

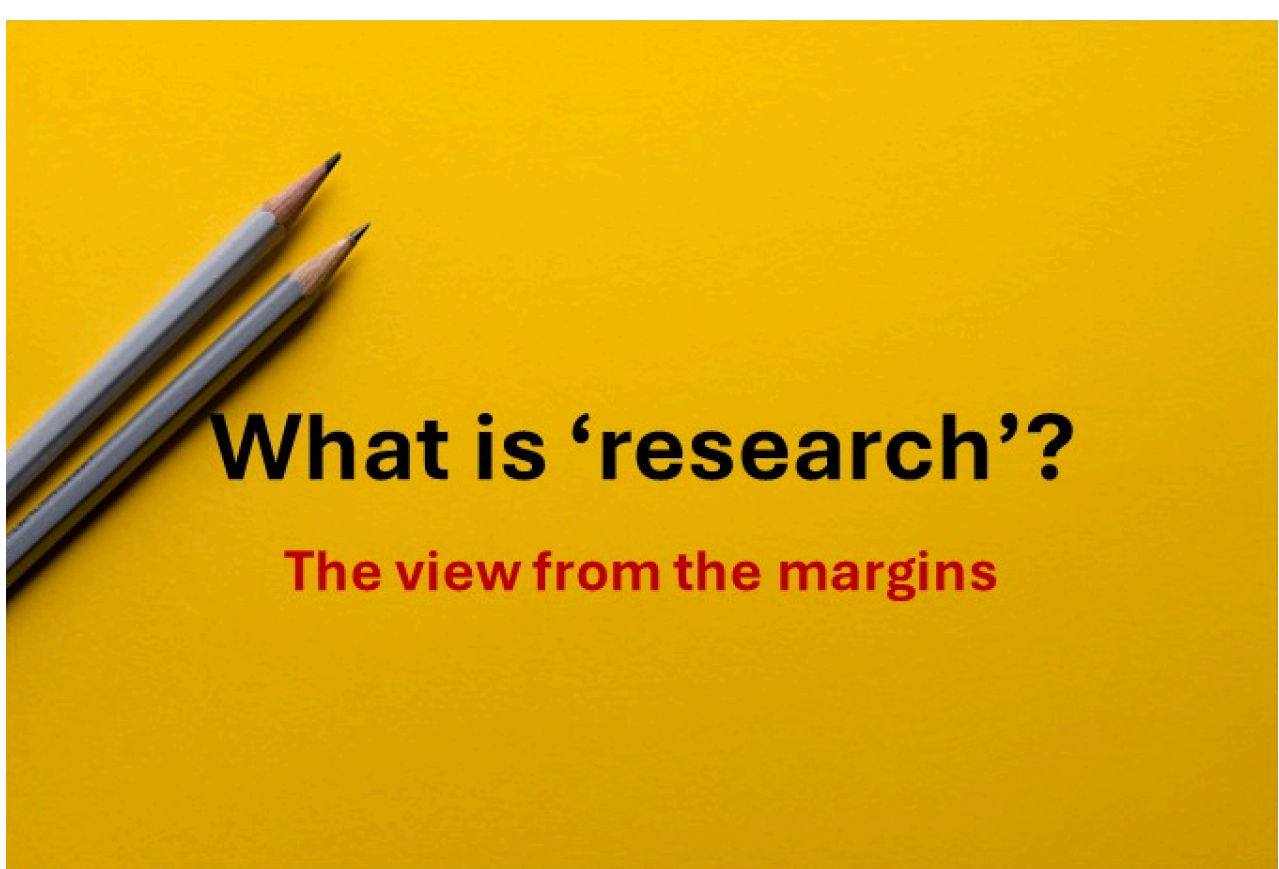
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# On the margins

## COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH NETWORK

### Welcome to the latest issue of On the Margins Newsletter

In this issue, we share the latest news and updates from [On the Margins network](#) including our upcoming events, recent activities, related external events and more!



### What is ‘research’ – the view from the margins

In academia research is defined as any form of ‘disciplined inquiry’ or ‘process of investigation’ that produces new knowledge or insights and includes work that is of ‘direct relevance’ to the society. Yet organisations, groups and individuals who engage in research activities with or outside academia may see, use or value research in different ways. For example, as the indigenous author Linda Tuhiwai Smith has shown, her participants saw (Western) research not as a ‘process of investigation producing new insights’ but as a ‘dirty’ word and a ‘dehumanising’ practice.

