

**Research
Ethics in
Practice:
A SAGE
MethodSpace
webinar**

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Moderator: Janet Salmons**

Introductions



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Natalia Reinoso Chávez



Janet Salmons

Research Ethics in Practice

Introductions: Michael Todd

Overview: Janet Salmons

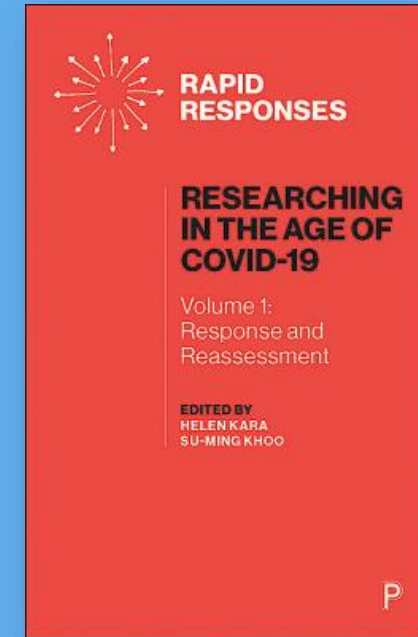
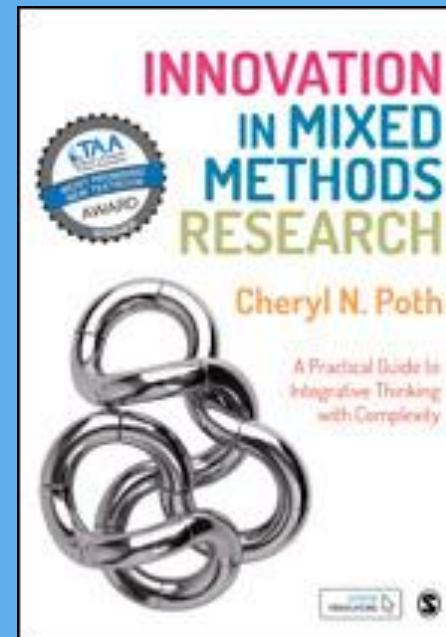
Panel discussion:
Cheryl Poth and Natalia Reinoso Chávez

Q & A: Continued on MethodSpace

**Research ethics is
different on the page...
and in practice!**



Keep learning from our panelists!



Chapter 11., Challenges of a Systematization of Experiences Study: Learning from a Displaced Victim Assistance Program, during COVID-19 Emergency in Ethnic Territories in Colombia ~ Natalia Reinoso Chávez, Santiago Castro-Reyes and Luisa Fernanda Echeverry

Two questions will guide this panel....

How do I identify critical ethical issues for my research?



What are the practicalities of responding to ethical issues as they arise?

What is meant by research ethics?

Attending to ethical issues is critical to research

Apply ethical reasoning to the planning and implementing decisions researchers make to assess and mitigate risks to protect participants, researchers, and society.

ethical review boards are just one part of this process

How can researchers prepare to respond appropriately when issues arise?



Researchers can be guided by careful planning to pay attention to changes, take actions to identify arising ethical issues, and respond in a way that meets the three guiding ethical principles.

Case: Systematization of Experiences Study

Context: vulnerable population + Covid-19

- Forced displacement / armed conflict
- Afro-colombian and indigenous communities
- Psychosocial professionals
- Value guided community Psychology researcher
 - ✓ **Evaluate Cultural approach of psychosocial strategy.**



Leonardo Parra
CEMI

Values and Research design

Social justice and
diversity

**Guide goals and
process**

Cultural humility

- Non expert role
- Focus on client expertise, for therapeutic and community alliance.

Systematization of Experiences Methodology

- Latin-American PAR methodology
- Collective learning from praxis
- Collaborative plan and development

What 3 principles
guide ethical
research?

