# Some References that Underlie this Research Methods Course

Action Research 5th Edition

by Ernest T. Stringer (Author), Alfredo Ortiz Aragón (Author)

Action Research is an invaluable guide to both novice and experienced researchers from a diversity of disciplines, backgrounds, and levels of study for understanding how action research works in real-life contexts. The **Fifth Edition** builds on the experiences of the authors by acknowledging the dramatic changes taking place in our everyday lives, including developments of social and digital media that have become central to modern life. Author Ernest T. Stringer and new co-author Alfredo Ortiz Aragón aim to provide a meaningful methodology arising from their extensive field experience for both students and practitioners. Presenting research that produces practical, effective, and sustainable outcomes to real-world problems, **Action Research** helps students see the value of their research in a broader context, beyond academia, to effecting change on a larger scale.
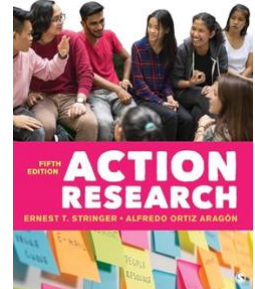
Additional resources can be found at the authors' website **https://www.actionresearch5.com/**.

## Doing Action Research in Your Own Organization Fifth Edition

by David Coghlan
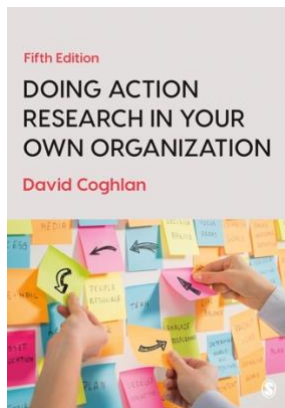
Concise and unintimidating, the fifth edition of this bestselling book is the only pragmatic, quick-start guide to the main theories, issues, and approaches to insider action research.
With an encouraging and approachable tone, David is the perfect mentor for anyone conducting action research in their own organization. Calming nerves at the same time as building confidence, he helps readers devise an appropriate research design that anticipates possible challenges and fits within the limits of their environments.

A complete do-it-yourself toolkit for every step of the action research process,
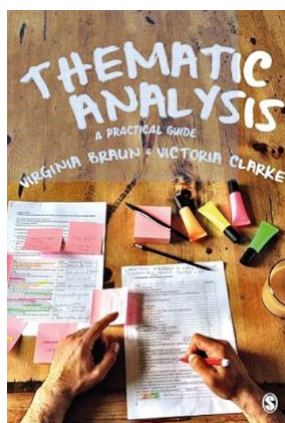
Thematic Analysis: A Practical Guide 1st Edition

by Virginia Braun (Author), Victoria Clarke (Author)

Winner of the 2022 British Psychological Society Book Award - Textbook Category

Developed and adapted by the authors of this book, thematic analysis (TA) is one of the most popular qualitative data analytic techniques in psychology and the social and health sciences.

Building on the success of Braun & Clarke's 2006 paper first outlining their approach – which has over 100,000 citations on Google Scholar – this book is the definitive guide to TA, covering:

- Contextualisation of TA

- Developing themes

- Writing TA reports

- Reflexive TA

It addresses the common questions surrounding TA as well as developments in the field, offering a highly accessible and practical discussion of *doing* TA situated within a clear understanding of the wider terrain of qualitative research.

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Grounded Theory for Qualitative Research: A Practical Guide Second Edition
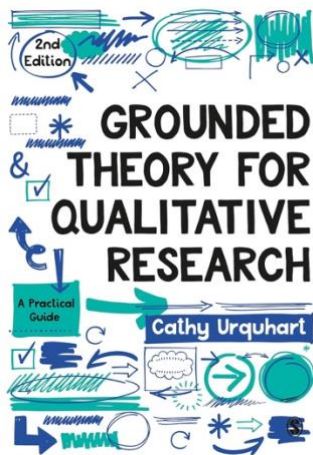
by Cathy Urquhart (Author)

Straightforward and accessible, this pragmatic guide takes you step-by-step through doing grounded theory research. With hands-on advice focussed around designing real projects, it demonstrates best practice for integrating theory building and methods.