In this webinar we problematised the idea of ‘research’ approaching it from the perspective of participants and practitioners representing grassroots groups and organisations.

[Watch the recording](#)



### Co-production across cultural contexts

This international seminar explored how local and national contexts shape participatory research and knowledge co-production. It involved academics and activists sharing experiences of doing participatory research across different countries including UK, Finland, and Poland.

The seminar was a collaboration between "[On the Margins](#)" and Faculty of Social Sciences at University of Helsinki. It took in person at Edinburgh Napier University, Merchiston Campus.

[Read more](#)

### Call for contributions

We welcome suggestions for future webinars and podcasts – what are the issues or topics that concern you, or do you have a research project you would like to share? Please do [get in touch](#) with us if you would like to collaborate with us in our next event or share your collaborative events, blogs or projects on our website.

### Recent activities

**Doing participatory action research in prisons**

[Listen now](#)

**Decolonising research and partnerships**

[Listen now](#)

**Doing collaborative research with asylum seekers and refugees**

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### Relevant external events:

- Advanced Ethnographic Methods**  
29 January 2025  
<https://instats.org/seminar/advanced-ethnographic-methods-2750>
- Award for Outstanding Methodological Work in Activism, Social Justice, and Place: Qualitative Research Specialty Group**  
Submissions by 5 February 2025  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdKKdUkHfHU6KTqG8vOCsIM5tFFuX1yBn5-db1FMBI5XhoeQ/viewform>
- "Let Art Speak Our Mind? Exploring Cross-connections between Video Art Methodologies, Trauma and Health"**  
Location: SSUB 1044 QMU Performance Studio, Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh or Online  
6 February 5-6.30 pm  
Follow the below link to join online.  
[Join the meeting now](#)  
Meeting ID: 377 083 824 660  
Passcode: 3q4D62pJ
- Free yourself: research, politics and doing (your) right thing**  
University of Manchester  
20 February 2025  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/free-yourself-research-politics-and-doing-your-right-thing-tickets-1119814077049?aff=oddtcreator>
- Qualitative Methods in Human Geography and Social Science – Critical and Reflective Practices**  
Uppsala University, Örebro university and Dalarna University  
Spring 2025  
<https://www.uu.se/download/18.6c544d23190a21f7d4e8b28e/1722247011578/Qualitative%20Methods%20in%20Human%20Geography%20and%20Social%20Science%20VT25.pdf>
- AAG 2025: Advancing Visual Methods in Geography: "Visual Bridges: Connecting Perspectives"**  
Hybrid: In-person in Detroit or online  
24-28 March 2025  
<https://www.aag.org/events/aag2025/>
- Refugees and Participatory Approaches: Bridging Narratives Through Research and Art**  
Institute of Ethnology, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague, Czech Republic  
8-9 April 2025  
<https://www.eu.avcr.cz/en/news/Refugees-and-Participatory-Approaches-Bridging-Narratives-Through-Research-and-Art/>
- ASA Panel: Collaboration, co-authorship, and co-production**  
University of Birmingham  
8-11 April 2025  
<https://www.theasa.org/conferences/asa2025/programme#15901>
- The 9th International Visual Methods Conference**  
Bahçeşehir University, Istanbul, Turkey  
18-20 June 2025  
<https://www.visualmethods.info/ivmc9.php>
- 2025 IMISCOE PhD School**  
Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning (IGOT), Lisbon, Portugal  
25-29 August 2025  
<https://www.imiscoe.org/docman-docs/1548-flyer-2025-imiscoe-phd-school/file>
- Social Science Methodology Conference of RC33**  
Naples, Italy  
22-25 September 2025  
<https://rc33.org/call-for-abstract-rc33-eleventh-international-conference-on-social-science-methodology-naples-italy-september-2025/>

### About On the Margins

"On the Margins" is a Collaborative Research Network that brings together academics, practitioners and activists involved or interested in collaborative research, participatory methods and knowledge co-production, with specific focus on marginalised groups and communities.

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