

TOROA TALK 2019

Practice and Research – I love you; I hate you; I don't know who you are!

Integrated thought with action effectively has plagued philosophers, frustrated social scientists, and eluded professional practitioners for years. It is one of the prevalent and least understood problems of our age. (Argyris & Schön, 1974)

Practice in and as academic research is a contested issue. At the forefront of the matter lies the concern whether, and if so in what ways, “doing” may produce new scholarly knowledge. Although practical discovery has always had a role in the creative arts, practice as research in the broader social sciences is yet doubted. Concerns of research rigour, research articulation, researcher subjectivity, quirky research processes, and research presentation in other than lingual forms have all contributed to marginalising the “wisdom of making” to the academic fringe.

The TOROA TALKS series 2019 presents four sessions on the prickly relationship between practice and research and addresses questions such as:

Can practice be research?

Is research a professional practice?

Does “doing” embody knowledge?

When and how does professional practice become creative practice?

What is the episteme of knowing-by-doing?

Is practical knowledge ontologically different from intellectual knowledge?

How is practice shaping methodology and research design?

How do I contact a “practical” research study?

Dates:

30 August 2019, 11:00 am

27 September, 11:00 am

25 October, 11:00 am

29 November, 11:00 am

Convenor:

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