

## BOOK LAUNCH

### **The Posthumanist Epistemology of Practice Theory Re-imagining Method in Organization Studies and Beyond**

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**Location:** Mälardalen University

**Room\*:** R1-343 or Ypsilon (U2-020) and Zoom

**Snack & Coffee:** 15:15 CET

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## Programme

**13:30 – 13:45**

### **Welcome**

Prof. Anette Hallin – Mälardalen University, Chair of the event

Alec Selwyn – Commissioning Editor, Palgrave Macmillan

**13:45 – 14:20**

### **Short presentation of the Chapters**

“Introduction: The Posthumanist Epistemology of Practice Theory”

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“Knowing-in-Practice, Its Traces and Ingredients”

Isto Huvila, Olle Sköld, Lisa Andersson

“Shadowy Research Practices and Apocryphal Knowledge: Last Data Standing?”

Anders Buch, Verner Larsen, Bo Klindt Poulsen

“Becoming Together in Research Practices”

Ludovica Rubini, Assunta Viteritti

“Dancing Urban Waters. A Posthuman Feminist Perspective on Arts-Based Practice for Sustainable Education”

Silvia Bruzzone, Henny Stridsberg

“Alice in Wondertheatre: An Affective Ethnography”  
Carmen Pellegrinelli, Laura Lucia Parolin

”Objects, People, Stories, Places. A Nomadic Inquiry into Language Professional Identity”  
Donata Puntil

“Afterwards: The Limits of Datafication After Method”  
Lucy Suchman

**14:20 – 15:10**

**Discussion**

Dr. Maira Babri – Mälardalen University, Division of Organization and Management  
Division

Prof. Emma Bell - Open University Business School, The Open University, UK and  
Division of Organization and Management, Mälardalen University, Sweden

Prof. Elizabeth Shove - Department of Sociology, Lancaster University, UK

**15:10 – 15:30**

**Open discussion and conclusion**

# The Posthumanist Epistemology of Practice Theory

## Re-imagining Method in Organization Studies and Beyond

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Within and beyond organization studies, an epistemology of practice allows us to view the ongoing interaction between doing and knowing, the knowing subject and the known object, social and material, humans, nonhumans, more-than-humans. This book is a collection of reflections by scholars across the social sciences around epistemological practices and the epistemology of posthumanist practice theory.

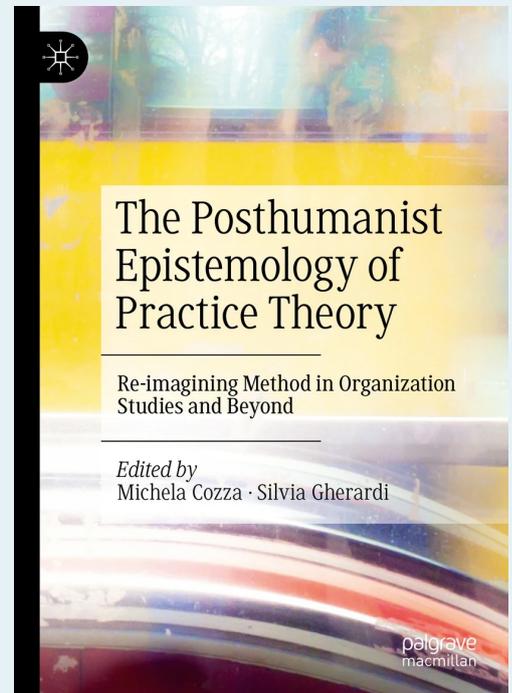
Practice theories and practice-based studies have developed a rich methodology for studying working practices. This book is an epistemological reflection that challenges the distinction between theory and method, questions the knowing practices that give form to the object of knowledge, how they draw boundaries between what comes to matter and what is excluded from mattering. It will be of great interest to scholars and students of organization studies and beyond, allowing social science researchers to rethink their positioning within their own research practices and leaving them open to a broader, looser and more generous understanding of qualitative methodologies.

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