a new generation of scholars. Of course senior scholars may want to mentor younger scholars by reflecting on their own personal experiences or considered

theoretical and Methodological (i.e Logic of Method) views. Papers addressing these or any other questions concerning Grounded Theory are welcome.

The suggested length is about 6,000 to 8,000 words, including end notes and bibliographical references. Carefully proof read your manuscript for spelling, grammar, and adequate use of references. Complete reference information for all on line sources must be provided including date of actual consultation of the URL. All manuscripts must be submitted through Manuscript Central and are subject to the normal double-anonymous refereeing process, but potential authors are welcome to discuss their ideas in advance with the Special Issue Editor. The deadline for submitting papers is June 20, 2017. Please submit at <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/usfo> and choose the Grounded Theory special issue option.

This special issue will be guest edited by J. I. (Hans) Bakker (hbakker@uoguelph.ca), a former President and lifetime member of the NAACP and member of the *Sociological Focuseditorial* board.