

WHAT ARE INTERPRETIVE METHODS?

VARIETIES OF INTERPRETIVE METHODS

- (participatory) action research
- case study analysis
- category analysis
- (social) constructionist/constructivist analysis
- content analysis
- conversational analysis
- critical theoretical analysis (including critical legal studies, critical race theory)
- deconstruction
- discourse analysis (political discourse analysis; critical discourse analysis)
- dramaturgical analysis
- ethnographic semantics
- ethnography
- ethnomethodology
- feminist analysis
- frame (-reflective) analysis
- genealogy
- grounded theory
- hermeneutics
- life history
- metaphor analysis
- myth analysis
- narrative analysis
- oral history
- participant-observation
- phenomenological research
- poststructural analysis
- science studies
- semiotics
- space analysis
- storytelling analysis
- symbolic interaction
- textual analyses (of various sorts)
- value-critical analysis

Source: Yanow and Schwartz-Shea 2006: xx.

Note: The list is suggestive, not exhaustive; and some of the methods overlap in meaning and/or usage. What one selects depends on the research question and theoretical angle of the research project.