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Call for papers Mini Track on Reflecting and Researching one's own Professional Practices

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Autobiographical research is becoming increasingly defensible as authentic inquiry. Reflecting on one's own professional experiences, through journals, weblogs, visual, audio or multimedia data repositories, is now encouraged in many work places as a valid means to improving practice. Action Research is one methodology in which reflective practice is embedded. Whereas hard-science statistics are useful for quantifying information, they fail to inform the researcher about other important factors that cannot be measured.

German philosopher, Emmanuel Kant, linked subjective truths to universal phenomena, thus supporting an argument for rigor within first-person research. Narrative Inquiry (Clandinin and Connelly), Heuristic Inquiry (Moustakas), Autoethnography (Boucher and Ellis) and Sub-Phenomenology (Vallack) are just some of the methodologies that depend on the strength of such reflective data.

This mini-track seeks to attract papers that tell the stories of the researchers' own reflective and interpretive strategies for authentic, first-person research.

In keeping with the affective quality of reflective practice, the methodological journeys and research outcomes may be presented as conventional papers, or in more subjectively expressive, artistic modes – perhaps a play, a poem, a visual representation of the experience?

Submission details

Abstract details: The Abstract should be a minimum of 300 and no more than 500 words including up to five keywords and keyphrases to be received by **3 December 2009**. Please read the abstract guidelines section of the website before submitting.

Submission: Online at <http://academic-conferences.org/ecrm/ecrm2010/ecrm10-abstract-submission.htm>
Please ensure that you complete all relevant sections of the form, including the conference track the abstract is intended for, the proposed title for the paper, the full names (first name and surname, not initials) and email addresses of all authors and a postal address and telephone number for at least one contact author. Please indicate clearly if the contact author is not the lead author.

Full paper: Only required when the abstract has been selected and not to be more than 5,000 words including abstract, keywords and references (the Harvard referencing rules need to be followed). Submission date will be no later than **21 January 2010**. Papers should be submitted as .doc or .rtf file attachments by email to the Conference Manager, [Elaine Hayne](mailto:elaine.hayne@academic-conferences.org) at elaine.hayne@academic-conferences.org

Important information

The selection panel of the conference committee will consider all abstracts received by the submission deadline to ensure that the proposed paper is relevant to the Conference. The authors of abstracts, which describe a relevant paper, will receive a notification of abstract acceptance. All full papers will be blind reviewed by members of the conference committee to ensure an adequate standard, that the proposed subject of their abstract has been followed, that the paper is of a suitable length, that the standard of English is adequate and that the paper is appropriately referenced. Papers that are accepted will be published in the conference proceedings providing at least one author registers and presents the work at the Conference (see the registration section of the conference website for more information about registration). Due to the large number of papers expected for this conference,

the committee only allows an author to present one paper. Therefore if multiple papers are accepted for presentation different co-authors need to present each paper.

Important dates

Abstract submission deadline:	3 December 2009
Notification of abstract acceptance:	10 December 2009
Full paper due for review:	21 January 2010
Notification of paper acceptance:	1 April 2010
Earlybird registration closes:	15 April 2010
Final paper due (with any changes):	29 April 2010
Final author registration date:	20 May 2010

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