Institutional Ethnography

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Institutional Ethnography Sessions at the ISA World Congress

The Thematic Group on Institutional Ethnography is sponsoring nine sessions during the World Congress. All of the sessions are during the last three days of the conference: July 17-19. Eight of the sessions are paper presentations. The Group's Business Meeting will be held on Thursday evening, 7:00-8:50pm. All meetings are in room 424.

The Language of Research As Problematic: Doing Institutional Ethnography Beyond the Ruling of the Mainstream Culture

Thursday, July 17, 2014: 10:30 AM-12:20 PM
Session Organizer: Sophie POMERLEAU, Université McGill, Canada
Chair: Lois ANDRE-BECHELY, Cal State Univ Los Angeles, USA

Institutional Ethnography for Oppressed People
Kjeld HOEGSBRO, Aalborg University, Denmark

Ruling Relations at Work: The Active and Occurring Text in the Everyday Life of a Local School
Lyn KERKHAM, University of South Australia, Australia; **Helen NIXON**, Queensland University of Technology, Australia

Teaching Ourselves and Reviewers Institutional Ethnography in the Process of Publishing
Suzanne VAUGHAN, Arizona State University, USA; **Paul C. LUKEN**, University of West Georgia, USA

What's Another Word for "Ruling Relations"?: Translating IE Research to Community, Government and Academics in Medicine
Melody MORTON NINOMIYA, Memorial University, Canada

The Fluidity of Texts and Structures: Exploring Institutional Ethnography of the Child Protection System in Dominican Republic
Henry PARADA, Ryerson University, Canada

Explicating the Ruling Relations of Management
Thursday, July 17, 2014: 3:30 PM-5:20 PM
Session Organizer: Cheryl ZURAWSKI, University of Regina, Canada
Chair: Paul C. LUKEN, University of West Georgia, USA

Standardisation, Literacy and School Leadership: The Differential Effects of Policy
Phillip CORMACK, University of South Australia, Australia; **Barbara COMBER**, Queensland University of Technology, Australia

"We Want to Report about Everything!" How the Technologies of Results-Based Management Protect the Comfort Zone of Donors in International Development Cooperation
Christoph HAUG, University of Gothenburg, Sweden

The Work of Producing Quality in Changing Academia from the Standpoint of Junior Female Scholars
Rebecca LUND, Aalto University, Finland
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Managing Communication Access in Health Care: Who's in Charge?
Marjorie DEVAULT, Syracuse University, USA

Educational Leadership Blind Spots: How Institutional Ethnography Helps in the Rethinking of Administrative Practice
Lois ANDRE-BECHELY, Cal State Univ Los Angeles, USA

When Western IE Meets Eastern Culture of Care
Thursday, July 17, 2014: 5:30 PM-7:20 PM
Session Organizer: Frank T.Y. WANG, National Chengchi University, Taiwan
Chair: Marjorie DEVAULT, Syracuse University, USA

Navigating Domestic Violence Protection Law By Immigrant Wives in Taiwan
Wen-hui Anna TANG, National Sun Yat-sen University, Taiwan

Living in the Gray Zone: State's in/Exclusion of Live-in Migrant Care Workers in Taiwan
Li-Fang LIANG, National Yang-Ming University, Taiwan

How Indigenous People Are Excluded from Caring Their Children?
Frank T.Y. WANG, National Chengchi University, Taiwan

Charity and Social Exclusion in Taiwanese Education System for Disabled Students
Heng-hao CHANG, National Taipei University, Taiwan

TG06 Business Meeting
Thursday, July 17, 2014: 7:30 PM-8:50 PM

Educational Accountability Practices in Systems, Educational Institutions and Homes
Friday, July 18, 2014: 8:30 AM-10:20 AM
Session Organizer: Barbara COMBER, Queensland University of Technology, Australia
Chair: Phillip CORMACK, University of South Australia, Australia

Educational Accountability, Safety, and Youth
Alison GRIFFITH, York University, Canada; **Naomi NICHOLS**, York University, Canada