1. Respect for persons has to do with the treatment of persons and their data involved in the research process.

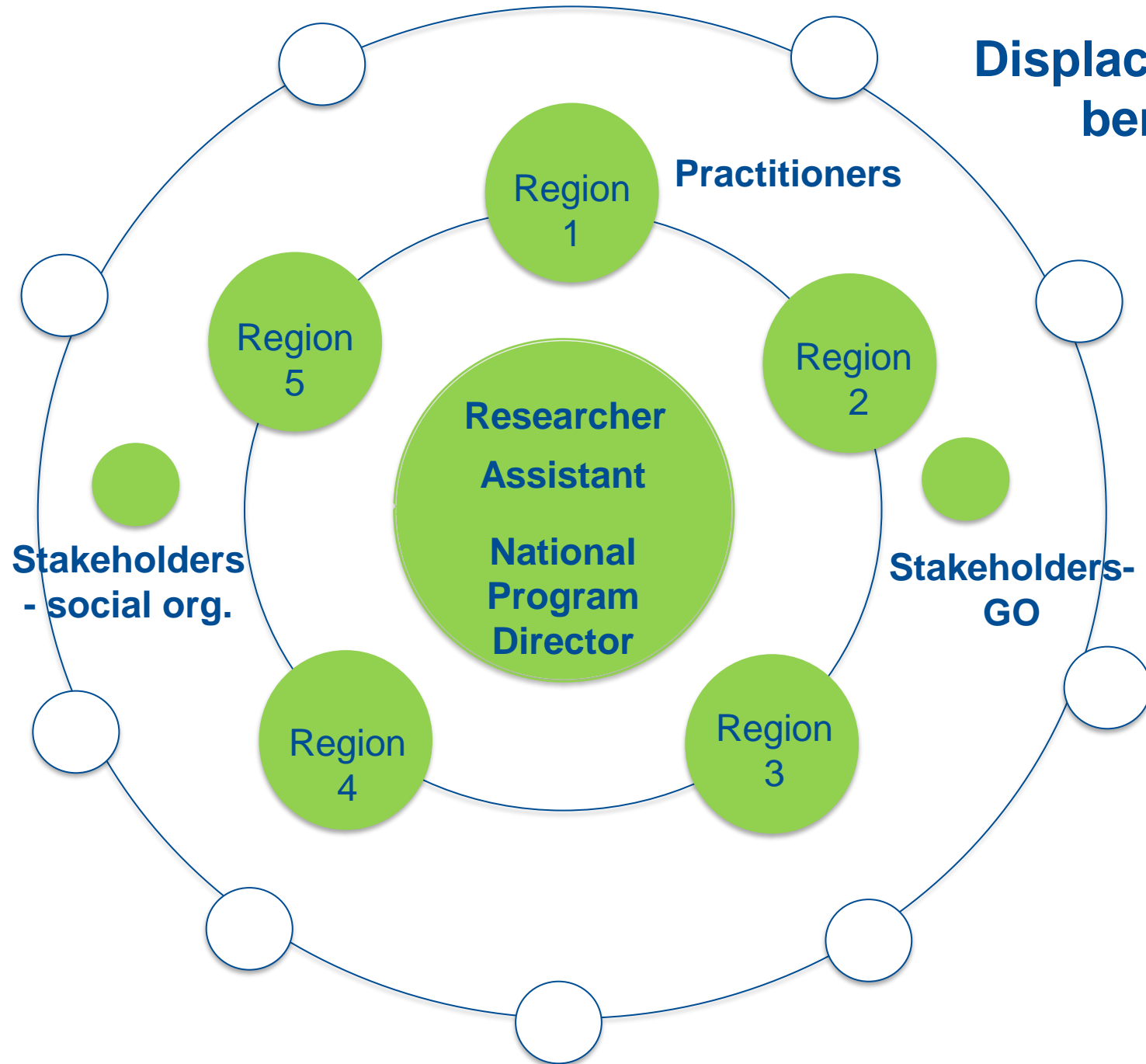
Key ethical issues
involve ensuring
free and informed
consent without
interference or
coercions

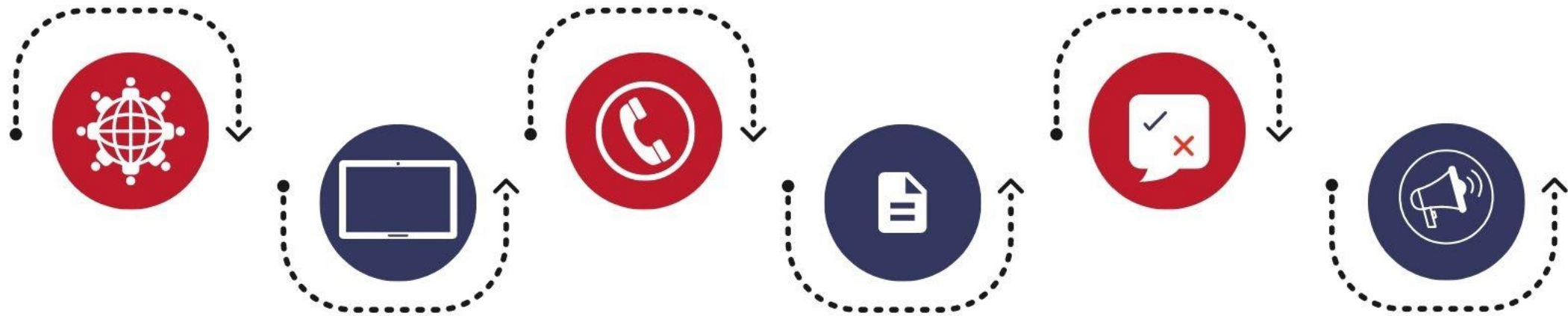
How are you
ensuring
participatory
is voluntary?

How are your
documenting
consent?