Its extensive examples and case studies are drawn from across the social sciences, presenting students with a range of options for both applying and using grounded theory. Clear and easy to follow, this second edition:

- Traces the evolution of grounded theory method and provides a clear introduction to the nuanced history of grounded theory
- Showcases important concepts like theory building, helping you to reflect on the wider context of your research and the contribution it makes to existing literature
- Offers practical advice for how to *do* grounded theory research, alleviating common student concerns every step of the way

This new edition features two new chapters: one covering theory, and one on Theoretical Sampling. Several chapters have also undergone updates: Chapter 5 includes a wider range of perspectives including feminist and post-colonial perspectives, Chapter 9 features new, contemporary examples on how to write up your study, and Chapters 2 and 10 include new developments in the field of Grounded Theory.

Supported by videos from the author sharing expert advice, this book helps you build the confidence to explore and successfully complete your own grounded theory research.
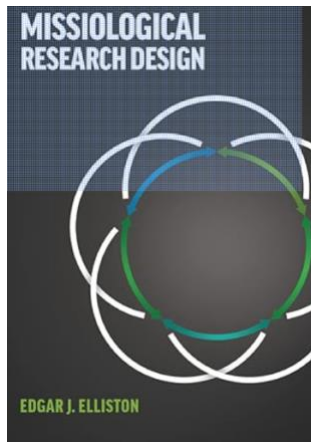
Introduction to Missiological Research Design
by [Edgar J. Elliston](#) (Author)

Edgar Elliston's Introduction to Missiological Research Design outlines the basic issues of research design for missiological and church-related research. This book describes the logic of the research process for a wide range of missiological research. Whether this research is from a single academic discipline or a multidisciplinary approach, this text will provide relevant guidelines for the design.

Elliston provides instruction, examples, and exercises for inexperienced but serious researchers as they seek to design research that will serve the Church in mission. Elliston also provides experienced researchers with checklists and easy-to-review tables to further aid in research design. This text raises some of the key issues to designing research in a multicultural or cross-cultural context and guides researchers toward ethical and effective study.

Doing Development Research 1st Edition
by [Vandana Desai](#) (Editor), [Rob Potter](#) (Editor)

Doing Development Research is a comprehensive introduction to research in development studies that provides thorough training for anyone carrying out research in developing countries. It brings together experts with extensive experience of overseas research, presenting an interdisciplinary guide to the core methodologies. Informed by years of research experience, this book draws together many strands of action research and participatory methods, demonstrating their diverse applications and showing how they interrelate. **Doing Development Research** is the essential A-Z of development research.
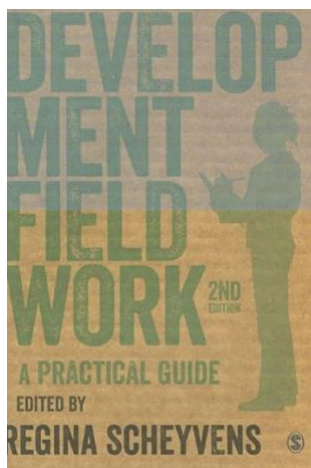
Development Fieldwork: A Practical Guide Second

Edition
This book provides an invaluable guide to undertaking development fieldwork in both the developing world and in western contexts. It takes you through all the key stages in development research and covers:

• Research design and the roles of quantitative and qualitative methods.
• Research using archival, textual and virtual data, along with using the internet ethically.
• Practical as well as personal issues, including funding, permissions, motivation and attitude.
• Culture shock, ethical considerations and working with marginalized, vulnerable or privileged groups, from indigenous peoples through to elites and corporations.
• How to write up your findings.

Sensitive, engaging and accessible in tone, the text is rich in learning features; from boxed examples to bullet-pointed summaries and questions for reflection. *Development Fieldwork* is the perfect companion for students engaged in research across development studies, geography, social anthropology or public policy.

