NCRM CASE STUDY WORKSHOP

Researchers from different disciplines - commonalities and differences

Some questions to consider from Rob Walker’s presentation:

1. Do you agree with Stake’s definition of case study?

2. How do you see the difference between case study and ethnography?

3. ‘Case study is not a method – case study uses methods’
   a) What methods do you use in case studies?
   b) How do these methods contribute to validity?
   c) What does reliability mean in case study?

4. ‘Case study is inherently conservative – describes things as they are, not as they might be’
   What are the consequences of conducting case studies as a dominant form of research?

5. Writing case studies
   a) How are these crafted?
   b) How are issues of ‘generalisability’ considered?
   c) How is the researcher represented in case study?

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