Planning for
the Who and
How

**Displaced or confined
beneficiaries**





**1. Introductory
Online Focus group**

(14 psychosocial professionals)
• Adjust objectives and methodology

2. Online Interviews / co-constructed timelines

(9 psychosocial professionals)
• Reconstruction of experiences

3. Telephone interviews

(7 local agents and leaders)

4. Stories - Most Significant Change.

(13 afro & indigenous beneficiaries)
- Training psychosocial professionals on MSC

5. Online discussion group

(4 psychosocial professionals)
- Member checking

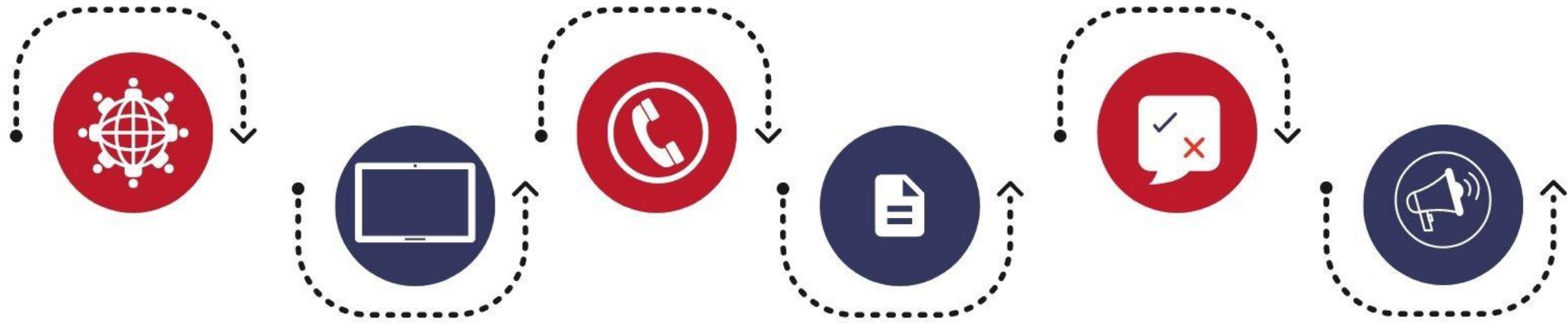
6. Final Workshop

(local, national and international parts)
_ Results
- indigenous and afrocolombian wants & needs

- Safe space for dialogue and participation
- Research Team: practitioners as experts in decision making on ethic and methodological concerns

- Shared power
- Capacity-building (research /Cultural humility)
- Virtual scenarios gathering multiple actors

- Continuous Member checking
- Critical reflection on praxis
- Exemplar intercultural experiences acknowledged



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1. Respect for persons




How are you ensuring participatory is voluntary?

Practitioners:

- ✓ Present and adjust objectives and methodology
- ✓ Explain Benefits: **research team to consolidate and make visible their successful experiences**
- ✓ Respect individual level of participation

Community members:

- ✓ Part of the program evaluation
- ✓ Benefits: culture protection in psychosocial assistance
- ✗ Specific Community informed consent



How are your documenting consent?

- ✓ Send letter of information and receive the written informed consent previously (institutional mail)
- ✓ Verbally communicated (video-recorded)

What 3 principles guide ethical research?

2. Concern for welfare, is about the protection of participants by minimizing harm and maximizing benefits of the research.

Key ethical issues involve protecting privacy and confidentiality of those involved in the research

What risks do you anticipate for those involved in your research?

How will you protect the privacy of your research participants?

2. Concern for welfare



What risks do you anticipate for those involved in your research?

Practitioners:

- ✓ Sensible information in war context / online settings

Community members:

- ✓ Underrepresentation – due to technology & not being able to participate in indigenous methodologies
- ✓ Sensible information in war context



How will you protect the privacy of your research participants?

- ✓ Online settings previously planned
- ✓ Assure benefits: design space for socialization of good practice

No Anonymity:

- ✓ Successful experiences
- ✓ Indigenous and afro-Colombian leaders
- ✓ Member checking

What 3 principles guide ethical research?

3. Concern for justice, refers to the need to treat people fairly and equitably and concerns all who participate in the research.

Key ethical issues involve reducing sources of bias in researchers, participants, and designs

How are you ensuring equitable and fair participant recruitment and sampling?

How are you ensuring equitable and fair treatment of your participants in your reporting?

3. Concern for justice

How are you ensuring equitable and fair participant recruitment and sampling?

Organizational level: Open invitation.
Member checking

Community level: key indigenous and afro stakeholders. Practitioners reached community members on field. Diverse methods.

X under-representation / no equitable procedures for all

How are you ensuring equitable and fair treatment of your participants in your reporting?

Reflexive practices + cultural humility

- ✓ Researchers bias /privilege
- ✓ Diverse sources of expertise
- ✓ Member checking /Triangulation /peer debriefing
- ✓ Results presentation: diverse participants

When can we
meet again?

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Janet Salmons & Luke Sloan

May 2021

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Doris Schroeder & panelist(s) TBA

October 2021

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