

How to conduct a practice-based study: problems and methods

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Abstrak

Silvia Gherardi expertly provides an overview on the topics and issues addressed by practice-based studies. Summary:

The practice-based approach to the study of work and organizing has been widely adopted in recent years, yet its theoretical and methodological systematization has only just begun. Silvia Gherardi expertly provides an overview on the topics and issues addressed by practice-based studies. By means of a series of examples drawn from the best-known analyses using this approach, the book provides methodological guidance on how to conduct empirical research on practices, and how to interpret them from three perspectives: practices 'from outside', practices 'from inside', and the social effects produced by practices. The distinctive trait of the present book is the presentation of the classic studies that gave rise to practice-based studies and through their analysis the illustration of their problems and methods is presented. Master students, doctoral students and scholars will find plenty of invaluable information in this methodological book. In relation to a lively and wide-ranging debate conducted at the international level, but not yet systematized in its methodological assumptions, the book will also be of interest to those practitioners curious about a view of work as a practical activity which develops within an ecology of social, economic and material relationships