

Launch of the SSRP Methods Catalogue

SSRP Symposium 2020

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- SSRP Methods for Sustainability Workshop
- The Methods Catalogue
- Anatomy of a Method
- More methods?

A little background

- SSRP Methods Project started in 2017 with Dr. Cian O'Donovan
- Aimed to understand how different methods contribute to our understanding of sustainability and how they can be appraised, combined, and improved.
- Done through a survey, a series of workshops, and an online methods catalogue.
- Then I came in with 9 months left to go!
- One more workshop left, and an online catalogue to create.



- **Boundaries: Conceptual and Disciplinary**
- **Identities: Siloes and Empires**

Two objectives for Methods catalogue:

- **Encourage exploration:** To provide a location for details of different methods for doing sustainability research. This includes giving an overview of the method as well as providing further resources for those wanting to learn or use them.
- **Encourage collaboration:** Emphasise the different ways in which sustainability research (and researchers) see and interact with the world. No method is simply 'plug and play' and requires expertise to implement. Use of these methods will therefore require collaboration.

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Research Methods for Sustainability Catalogue

The SSRP Research Methods for Sustainability Catalogue is an online resource for those looking for different ways of analysing and understanding issues related to sustainability. The Methods Catalogue encompasses both natural and social science methods, quantitative and qualitative methods, and tools which mix various viewpoints and methods.

This resource is intended to be highly practical in its orientation. Each method is accompanied by the time and resources required to undertake them. Pages also contain a brief 'how to' for the methods, and examples of other studies which use them.

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If you have a method you would like to see or submit to the SSRP Methods Catalogue, please e-mail Joseph.Alcamo@sussex.ac.uk

What the method is

A brief introduction about the method, what it measures, and the type of research that can be done with it.

The advantages and disadvantages of using the method

The types of analysis the method can, and cannot, do.

How the method is used

An outline of the main steps involved in conducting the method: how data is collected and how it is analysed.

Examples of the method being used in sustainability research

References to sustainability research that uses the method.

References and resources

Further references and resources to find out more about using the method.

More Methods?

We are still looking for methods!

Methods requiring extended fieldwork (anthropology, ecological surveys, etc.) are still missing.

If you see other gaps and want to submit a method, please do!

Remember: Know your Method's Anatomy &
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