Discovering Ideological Codes in the Professional Work of Daycare Personnel
Ann Christin NILSEN, University of Agder, Norway

Literacy Leadership and Accountability Practices: Holding Onto Ethics in Ways That Count
Lyn KERKHAM, University of South Australia, Australia; **Barbara COMBER**, Queensland University of Technology, Australia

Investigating Teachers' Decision-Making about the Use of Digital Technology in Kindergarten
Sandra GRANT, Queensland University of Technology, Australia; **Professor Susan DANBY**, Queensland University of Technology, Australia

Students' Educational Achievements or Practicing of Citizenship: Disjunction or Alternative
Krystyna SIELLAWA-KOLBOWSKA, Warsaw University of Life Sciences, Poland; **Krzysztof KOSELA**, University of Warsaw, Poland

Issues and Developments in Institutional Ethnography
Friday, July 18, 2014: 10:30 AM-12:20 PM
Session Organizer: Alison GRIFFITH, York University, Canada
Chair: Suzanne VAUGHAN, Arizona State University, USA

Institutional Ethnography and The Uses Of Critical Discourse Analysis
David PEACOCK, University of Queensland, Australia

Institutional Ethnography and the "New Materialism"
Liza MCCOY, University of Calgary, Canada

Reflections on the Future Development of Institutional Ethnographic Inquiry
Eric MYKHALOVSKIY, York University, Canada

Discovering Agency, Material Practices & Marginalization – Examples from an Institutional Ethnography on Hidden Disabilities in Working Life
Maria NORSTEDT, University of Lund, Sweden

Policy, Practices, Troubles, and Resistance
Friday, July 18, 2014: 3:30 PM-5:20 PM
Session Organizer: Paul C. LUKEN, University of West Georgia, USA
Chair: Alison GRIFFITH, York University, Canada

Making Trouble: Ruling Relations For Students and Teachers In Non-Academic Pathways
Catherine DOHERTY, Queensland University of Technology, Australia

Reflecting on Work Practices: Possibilities for Dialogue and Collaborative Knowledge Production in Institutional Ethnography
Riikka HOMANEN, University of Tampere, Finland

The Realpolitik of Sexual Assault: Cartographies of Gender, Consent, Standpoint and University "Hookup Cultures"
Jason LAKER, San Jose State University, USA; **Erica BOAS**, San Jose State University, USA

Giving Sense to Social Policy Implementation and Its Evaluation Analyzing the Institutional Work: The Case of a French Social Security Local Organization
Nadia OKBANI, Centre Emile Durkheim, Science Po Bordeaux (EDSP2), France

Gendering Responsibility: Work Practices and Institutional Responses to Intimate Partner Violence in Finland and in Russia
Tuija VIRKKI, University of Jyväskylä, Finland; **Maija JÄPPINEN**, University of Helsinki, Finland

Interdisciplinary Applications of Institutional Ethnography
Saturday, July 19, 2014: 8:30 AM-10:20 AM
Session Organizer: Lois ANDRE-BECHELY, Cal State Univ Los Angeles, USA
Chair: Lauren EASTWOOD, State University of New York, College at Plattsburgh, USA

Health Discourse, Ruling Relations and Work Knowledge
Shiho SATO, The Norwegian School of Sport Sciences, Norway

Colonialism, Land Use Planning, and Indigenous Rights: Using Institutional Ethnography to Understand the Colonial Rationalities of Planning in 21st Century Chile
Magdalena UGARTE, University of British Columbia, Canada

Contradictory Ruling Regulations in Practice – Empirical Evidence from an Implementation Study on Tolerated Refugees Access to the Vocational Training System in Germany
Angela BAUER, Institute for Employment Research, Germany

Can Actor Relational Approach be Combined with Institutional Ethnography – What Could be the Benefits When Studying Information and Communication Technology Use in Child Welfare?
Raija KOSKINEN, University of Helsinki, Finland

Understanding the Market: An Ethnographic Exploration of the City of London
Alex SIMPSON, University of York, United Kingdom

