

“Research in Action” Podcast Instructor Guide

Use the following episode description, learning objectives, guiding questions and activity suggestions to more easily include “Research in Action” podcast episodes as a supplemental resource for your course.

Podcast and Episode Information

“Research in Action” is a weekly podcast about topics and issues related to research in higher education featuring experts across a range of disciplines.

On this episode of the podcast, the guest is Dr. Helen Kara, Director of We Research It Ltd, who has been an independent researcher since 1999 and writes and teaches on research methods. She is the author of *Creative Research Methods in the Social Sciences: A Practical Guide* (Policy Press, 2015). She is not, and never has been, an academic, though she has learned to speak the language. In 2015 Helen was the first fully independent researcher to be conferred as a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences. She is also a Visiting Fellow at the UK's National Centre for Research Methods. Her latest book is *Research Ethics in the Real World: Euro-Western and Indigenous Perspectives* (Policy Press, 2018).

Segment One [00:00-20:58] - In this segment, Helen shares about her recent book on research ethics.

Segment Two [20:59-35:31] - In this segment, Helen shares about her experience being a long-term independent researcher.

Show notes and a transcript for this episode can be found at:

<http://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/research/podcast/e169/>

Learning Outcomes

By listening to this episode, students will be able to:

- Explain the concept of research ethics
- Discuss examples of aftercare responsibilities as they pertain to research studies
- Describe potential collaboration challenges an independent researcher may encounter

Guiding Questions for Listening

- How does Dr. Kara describe she views the concept of research ethics?
- According to Dr. Kara, what are some of the factors that make ethical work challenging?
- What are examples of ethics questions Dr. Kara suggests asking throughout the research process?
- What does Dr. Kara suggest are important components to the aftercare process of a research study?
- How does Dr. Kara describe her role as an independent researcher?
- According to Dr. Kara, what are some potential collaboration challenges an independent researcher may encounter?
- What are some of Dr. Kara's tips for those seeking to become independent researchers?

Possible Activities

- Ask students to visit the show notes for this episode (<http://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/research/podcast/e169/>) and look at an additional resource that is linked in connection with this episode. Students can write a short review of that resource to share with their peers.
- Ask students to visit the show notes for this episode (<http://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/research/podcast/e169/>) and post an additional resource connected to the content of the episode in the comments section.
- Have students share questions that are raised for them based on the content of this episode. What would they ask Dr. Helen Kara if they could?

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About the Research in Action Podcast

“Research in Action” (RIA) is a podcast about topics and issues related to research in higher education featuring experts across a range of disciplines. Episodes are posted weekly and include guest interviews and occasional solo episodes. Guests are from a range of higher education institutions and share their expertise on qualitative, quantitative and mixed methods as well as their personal experiences as researchers, research and writing practices, organizational and productivity strategies, and much more. Some weeks, bonus content will also be posted.

“Research in Action” is hosted by [Dr. Katie Linder](#), research director for Oregon State University Ecampus.

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