## The Science of Evaluation: A Realist Manifesto

# Description

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Pawson, Ray. 2013. *The Science of Evaluation: A Realist Manifesto*. UK: Sage Publications. http://www.uk.sagepub.com

<u>Chapter 1 is available as a pdf</u>. Hopefully other chapters will also become available this way, because this 240 page book is expensive.

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### **Reviews**

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