

# Call for Papers

Interpretative Method/ology Development Workshop  
in Organization Studies

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More than five years ago, *Organization Studies* (OS) launched a new Method/ology section. This signalled the importance that the Journal gives to methodological issues, in all of their dimensions, from ontological and epistemological matters to the choice of data and method of analysis. We now want to reinforce that call with the launch of this '**Method/ology Development Workshop**' (MDW). Our aim with this workshop is to open a forum to debate and innovate our interpretative

methodologies and methods in *OS*. The MDW adds to the two recent Special Issues that the Journal has launched: the first on [Enhancing Organizations Research Involving Meaning and Culture Using Computational Text and Image Analyses](#) (ongoing review process) and the other on [The Future of Qualitative Research in Management and Organization Studies](#) (Deadline for submissions: 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024). Authors who plan to submit a paper to this special issue are invited to participate in the workshop and develop their ideas through the feedback that would be provided. However, participation in the MDW is not required and authors who did not attend the MDW are equally welcome to submit papers to the special issue.

As mentioned in *Organization Studies*' Aims and Scope, we are interested in papers that address questions of methodology and method broadly (including philosophy of science, ontology, epistemology, study design, analytical methods, and writing). Method/ology articles should situate themselves firmly within organization studies and tackle issues or problems directly related to the "doing" of organization studies research. They must address topics of interest to readers of *OS* and make clear the connection to research conducted in *OS*. Proposals should focus on one (and hopefully more) of these features:

- a. Review and assessment of current method/ologies. In other words, the paper should be well grounded within the relevant method/ological conversation (e.g., current methods, their strengths and shortcomings)
- b. Identify and discuss method/ological challenges and offer solutions. For example, novel (or established in other fields) methodological approaches that are interested in the exploration of 'what is not there', i.e., lack, absence, silence, the invisible, the immaterial, the transcendental, and still affects organizations, the organized and organizations.
- c. A clear contribution to issues of methodology/method;
- d. A clear connection to organization research and explicit discussion of the implication for research and theorization.

This call is open to scholars at all stages of their careers, within and outside the field of organization theory, as far as their methodological contribution is relevant to the development of our discipline.

The workshop is free of charge. Coffee breaks are provided. Travel, accommodation, and other expenses (e.g. dinners) have to be organized and covered by participants. A limited number of stipends will be offered to cover at least part of the cost for travel and accommodation for emerging scholars who cannot obtain (sufficient) funding from their home institutions. Please indicate in your application if you would like to be considered for financial support (max. € 300 depending on the number of applicants) and confirm, in this case, that you have no or only limited funding from your home institution. For those who cannot participate in person, we plan to provide personalized feedback to 5 papers on dedicated on-line sessions to be organized depending on demand.

It is not a causal choice that the first OS MDW will be hosted in the beautiful premises of [Palazzo Butera](#) which houses the *Collezione Francesca e Massimo Valsecchi*. The overall objective of the project at Butera is to use the arts as a method of exploring interdisciplinarity, social cohabitation, knowledge, and cultural development without a predetermined telos. As such, Butera is the perfect venue for our workshop, and we are happy to return to it.



To apply for this MDW, please submit an extended abstract (min 1,500 – max 2,500 words) detailing your methodological contribution along the lines described above.

Upon acceptance to the workshop, participants will have the opportunity to revise and finalize their paper up to the 25th September 2023. Between that date and the workshop, each participant will be asked to peer-review one or several papers of other participants in order to adequately prepare.

Applications should be submitted via:

<https://os-workshop.com/palm-abstractsubmitform/palm-abstractsubmitform.html>

**Key dates:**

Deadline for submission: September 1, 2023

Notification of acceptance: September 7, 2023

Deadline for submission of the full paper for the MDW (in case of acceptance): 10 October, 2023