

GROUNDED THEORY TROUBLE SHOOTING SEMINAR **Oxford University Club, UK, February 22-24, 2010**

Co-Presenters

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The conference is co-arranged with Dr. Barney Glaser, Ph.D., Hon. Ph.D. and The Grounded Theory Institute, Mill Valley, California, USA. www.groundedtheory.com

OVERVIEW

- Day 1, Monday 22 February, is a one day introduction to Grounded Theory. It will be of interest to all those considering using, or who are already using, the GT research method.
- Days 2 & 3, Tuesday-Wednesday, February 23-24, are designed for PhD students at any stage of the research process, who have committed to using classic grounded theory and wish to have some help in troubleshooting particular aspects of the methodology in relation to their study.

PARTICIPANTS:

Applications are invited for:

Day 1 only \$200 USD

Days 1, 2 & 3 (Troubleshootees/Observers, \$400 USD)

'Early Bird' Applicants will be notified on Monday January 11th as to whether their application has been successful. Applications received after January 11th will be notified within three weeks of receipt of their application.

Rooms are available at the University Club from between £65 to £88 per night please quote Grounded Theory Seminar when booking but **Please do not make travel arrangements until your place has been confirmed .**

How to Apply: Troubleshootees

There will be places for maximum of 12 Troubleshootees - active participants at PhD candidate or postdoctoral level to bring their work for trouble shooting. Troubleshootees must bring hardcopies of data, interviews, observations, or memos related to your specific problem or concern that you wish to have addressed during the troubleshooting seminar. You should select 1-5 pages of information and make 25 copies for distribution to other participants at the seminar. Interested participants should apply by forwarding:

- a brief description of your research project including your use of Grounded Theory detailing the stage of your research and particularly answering the following questions:
 1. What is the area/focus of your research?
 2. Where are you in the GT process?
 3. Have you identified your core category? If so please elaborate.
 4. What would you like help with/feedback on from the seminar?
 5. Which GT books have you read?
 6. Are you using classic, Glaserian Grounded Theory?
- academic status (i.e. whether you are writing a thesis or whether you already have your Ph.D.)
- academic affiliation (mailing address, telephone & fax numbers and email address).

Please forward the above information to Helen.mp.scott@talktalk.net Please note we will be looking for a mix of types of studies and stages of research, so if you are unsuccessful in gaining a place it will be no reflection on your work.

How to Apply: Observers

There will be places for a limited number of Observers who wish to attend all 3 days. Those who attend are likely to be PhD students using Grounded Theory, PhD or MSc supervisors or industry professionals using Grounded Theory. As an Observer, you will not have the opportunity to have issues related to your specific study addressed in session but you will learn by observing the troubleshooting of other GT studies.

If you are conducting a Grounded Theory study please answer the six questions listed above and also let us know your academic status and academic affiliation. If you are not conducting a Grounded Theory study, please detail your academic status, your academic affiliation, your interest in the seminar and what you would like to gain from the seminar. Applications should be sent to helen.mp.scott@talktalk.net

How to Apply: Attending Day 1 only.

As for Observers – see paragraph immediately above.

PREPARATION

Required reading for *all participants* in advance of the seminar:

- Glaser, B. G. (1978). *Theoretical Sensitivity: Advances in the methodology of grounded theory*. Mill Valley, CA: Sociology Press.
- Glaser, B. G. (1998). *Doing Grounded Theory: Issues and discussions*. Mill Valley, CA: Sociology Press.

Additional suggested reading:

- Glaser, B.G. & Strauss, A.L. (1967). *The Discovery of Grounded Theory*. Mill Valley, CA: Sociology Press
- Glaser, B. G. (2001). *The Grounded Theory Perspective: Conceptualization contrasted with description*. Mill Valley, CA: Sociology Press.

- Glaser, B. G. (2003). *The Grounded Theory Perspective II: Description's remodeling of grounded theory methodology*. Mill Valley, CA: Sociology Press.
- Glaser, B.G. (2005). *The Grounded Theory Perspective III: Theoretical Coding*. Mill Valley, CA: Sociology Press.
- Glaser, B.G. & Holton, J.A. Eds. (2007). *The Grounded Theory Seminar Reader*. Mill Valley, CA: Sociology Press

Books may be ordered online from Sociology Press, www.sociologypress.com
 P.O. Box 400, Mill Valley, CA, USA 94942
 Telephone 415 388 8431 or fax 415 381 2254.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

Day 1, Monday, February 22

An Introduction to Classic Grounded Theory

An overview of classic GT methodology including its origins, philosophical perspective and distinct research paradigm. Participants will be introduced to the full procedures of classic GT including data collection, coding (open & selective), data analysis (constant comparison, interchangeability of indicators, theoretical saturation), conceptual memoing, theoretical sampling, hand sorting of memos to theoretical integration through theoretical coding.

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| 08.30-9.00 | Registration |
| 9.00- 9.30 | Welcome & Introductions |
| 9:30–11:00 | Lecture by Dr. Holton, Classic Grounded Theory Methodology: An Introduction & Overview |
| 11:00-11:30 | Break |
| 11:30-12:30 | Question Period |
| 12:30 – 1:30 | LUNCH BREAK |
| 1:30 - 3:00 | Doing Classic Grounded Theory: Challenges for the Novice GT Researcher (Roundtable Discussion) |
| 3:00- 3:30 | Break. |
| 3:30 – 5:00 | Presenting Classic Grounded Theory Studies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Temporal Integration of Connected Study into a Structured Life</i> (Dr. Scott, Education) • <i>Pluralistic Dialoguing: A theory of interdisciplinary teamworking</i> (Dr. McCallin, Nursing) • <i>Rehumanizing Knowledge Work through Fluctuating Support Networks</i> (Dr. Holton, Management Studies) |
| 5:00 – 5:30 | Session Wrap-up |

Day 2, Tuesday, February 23

- 9.00-10.30 Opening lecture by Dr Scott
- 10:30–12:00 Trouble shooting (2 participants present their research for troubleshooting)
- 12:00 – 1:30 LUNCH BREAK
- 1:30- 3:00 Trouble shooting (2 participants present their research for troubleshooting)
- 3:00 – 3:30 Break
- 3:30 – 5:00 Trouble shooting (2 participants present their research for troubleshooting)
- 5:00 – 6:00 Teleconference with Dr. Barney Glaser

Day 3, Wednesday, February 24

- 9.00- 10:00 Debrief of Day 2
- 10:00 – 12:30 Trouble shooting continued (3 participants present their research for troubleshooting)
- 12:30 –2:00 LUNCH courtesy of the Grounded Theory Institute
- 2:00 –4:00 Trouble shooting (3 participants present their research for troubleshooting)
- 4:00-4:30 Break
- 4:30-5:30 Debrief

For further information and to apply please contact: helen.mp.scott@talktalk.net