

CALL FOR PAPERS AND BOOK REVIEWS

Special Issue “Mixed Methods” of *Journal of Research Design and Statistics in Linguistics and Communication Science* (JRDS), 3.2 (2016), guest edited by Anna Kuznik (UWr) and Joan Miquel Verd (UAB)

Methods are everywhere. Every researcher who has been thinking of or conducting or evaluating his/her own study or someone else’s research has a say on methods. A method can be defined as a procedural perspective that generates the data suitable to answer the questions of a research. Thus, applying a method implies thinking of the most appropriate way to obtain and analyse the empirical information needed. These methodological decisions are not separable from what the research is about: the way researchers are doing things cannot be detached from objectives and theoretical content.

Traditionally, researchers have been forced to choose, in their methodological decisions, between using quantitative methods or qualitative methods, although the combination of both is almost as old as social research. However, it was not until the mid eighties that social researchers began to think of the rationales, epistemological and ontological implications of using jointly quantitative and qualitative methods. These methodological reflections boosted the development of many researches where the quantitative-qualitative schism was left behind and that were able to take the best of both kinds of approach. Nowadays, this kind of combination is mostly known as Mixed Methods Research, although other names such as Multiple Methods Research, Multimethod Research or Multistrategic Research are also used. Mixed Methods principle, in a nutshell, is that quantitative and qualitative methods must be used in a way that the strengths of one of them must compensate the limitations of the other one, and vice versa. This motto is nowadays applied to many human and social sciences, and the scientific fields where it is applied are still growing. We believe Linguistics and Communication Science is one of these fields.

We are pleased to announce, with this introduction, the forthcoming special issue of the *Journal of Research Design and Statistics in Linguistics and Communication Science* (JRDS) devoted to **Mixed Methods**.

Contributions coming from all the particular research fields concerned by the JRDS are welcome. These are as follows: Translation Studies, Methods of Measurement, Computer-Assisted Content Analysis, Questionnaire Design, Interview Methods, Information Retrieval, Text Mining, Text Classification, Textometry, Empirical Language Research, Fieldwork in Linguistics, Natural Language Processing, Corpus Linguistics, Forensic Linguistics, Language Testing, and Authorship Attribution.

Suitable topics for submission by potential contributors include, but are not limited to:

- Differences and complementarities between quantitative and qualitative research
- Examples of studies carried out with the Mixed Methods approach
- Sequencing of research through time
- New technological tools and the older ones revisited
- New forms for presenting results

- Revision of methodological literature and studies connected with the Mixed Methods approach
- Methodological problems encountered in the crossing of all the fields covered by *JRDS*, dealing with the necessary connection of quantitative and qualitative research -methodological challenges of carrying out studies in a multilingual and/or business contexts
- Interdisciplinarity with other fields, not mentioned here
- Ethical and legal issues involved doing a Mixed Methods research
- Methodological implications of knowledge transfer between universities and institutional or business sectors

The proposed time schedule for this special issue is as follows:

- 01/03/2016 - Deadline for manuscripts
- 31/05/2016 - Feedback from peer review (acceptance/ revision/ rejection)
- 15/09/2016 - Submission of final versions according to suggestions of referees
- 15/11/2016 - Feedback from proof-reading
- 01/12/2016 - Submission of final versions of proofs
- 15/12/2016 - Publication of papers in the journal website

The submission guidelines can be found at:

<http://www.equinoxpub.com/journals/index.php/JRDS/about/submissions>

Submissions for articles (original research), previously anonymized, should have from 6,000 to 10,000 words (including all elements of text).

Submissions for book reviews should have from 2,000 to 3,000 words (including all elements of text). You can submit a book review directly to both guest editors of the special issue or you can send your book for review to one of the journal editors (see instructions at the end of this call for papers).

All submissions should be sent to both guest editors at the same time.

All submissions for articles will be blind peer-reviewed. Please, ensure a blind review according to submission guidelines.

Language of all submissions: English.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

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