

# Monitoring and Evaluation in Health and Social Development: Interpretive and Social Development Perspectives

## Description

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*“Interpretive researchers thus attempt to understand phenomena through accessing the meanings participants assign to them”*•

*“...interpretive and ethnographic approaches are side-lined in much contemporary evaluation work and current monitoring and evaluation practice remains heavily influenced by more positivist approaches”*•

*“Attribution is not the only purpose of impact evaluation”*•

*“Lack of familiarity with qualitative approaches by programme staff and donor agencies also influences the preferences for quantitative methods in monitoring and evaluation work”*•

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**Rick Davies Comment:** [Though this may reflect my reading biases!] It seems like this strand of thinking has not been in the forefront of M&E attention for a long time (i.e. maybe since the 1990s or early 2000s) so it is good to see this new collection of papers, by a large collection of both old and new faces (33 in all).

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