



We are pleased to invite you to attend the conference:

**Qualitative methodologies– state of research
half a century after ‘The discovery of a grounded theory’**

organised by:

Sociology of Culture Department of the Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw

Sociology of Organization & Management Department of the Lodz University

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This year marks the 50th anniversary of the publication of ‘The discovery of a grounded theory’ by Barney Glaser and Anselm Strauss, which was important for the development of qualitative research methodologies and one of the most often cited positions in sociology and social sciences. Alongside some of the major new directives, the authors introduced discipline and transparency into qualitative projects raising also their importance in relation to quantitative research dominating in the 1960s.

Over the course of the last half a century, much has changed both in the use of the grounded theory methodology (GTM – several variants have evolved) and the qualitative approach to research, which, according to Adele Clarke (2006, xxi) – live their renaissance, so their established methods are being ‘reinterrogated’.

It is common practice among qualitative researchers to selectively use methods of the grounded theory either in mixed studies or in so-called ‘modified grounded theory studies’ (Vagan 2009, Bahora et al. 2009, Cagle, Wells 2008). As M. Birks and J. Mills (2011) emphasize, such ‘hybrid’ use of methods happens and is encouraged, though precise and transparent description of their use is important, in order to preserve credibility. Researchers using other methodologies (phenomenology, case study, historical research, ethnography, or action research) use varying methods of GTM. There are also studies that declare the application of the grounded theory methodology in its entirety, but they are made without consequence in that regard. Glaser mentions this by introducing the term *grounded description*.

At the conference we would like to gather a community of researchers representing various disciplines using GTM to reflect on the current state of research and to identify the directions in which GTM is being developed – in Poland and in the world.

Suggested themes for presentation:

- ❖ Subjects / substantial areas predominant in GTM research. Examples of projects;
- ❖ Examples of research using GTM methods selectively;
- ❖ Various problems arising during GTM research
- ❖ Classical, constructivist GT and grounded theorising. Which paradigm dominates in today's GTM projects? Are there new directions? Issue of validity of such distinctions in GTM (questioned by Judith Holton);
- ❖ What significance does GTM have for qualitative researchers using other methodologies, and how do they consider their ‘debt’ to Glaser and Strauss?
- ❖ GTM and quantitative research – correlation, combination proposals;
- ❖ Visual grounded theory; visuality in qualitative research;

Titles with an abstract (600-700 words) should be submitted by November 15th via the [form](#).

Post-conference articles will be published in Qualitative Sociology Review (if accepted by two QSR reviewers)

For details, please visit website of the conference:

www.50yearsofgtm.wordpress.com

Conference Schedule:

15 11 – deadline for submitting abstracts

20 11 – information about qualifying for the conference

28 11 – publication of the conference program

Conference fee of 50 euro to be transferred until 28 11 2017

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