The Institutional Challenges of the Legal Frameworks in the Contemporary World

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Working Circumspectly: What Are the Implications for Teaching in Multicultural Australia?
Margaret PERGER, Deakin University, Australia

The Managerialization of International Collaboration: The Silencing of Social Justice Solidarity
Henry PARADA, Ryerson University, Canada

Indigenous Peoples Organizations in Intergovernmental Policy: Conflicts and Strategies for Participation
Lauren EASTWOOD, State University of New York, College at Plattsburgh, USA

Contested Control: An Institutional Ethnography of Immigration Offices in Germany
Tobias EULE, University of Bern, Switzerland

New Institutional Ethnography Anthology by Dorothy Smith and Susan Turner

Incorporating Texts into Institutional Ethnographies
Edited by Dorothy E. Smith and Susan Marie Turner
University of Toronto Press, Scholarly Publishing Division © 2014

In *Incorporating Texts into Institutional Ethnographies*, Dorothy E. Smith and Susan Marie Turner present a selection of essays highlighting perhaps the single most distinctive feature of the sociological approach known as Institutional Ethnography (IE) – the ethnographic investigation of how texts coordinate and organize people's activities across space and time. The chapters, written by scholars who are relatively new to IE as well as IE veterans, illustrate the wide variety of ways in which IE investigations can be done, as well as the breadth of topics IE has been used to study. Both a collection of examples that can be used in teaching and research project design and an excellent introduction to IE methods and techniques, *Incorporating Texts into Institutional Ethnographies* is an essential contribution to the subject.
(Text taken from the University of Toronto Press Publishing:
http://www.utppublishing.com/Incorporating-Texts-into-Institutional-Ethnographies.html)

Vote on Revised TG06 Statutes at the World Congress

The Statutes of the Thematic Group on Institutional Ethnography were reviewed and approved at the time the Group was established in May 2011. A later review, however, noted some deficiencies in the Statutes. Below you will find both the current statutes and an emended version that should meet the ISA requirements. The revision includes a brief statement of By-Laws as well. The changes are highlighted for your convenience. These changes will be discussed and voted on during the TG06 Business Meeting at the upcoming World Congress.

Current Statutes

Introduction

Institutional ethnography is an alternative sociology founded by Dorothy E. Smith that examines social relations and social institutions from the standpoint of the experiences of particular, active subjects. It is distinct from other sociological modes of investigation in that it is not under the direction or conceptual control of any sociological theory; rather, inquiry begins in and remains in the social world in which we live. The aims of institutional ethnography investigations are threefold. The first is to discover how it is that day in and day out we put together our social world, including how our local everyday activities are linked to and coordinated by social relations that are not entirely visible from any one location. The second aim is to develop new ways of discovering ruling relations that are consistent with the materialist social ontology of institutional ethnography. The third aim is to build knowledge of institutional processes in general. This work involves an examination of studies done in varied institutional settings and drawing out those relations and social processes that are commonly found across institutions. Throughout institutional ethnography investigations, however, the focus is on the material world: what people are doing, with whom they are doing it, and the conditions under which their activities are carried out. Institutional ethnography investigations are not limited to any specific substantive area of research or professional practice.

Article I. Objectives

The goals of the Institutional Ethnography Thematic Group are the following:
a. to develop international contacts among sociologists and social activists interested in institutional ethnography as a mode of inquiry;
b. to encourage the worldwide exchange of research findings, methodological advances and theoretical developments relevant to institutional ethnography;
c. to promote international meetings and research collaboration by scholars and social activists using institutional ethnography;

Article II. Activities

To achieve these ends we shall
a. organize sessions during world congresses,
b. conduct at least one mid-term meeting between world congresses,
c. produce and distribute a newsletter twice a year. The newsletter might be substituted by new means of communication in accordance with ISA regulations. The Vice-President shall be responsible for editing the newsletter which shall be distributed electronically.
d. maintain a directory of members,
e. conduct business meetings during the world congresses and other ISA meetings.

