



Methodology: Researching Death, Dying and Bereavement

Friday 13th November 2015; 10.00am-4.30pm

BSA London Meeting Room, Imperial Wharf

Social Aspects of Death, Dying and Bereavement Study Group (DDB)

10.00 – 10.30 Registration/ tea & coffee

10.30 – 10.40 Welcome & introductions

Session 1: Reflection on research participants/ participation

10.40 – 11.00 Is the sociological autopsy an effective and ethical methodology for researching the deaths of people who lived and died alone?
Glenys Caswell, University of Nottingham

11.00 – 11.20 Should researchers interview the dying? The ethical importance of telling your story at the end of life
John MacArtney, Alex Broom, Emma Kirby, Phillip Good & Julia Wootton, University of Oxford

11.20 – 11.40 'I'm sorry I couldn't share all my stories with you': Reflections on researching older people
Renske Visser, University of Bath

11.40 – 12.10 Questions & discussion

12.10 – 13.00 Lunch (provided)

Session 2: Reflection on being in the field

13.00 – 13.20 On call Ethnography, situational ethics and shared vulnerability – methodological reflections on studying death and dying in Danish organ donation cases
Anja Marie Bornøe Jensen, University of Copenhagen

13.20 – 13.40 Embalming as method: Researching death in Chinese society
Ruth E Toulson, University of Wyoming

13.40 – 14.00 Researcher identity and experience in participant observation: Generating data through reflexivity and conscious subjectivity
Liz Rolls, University of Gloucestershire

14.00 – 14.30 Questions & discussion

14.30 – 14.50 Refreshments break

Session 3: Reflection on researcher/ selves

- 14.50 – 15.10 Navigating the liminal space of grief and bereavement: A researcher perspective
Caroline Pearce, The Open University
- 15.10 – 15.30 (Auto/Biographical) Reflections on researching death and dying from a 'distance'
Michael Brennan, Liverpool Hope University
- 15.30 – 15.50 Auto/Biographical reflections on auto/biographical method/ologies: researching, writing, learning about death and bereavement
Gayle Letherby, Plymouth University
- 15.50 – 16.20 Questions & discussion
- 16.20 – 16.30 Concluding remarks (followed by informal get-together)

There will be a separate call for papers on this Symposium theme for a special issue in the journal *Mortality*. More details to follow in late 2015.

Registration: <http://portal.britsoc.co.uk/public/event/eventBooking.aspx?id=EVT10418>

Venue: http://www.britsoc.co.uk/media/25083/BSA_Imperial_Wharf_directions041209.pdf

DDB Study Group Page: <http://www.britsoc.co.uk/study-groups/social-aspects-of-death,-dying-and-bereavement.aspx>

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