Doing Comparative Analysis using Qualitative Data: Problems and Possibilities.

Wednesday 20th February: Commencing 10.00 am
(Lunch provided from 12.30pm)

Chaired by Dr Liz Watson

The presentation will focus on conducting qualitative research where there are multiple sites, a large amount of qualitative data, and data are gathered by different researchers. It draws particularly on two studies. The research that informed the book Telling Tales spanned a province; a recently completed study documenting the provisioning responsibilities carried by women has six different sites. In both studies community participation was important, research team models differed and the specifics of data gathering varied. However, being able to compare data across households/sites was central to both analyses. The challenges this raised and how these were handled will be discussed.

Presenter:

Sheila Neysmith is a Professor and Director of the PhD program at the Faculty of Social Work, University of Toronto. She is known for her research on social policy issues important to women, in particular how home care services, unpaid work and caring labour affect the quality of women’s lives as they age. Her books include Women’s Caring: Feminist Perspectives on Social Welfare (Oxford 1998); Critical Issues for Future Social Work Practice with Aging Persons (Columbia 1999); Restructuring Caring Labour: Discourse, State Practice and Everyday Life (Oxford 2000) and Telling Tales: Living the Effects of Public Policy (Fernwood 2005).

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