



A Fun and Novel Learner-Centered Approach to Research Instrument Design and Data Collection: The (Group) Repertory Grid Method

Abstract

In recent decades, education has placed increasing emphasis on learner-centeredness. Yet, concerns remain that learners' voices are often overshadowed by researchers' decisions in educational research. This imbalance can be partly addressed through an overlooked (and novel) method, the (Group) Repertory Grid Approach, which directly tackles the issue of learners' voices being absent from research design. The approach can be implemented flexibly with individuals or small groups in interview settings, as well as with larger groups such as classes. Drawing on our projects and published articles, we outline the philosophy and procedures behind this method and demonstrate how it can be readily integrated into educational research, whether qualitative, quantitative, or mixed-methods in orientation. We warmly invite postgraduate students and colleagues at CUHK to join us. It won't be boring, and there will be fun demonstrations!

Date

24 September 2026
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Time

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Venue

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CUHK

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