



# Auditing and Governance in Context QUALITATIVE METHODS SYMPOSIUM

**Thursday, June 9, 2022  
(PD Day, 2022 CAAA Annual Conference)**

## Call for Papers

**Extended Paper Submission Deadline: January 25, 2022  
(CAAA Conference Submission deadline)**

We are pleased to announce that a Qualitative Methods Symposium will be held as part of the 2022 CAAA Conference in Saskatoon.\* When conducting research, qualitative scholars collect a wide variety and great volume of empirical materials. Making sense of these materials in a meaningful way which can enrich extant understandings of the issues at hand presents a significant and often challenging task. Accordingly, authors may be confronted with a whole array of questions and decisions when developing qualitative research papers.

\*The conference will proceed in-person in June 2022, with virtual options available. If it is not possible to meet in person at all, the conference will be held virtually.

### Call for Papers

We welcome submissions of papers that address questions including, but not limited to:

- **The choice of research methods and theoretical frames among those available**
  - *How to explain the choice of a theoretical perspective?*
  - *What is the methodological approach that would best address the research questions?*
  - *Should a researcher have some initial ideas and expectations regarding theorization prior to entering the research field?*
  - *What does it mean when a research paper offers a significant empirical and/or theoretical contribution?*
  - *Where and how should different research methods and paradigms (such as quantitative and qualitative analyses) be combined?*
  - *How is the ongoing pandemic transforming approaches to data collection?*
  
- **The best way to present and demonstrate the validity of a research design**
  - *What type of information is needed in a methods section?*
  - *Where should the research questions be stated?*
  - *How does one achieve/judge the validity of qualitative research?*
  - *What does “triangulation” mean in practice?*

## - Interpretation and reporting of research findings

- *How much data should be presented in the findings section?*
- *How can we provide rich contextual analysis without getting bogged down in contextual detail?*
- *How to achieve a close fit between the theoretical frame and the empirical analysis that follows?*
- *What are the approaches to data analysis that work?*

Certainly, there are many possible answers to the above questions, and we must be wary of “one size fits all” approaches. However, the Symposium aims to provide a productive and positive space for qualitative accounting researchers to discuss methodological challenges and share experiences, practices, and ideas that will help build a stronger research community.

## Format

The Symposium will be organized in two parts. Part 1 will feature workshops aimed at discussing specific methodological challenges in the writing of qualitative research papers. Part 2 will feature discussions of papers submitted to the Symposium with a specific focus on their methodological dimension.

## Eligibility

The Symposium is open to everyone interested in doing qualitative research in accounting. Although we welcome submissions from all fields of accounting research, we are particularly interested in auditing and governance-related manuscripts.

Authors submitting to the CAAA Annual Conference will have the option to identify if they wish their paper to be considered for the Symposium. Authors will be asked upon submission if at this stage you would rather present in person or virtually if accepted. The same will be asked again when author acceptance notices are issued.

Authors will be notified of the initial decision regarding their submission in early February 2022. Papers not accepted for the Symposium will be treated as CAAA Annual Conference submissions and will go through the conference review process.

To submit to the CAAA Annual Conference (and therefore to the Symposium), at least one coauthor must be a CAAA member. Submissions are accepted in English and French.

For any additional information about the Symposium, please contact Anna Samsonova-Taddei ([anna.samsonova-taddei@hec.ca](mailto:anna.samsonova-taddei@hec.ca)) or Bertrand Malsch ([bertrand.malsch@queensu.ca](mailto:bertrand.malsch@queensu.ca)).

## Submissions

Submit papers in English or French, in PDF format to

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