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Giorgi and the Qualitative Methods in Phenomenology

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An online talk by
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Abstract

The talk explores the diverse phenomenological methods employed in qualitative research, emphasizing their adaptability and depth in examining lived experiences. I will focus in particular on Giorgi's method. Phenomenology, characterized by its dynamic and evolving nature, provides flexible tools that transcend static frameworks, enabling researchers to engage with the complexities of human existence within its contextual life-world. Key approaches, including life-world oriented, post-intentional, hermeneutic, and transcendental phenomenology, are discussed, each offering unique insights into phenomena such as identity, grief, and embodiment. By comparing these methods, the talk highlights their strengths and limitations, emphasizing the importance of ethical reflexivity and openness in phenomenological inquiry. Ultimately, this exploration emphasizes phenomenology's role in bridging science and humanity, fostering a richer understanding of human experiences.

Bio

Dr. Susi Ferrarello is an Associate Professor of Philosophy at California State University, East Bay. She has authored numerous books, including *The Ethics of Love* (Routledge, 2024), *Phenomenology of Pregnancy and Early Motherhood* (Routledge, 2025), and *Human Emotions and the Origin of Bioethics* (Routledge, 2022). Additionally, she co-edited volumes like *Empathy and Ethics* (Bloomsbury, 2022), *The Handbook of Phenomenology and Mindfulness* (Routledge, 2023) and *The Vulnerability of the Human World* (Springer, 2023) and the forthcoming *Handbook of Phenomenological Bioethics*. Beyond her academic work, Dr. Ferrarello is a philosophical counselor and an active voice in public philosophy, writing for platforms such as *Psychology Today*. She also leads public-facing initiatives like the podcast *Philosophy Gets Personal* and the project "No Bump No Care?", which advocates for women needing perinatal care.