Day 1, Monday 13th May 2019

10:30-11:00:  Registration and Refreshments

11.00-11.15:  Icebreaker and Overview of the Workshop
• What topic are you focused on? Why think about Q? Have you any experience of using Q?

11.15-11.45:  Introduction to Q Methodology
• What is Q?
• What research questions are suited to Q methodological study?
• The history and philosophy of Q and William Stephenson – a brief tour
• Key concepts and definitions
• Key texts

11.45-12.30:  From Concourse to Q set
• What is meant by concourse?
• Q set
• Structured/Unstructured
• How does researcher arrive at statements for a Q set?

12.30-13.30:  Lunch

13:30-14.30:  Deriving a Q set
• Activity: Derive a Q set
Workshop participants will work in small groups to design a Q set from a range of source materials such as interview transcripts and newspaper cuttings.

14.30-14:45:  Break

14:45-16:00:  Sample & Q sorting
• The purpose of the Q sort
• Conditions of instruction
• Sample (the P set)
• How to collect data
• Activity: Do a Q sort
Participants will be given a Q set from an existing study and guided through sorting the cards according to a condition of instruction.

16:00-16:30:  Round up of Day 1
Day 2, Tuesday 14th May 2019

09:30-10.30: Introduction to Q Analysis
  • Overview
  • Software
  • Factor analysis
  • Analytic cycle

10:30-10:45: Break

10:45–12:00: Doing Q Analysis
  • Activity: a practical session on analysing Q data

12.00-13.00: Lunch

13:00- 14:00: Interpretation
  • How to interpret factors
  • Activity: Interpret Q study factors
  *Participants will work in groups to interpret and summarise a factor description from the Q sort they completed on day 1. Materials including factor arrays, factor loadings tables and interview transcripts will be provided.*

14:00-14:45: Writing and presenting factors
  • For academic publication, conference presentation and communicating with the public

14:45-15:00: Break

15:00-15:30: Round up of day 2
  • Questions and Discussion

15:30-17:00: Optional one to one session
  • To be booked with workshop leaders in advance of the day