For those specializing in Business Research

Business Research Methods 14th Edition

by Pamela S. Schindler

Business Research Methods, 14e, contains stand-alone chapters that reflect research industry practices using real examples from all areas of business. In collaborations with over two dozen industry researchers, Schindler writes a real-world research methods book that distinguishes between big data analytics and small data with an emphasis on decision making. She eloquently covers ethical issues and their solutions, and has added more coverage of process models, sampling how-to, and data preparation. Conscious of the different learning styles of students, Schindler provides appropriate cues for both visual and verbal learners through the use of in-text exhibits, bolded key terms, conceptual photos throughout and research though-leader quotes in PowerPoints for each chapter. She also used various interim GreenBook Research Industry Trends (GRIT) reports to guide the research for this revision. The latest GRIT Report is based on the largest study of research suppliers and users ever conducted. Automation and privacy are hot topics in GRIT, so she added material on both these topics in the 14th edition. This edition is available for purchase with the digital platform McGraw Hill Connect®, which provides a highly reliable easy-to-use homework and learning management solution that embeds learning science and award-winning adaptive tools to improve student results.

For those who wish to study the philosophy of philosophy:
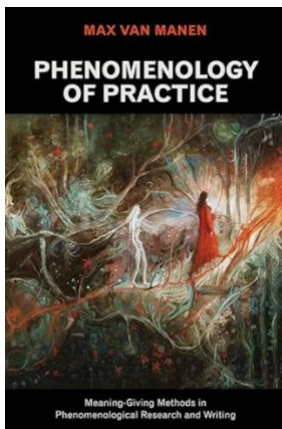
Phenomenology of Practice (Volume 13) 1st Edition

by Max van Manen (Author)

Max van Manen offers an extensive exploration of phenomenological traditions and methods for the human sciences. It is his first comprehensive statement of phenomenological thought and research in over a decade. Phenomenology of practice refers to the meaning and practice of phenomenology in professional contexts such as psychology, education, and health care, as well as to the practice of phenomenological methods in contexts of everyday living. Van Manen presents a detailed description of key phenomenological ideas as they have evolved over the past century; he then thoughtfully works through the methodological issues of phenomenological reflection, empirical methods, and writing that a phenomenology of practice offers to the researcher. Van Manen's comprehensive work will be of great interest to all concerned with the interrelationship between being and acting in human sciences research and in everyday life. Max van Manen is the editor of the series *Phenomenology of Practice,* https://www.routledge.com/series/PPVM

Research Design in Urban Planning

By Stuart Farthing
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"This excellent book fills a significant gap in the literature supporting planning education by providing clear, succinct advice on the design and implementation of small-scale student research projects."
- Chris Couch, Professor of Geography and Planning, University of Liverpool

"A perfect text for supervisors to give students so that they plan their research projects carefully rather than leap headlong into data collection."
- Jean Hillier, Emeritus Professor of Sustainability and Urban Planning, RMIT University, Melbourne

"Highly recommended... Ranging across topics such as planning a research programme and data management and the handling of ethical issues, the book will be very helpful to those embarking on a thesis or dissertation in the field."
- Peter Fidler, President of the University of Sunderland

Research Design in Urban Planning: A Student's Guide is a brilliantly accessible guide to designing research for that all-important dissertation. Aimed at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels, this text will:
· discuss research design, outlining the stages of the research process in clear detail and the key decisions which need to be taken at each stage
· explain to students how to re-interpret policy issues as researchable questions, appropriate for investigation
· look in detail at how researchers make their choice of methods, helping students to justify their own decisions
· reveal the ethical dimension to such decisions in the context of a growing requirement for the ethical approval of student projects
· review the issues for comparative studies – important not least because of student involvement in Erasmus programs and AESOP workshops
Packed with case studies, exercises, illustrations and summaries, **Research Design in Urban Planning** is an invaluable resource for students undertaking their first substantial, individual investigations.