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Phenomenological Research Methods



Synopsis

In this volume, Clark Moustakas clearly discusses the theoretical underpinnings of phenomenology, based on the work of Husserl and others, and takes the reader step-by-step through the process of conducting a phenomenological study. His concise guide provides numerous examples of successful phenomenological studies from a variety of fields including therapy, health care, victimology, psychology and gender studies. The book also includes form letters and other research tools to use in designing and conducting a study.

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As I began my dissertation Moustakas book helped me traverse the often confusing waters of phenomenology. I had read bits and pieces about the topic, but he does a masterful job unpacking the philosophy, juxtaposing it to the practice, and pulling it all back together into a coherent picture. Further, he has several good chapters on the practice which one could use to do a P study (I am no longer moving in that direction but it will certainly inform my methods section). So, I write as one who has had the lived experience of reading Moustakas' book and my phenomenology will never be the same ;)

Moustakas is cited by many in phenomenological research because he lays it out in a way that is easy to replicate.

Clear - Concise - Classic! This book is required reading for anyone doing phenomenological

research in psychology and the other social sciences. Moustakas is a master.

yes - this is a must-have, but it is not for the faint hearted. The insights are great and the methods deeply explained... this is for the serious researcher who already has a pretty good idea about what they are researching.

Moustakas is a huge name in the field of transcendental phenomenology, and any serious student of the subject needs to own this book. However, this is not for the casual reader. Phenomenology was originally a branch of philosophy, so Moustakas spends the first 100 pages of his book explaining the philosophy underlying the research method. When he does get into the methodology, he is thorough, but not necessarily crystal clear. To understand how to actually apply this method of phenomenological research, you will need to engage in some careful reading and deep thinking. That said, it is worth the effort. There is a very good reason why this is and has been a major text in the field of phenomenological research.

Pretty much the gold standard for qualitative phenom research methods. I used this as a guide for my dissertation and found it to be incredibly helpful. It is easy to read, understand, and follow. If you are looking for a book on the topic, this is it!

Excellent book and necessary for anyone doing a phenomenological study. Moustakas is considered the know-all and be-all of phenomenology, so this book is a must. Gives great steps for this type of dissertation design.

The book is a classic and contains the methodology of conducting phenomenological research. It is plainly written and fairly easy to understand.

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