

Doing Theology Ourselves: A Guide To Research And Action

Action research

Unfulfilled promises and unmet challenges

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This article examines how and why the academically-based social sciences, both pure and applied, have lost their relevance to practical human affairs (praxis) and links this discussion to the reasons why action research is a marginal activity in the academic and policy worlds. It also contains a harsh critique of action research practice focused on action researchers' combined sense of moral superiority over conventional researchers and general complacency about fundamental issues of theory, method, and validity. The central argument is that "doing good" is not the same as "doing good social research" and that we action researchers need to hold ourselves accountable to higher standards, not only to compete with conventional social research but for the benefit of the non-academic stakeholders in action research projects.

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How and why the academically-based social sciences, both pure and applied, have lost their relevance to practical human affairs (praxis) and how and why action research, a practice designed to overcome this dilemma is a marginal and largely defensive activity, carried out only in pockets within the academic and policy environment, form the central issues of this essay. Stated differently, I am examining how and why the academic social sciences reconfigured their relationship to other disciplines and their surrounding society. Why did they become primarily internally regulated, university-based, professional activities? Why did action research, despite the last forty years of comprehensive and intellectually successful attacks on positivism that cleared the path, do little more than lament its marginality while adopting a stance of moral superiority? This is an essay about the failures of conventional researchers and the applied researchers that follow them — and of action researchers, too — to live up to

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