



Beyond the great divide: can quantitative and qualitative research be re-integrated?

Prof. Hammersley will begin by considering the nature of the qualitative-quantitative distinction, at the level of both practice and methodological philosophy. Following this, he will briefly examine the idea of mixed methods, arguing that this does not overcome the quantitative-qualitative divide. He will explore how the two approaches could be integrated in practice through recognising that there is considerable independence among key choices involved in the research process: there are not just two main options. He will also sketch a solution to disputes at the philosophical level, though not one that will be widely acceptable. Finally, he will consider why the qualitative-quantitative divide has become institutionalised, and therefore why it is resistant to change.



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