



Call for Papers

Method/ology Development Workshop
Research and Organization Studies in Digital Times

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More than five years ago, *Organization Studies* (OS) launched a new Method/ology section. This signalled the importance that the Journal gives to methodological issues, in all of their dimensions, from ontological and epistemological matters to the creation, co-creation, construction of data and

method of analysis. We have reinforced that emphasis with the launch of the new '**Method/ology Development Workshop**' (MDW), which is now in its second edition. Our aim with the MDW is to open a forum to debate and innovate our methodologies and methods in *Organization Studies*. The MDW adds to the two recent Special Issues that the Journal has launched: the first on [Enhancing Organizations Research Involving Meaning and Culture Using Computational Text and Image Analyses](#) and the other on [The Future of Qualitative Research in Management and Organization Studies](#) (both undergoing the review process). The MDW is also linked to a recently opened Special Issue in *Organization Studies* on Algorithmic Organizing: Developing Deeper Understandings of the Pervasive Influence of Algorithms on Organizations (Call for paper available soon [here](#)).

As mentioned in *Organization Studies*' Aims and Scope, for the method/ology section we are interested in papers that address questions of methodology and method broadly (including philosophy of science, ontology, epistemology, study design, analytical methods, and writing). Method/ology articles should situate themselves firmly within organization studies and tackle issues or problems directly related to the "doing" of organization studies research. They must address topics of interest to readers of *Organization Studies* and make clear the connection to research conducted in *Organization Studies*.

Proposals for this specific MDW should have a digital/data dimension. 'Digital' and 'data' can be dealt with in the broadest senses, from digital techniques for data collection and analysis to digital data itself, to the wider (methodological) implications of these phenomena and techniques for the field of organization studies. These implications may range from epistemological issues to matters relating to the nature of the research process. As for techniques (e.g., semi-automated text analysis, netnography, combining machine learning and qualitative thematic analysis), we encourage both expositions as well as critical reflection on how techniques can be applied, their novel value and their limitations. The paper should have:

- a. A clear data/digital dimension;
- b. A clear contribution to issues of methodology/method;
- c. A clear connection to organizational research and explicit discussion of the implication(s) for research and theorization in our field.

This call is open to scholars at all stages of their careers, within and outside the field of organization theory, as far as their method/methodology is relevant to the development of our discipline.

The workshop is free of charge. Coffee breaks are provided. Travel, accommodation, and other expenses (e.g. dinners) will need to be organized and covered by participants. For those who cannot participate in person, there is a limited remote-access component. Specifically, we plan to provide personalized feedback to 5 papers during dedicated on-line sessions, to be organized depending on demand.

To apply for this MDW, please submit an extended abstract (min 1500 – max 2500 words), detailing your digital/data related method/methodological contribution along the lines described above.



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If their paper is accepted to the workshop, participants will have the opportunity to revise and finalize their paper up to the 28th of March 2025. Between that date and the workshop, each participant will be asked to peer-review several papers of other participants in order to adequately prepare.

Our submission system is open now and applications should be uploaded by clicking here:

[Submission of Abstract](#)

Key dates:

Deadline for submission: 15th December 2024

Notification of acceptance: 15th January 2025

Deadline for submission of the full paper (in case of acceptance): 28th March 2025