Acknowledgements, second edition

Since the first edition of *How to Conduct a Practice-based Study: Problems and Methods* was written, theorizing on practice has matured significantly. Practice-based approaches are now well-established, offering a pluralistic way to look at practices as an empirical object of social research. However, the field is still in its infancy.

What sparked my desire for this significantly revised and extended edition was first, to include many of the great practice theoretical and empirical works published in recent years. Secondly, I was delighted to see that the first edition was received as an accessible entrance point to the practice debate in the studies of working, learning and organizing.

In this new version, my aim is to add clarity and to elaborate more fully on some of the intricate theoretical and practical challenges of the practice of ‘doing practice research’. It is a continuation of my methodology in the first edition of the book. Given that ‘practice theory’ is a multiple object done differently within different epistemic practices, this book offers an ongoing narrative of how the practice of ‘doing research on practice’ has been done, can be done and can be creatively innovated. Storytelling is my guiding principle.

An important goal of the book is to open up the debate and seek connections between practice theories, so as to ensure a fruitful dialogue and a clearer articulation of differences between practice theoretical accounts. In this second edition I emphasize the difference between a humanist approach focused on humans and their practices and a posthumanist approach focused on the process of connecting all the practice elements that achieve agency through their connection. Bodies – humans, non-humans, more-than-humans – materialities, knowledge and discourses are inside a practice and constitutive of it.

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