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Abstract

This chapter revisits the TRUE project from the perspective of the methodological choices made and, particularly, of the debate between qualitative and interpretive methodologies on the one hand, and quantitative and formalized methodologies on the other hand. By doing this, we highlight the deeper rationales of methodological choices, the practical goals and implementation and, finally, their outcomes in terms of analysis, as well as limitations that emerged. We show how the confrontation between methodological approaches was not resolved through a unifying solution, but led rather to a pragmatic approach where different methods have been adopted depending on the research goals. In this perspective, the project largely followed a general tendency in social science methodology towards using mixed methods. (HRK / Abstract übernommen)

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