

# QUALITATIVE RESEARCH IN MANAGEMENT AND ORGANIZATION CONFERENCE

March 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018.  
Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA

## *Praxis and Performance in Research*



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## Keynote Speakers

### **Patti Lather**

*Professor Emerita in Educational Studies,  
The Ohio State University, USA*

### **D. Soyini Madison**

*Professor of Performance Studies,  
Northwestern University, USA*

Qualitative research still suffers from the drive to standardise research design and methods. But there are researchers now working at the edge with diverse ontologies and epistemologies to develop more emergent, indigenous, and democratic forms of knowledge. They challenge essentialist approaches and utilize more participative methods that develop research from within, rather than apart from, lived experience and present it in diverse and evocative forms consistent with living within our subject. The aim of QRM 2018 is to explore alternative forms of knowledge, methodologies, methods, ways of 'theorising' that expand the possibilities for engaging with the world around us and for developing a more emancipatory social science.

Each keynote speaker has pushed the boundaries in this area. Patti Lather is Professor Emerita in Educational Studies, with appointments in the Departments of Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies and Comparative Studies. Over the last 20 years, she has been formative in developing feminist methodologies and research as praxis. She has numerous articles on feminist methodology, qualitative research and gender and education. She has authored five books, including *Getting Lost: Feminist Efforts Toward a Double(d) Science* (2008) and the most recent 2017 *(Post)Critical Methodologies: The Science Possible After the Critiques*, which is a compilation of her selected works.

D. Soyini Madison is Professor of Performance Studies in the School of Communication, with appointments in the Department of African American Studies and the Department of Anthropology. Her research interests lie in studying indigenous activism, labor union movements and leadership through a performance analytic that combines ethnography, performance theory and a critical perspective. She is author of four books, including *Acts of Activism: Human Rights as Radical Performance* (2010) and *Critical Ethnography: Methods, Ethics, and Performance* (2005), and has given public performances that enact the felt-experiences of fieldwork.

We welcome proposals that address these issues in a substantive way as a topic of study, and/or from a methodological perspective. We also want to build on the initiatives of the last five QRM conferences in providing opportunities to discuss and explore more reflexive and imaginative forms of research and to develop collaborations.

The conference will consist of two streams. Stream 1 focuses on exploring issues relating to the conference theme – the possibilities and challenges of research concerned with praxis, performance, and critical ontologies and epistemologies. Stream 2 addresses more general issues relating to methods, voices and ways of doing and writing qualitative research.

We encourage paper, panel and other forms of presentation that explore philosophical, conceptual and methodological issues in researching organizational life from a qualitative perspective. Contributions may be from a variety of epistemological perspectives and a range of disciplines including management and organization studies, communications, cultural studies, accounting, marketing, information and decision sciences, sociology, psychology, education, health and public administration.

In addition, we will be running two pre-conference workshops on March 27<sup>th</sup> from 1 – 4pm for participants who may be interested: *'Creating organizational knowledge through dialogical sense-making: Tools for enhancing critical reflexivity'* and *'Crossing boundaries with multimodal qualitative methods'*.

Prospective contributors should send an extended abstract of up to 1000 words, via email, to Ann Cunliffe at [a.cunliffe@bradford.ac.uk](mailto:a.cunliffe@bradford.ac.uk) by **December 10th, 2017**. The abstract should also include name, contact information, and submission stream.

The Conference Website is at [www.qrmconf.org](http://www.qrmconf.org). Additional information will be added over the next few months.

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