Article III. Membership

a. There are two types of members: regular and affiliated members.
    i. Regular members in good standing are those who have paid their Group dues, and who are also members in good standing of the ISA.
    ii. Affiliated members in good standing have paid Group dues but are not ISA members in good standing. Affiliated members may fully participate in the activities of the Group, but affiliated members may not act as Board members.
b. All regular and affiliated members shall
    i. uphold the present statutes;
    ii. conscientiously fulfill the tasks entrusted to them.
    iii. participate actively in recruiting new members, and disseminate news of Group activities and of research by Group members;
    iv. pay dues for a four year period in a timely manner or, exceptionally, seek an exemption from dues by application to the Group Secretary-Treasurer. Non-payment of dues will lead to loss of membership six months after the final period paid for, unless special arrangements are made.
    v. receive regular communication from the Board.
c. All Group members are encouraged to join the ISA since the ISA may take into consideration the number of regular members when determining the Group's rights and benefits.
d. Membership fees will be determined by the Board.

Article IV. Members of the Board

a. Officers and Board members shall be knowledgeable of institutional ethnography and be regular members of the Group. They shall be dedicated to working toward the Group objectives.

b. The Board shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary-Treasurer and at least two other members of the Board.

c. The terms of office shall be four years and no officer may serve more than two consecutive terms except to serve as President.

d. If casual vacancies arise in the Board between elections, they may be filled by appointment of the Board.

e. The Secretary-Treasurer shall give an accounting of any resources and liabilities of the Group at each Business Meeting. Decisions regarding expenditures must have the approval of the Board.

f. The President shall make periodic reports to the ISA and members of the Group at appropriate times.

g. The Board shall establish limited term committees for specific areas of interest, such as a Nominations Committee.

h. The main means of communication will be the Internet but the officers take responsibility for members with limited access to it.

Article V. Elections

a. The election of Officers and Board members shall take place at a Group Business Meeting or by email if necessary.

b. All members in good standing of the Group shall be eligible to vote.

c. Preparation of a slate of candidates is the province of the Nominations Committee established by the Board. Members of the Nominations Committee shall not be candidates for any positions. The Nominations Committee shall be mindful of the desire for geographical diversity in the process.

d. All nominations shall be submitted to the Nominations Committee three months before the Business Meeting.

e. All nominees must have agreed to stand for office.

f. All nominees must have written support from at least three TG06 members in good standing and shall submit a candidature statement and a short CV.

g. If no nominations have been received in time, the officers of the Nominations Committee are empowered to nominate candidates.

h. There must be at least two candidates for each position.

i. The Nominations Committee shall submit nominations to the President no later than one month before the start of the Business Meeting.

j. A quorum consisting of two-thirds of the membership is necessary for elections. If the Business Meeting is inquorate, the elections shall take place electronically.

k. Voting shall be by secret ballot.

VI. Business Meetings

a. A Business Meeting of the Group shall be held during each World Congress of Sociology. In addition, interim meetings may be held.
b. The functions of the Business Meeting are
      i. to report on the work of the Group since the last business meeting,
      ii. to elect officers of the Group,
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By-Laws of the Institutional Ethnography Thematic Group

Membership Fees
In line with ISA practice, membership fees are collected for a period of four years. Membership fees are fixed as follows:
Dues for a 4-year period

    Category A, USD 40

    Category B, USD 20

    Category C and students, USD 10

See a currently valid ISA membership form for a list of countries for each category.

Agenda for the Business Meeting of July 17, 2014

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions
    a. Vice President, Secretary Treasurer, Board Members
    b. Program Coordinator
    c. Attending Members
3. New Business
    a. Secretary Treasurer's Report
    b. Statute revisions -- discussion and vote
    c. Future meetings
    d. Is a WG on the horizon?
4. Other Business
5. Adjournment

Something to Watch For

"New Scholarship in Institutional Ethnography"
A special issue of the *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare*

Available March 2015, this issue will feature those scholars and social activists who are relative newcomers with respect to publishing and whose work extends institutional ethnography by using novel approaches to data collection and analysis or that focuses on areas that have not been investigated previously. It will highlight the up and coming generation of IE practitioners and their work. Editors: Paul C. Luken and Suzanne Vaughan

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