



Editorial

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Special Edition on Evidence-Based Approaches and Practises in Phenomenology
Guest Editors: **Kathleen Galvin and Sally Borbasi**

The Guest Editors of this Special Edition, which deals with evidence-based approaches and practises within a phenomenological attitude, both come from the nursing profession. Moreover, both are active phenomenological researchers who, over the courses of their respective careers, have developed a strong interest in the so-called 'lifeworld' approaches to better understand everyday living and experiencing.

Professor Sally Borbasi, an Australian academic, together with Professor Kathleen Galvin (United Kingdom) have long been engaging with diverse intellectual debates, and actively participating in symposia around extending the lifeworld approach to everyday caring practice, not only in the nursing profession but equally so in the broader social sciences. It was out of a series of these challenging intellectual dialogues that the idea was formed that a phenomenological approach to the lifeworld could be appropriately consolidated through the release of a Special Edition focusing on evidence based approaches and practises.

Both Kate and Sally decided that any such Special Edition should comprise a balance of philosophical contemplations together with empirical illustrations. In order to ensure this, a diverse range of contributors was approached. Consequently, readers will find themselves exposed to theoretical reflections on

epistemology through to phenomenological accounts of bodyliness and embodied knowing, transformative relationships, the notion of body-world unity, and the phenomenological understanding that the intra-personal, interpersonal, and social agency are a single ongoing process as well as the notion of evidence in phenomenological thought. Additionally, there is discussion around how the human condition can be understood by the use of film and its exposition through the lens of a lifeworld framework, just as literary texts can be used to evoke comprehensive understandings of lived experiences.

It is the belief of the journal's Editorial Board that the release of Special Editions dedicated to particular focus areas, help to consolidate the broadly-based phenomenological project since readers are able to reflect, contemplate, interrogate and challenge the value of phenomenological thinking through the single portal of a focussed but diverse compilation of integrated papers presenting robust philosophical considerations and rich phenomenological understandings of the human condition.

We encourage you to enjoy the feast.

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