

## The Wright Institute Presents:

### Session II: Working with Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis (IPA): Guidance for Supervisors, Advisors, and Chairs (for WI Faculty Only)

**Presenter: Jonathan A. Smith, DPhil**

**Saturday, March 21, 2020**

**Dinner: 5:30pm – 6:30pm (No CE credit for dinner)**

**Presentation: 6:30pm – 8:30pm (2 CE Hours)**

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### Workshop Description:

This workshop provides guidance for advisors of Interpretive Phenomenological Analysis (IPA) dissertations and research. Dr. Smith will provide an overview of current research using IPA and what can be expected of a doctoral dissertation using the approach. Thus we will consider classic IPA designs involving a set of one off interviews along with more recent developments- longitudinal, multi-modal, multi-perspectival and mixed-methods designs. Dr Smith will describe criteria for evaluating the quality of IPA research and give exemplars of research which is good, adequate or inadequate according to these criteria. Finally we will discuss issues involved in advising/supervising students using the approach. The aim here is to help advisors help their doctoral students to produce high quality IPA dissertations.

### After completing this workshop, participants will be able to:

- Recognize current issues regarding dissertations using IPA.
- Apply guidelines for evaluating the validity of IPA research.
- Implement good practice in supervising IPA research dissertations.

### Instructor Bio:

Jonathan A. Smith is Professor of Psychology at Birkbeck University of London. Previously, he held appointments at Keele and Sheffield Universities in the UK. He developed Interpretive Phenomenological Analysis (IPA) as an experiential qualitative methodology in psychology and employed it in a wide range of areas, particularly in health. IPA is now one of the leading qualitative methodologies in psychology and is also being used in a wide range of other disciplines. Dr. Smith has published many journal articles and edited a number of books. He is the lead author of the definitive book on IPA, *Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis* (Sage, 2009, with Paul Flowers and Michael Larkin). Dr. Smith leads an IPA research group at Birkbeck, comprised of researchers and doctoral students, and he teaches qualitative methods at all levels.

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