



School of Applied Social Sciences

Mixed Methods International Research Association (MMIRA)

Conference 2016

Title

Moving Beyond the Linear Model: The Role of Mixed Methods Research in an Age of Complexity

Wednesday, 3 August to Saturday, 6 August 2016

The 2nd International MMIRA conference will take place August 3rd-5th 2016 at Durham University, UK. This conference will provide an outstanding opportunity for attendees to examine the role of mixed methods in applied social research. We seek to address questions and critical concerns through a form of social inquiry that stresses the importance of understanding the complexity of the social world and which addresses the issues identified by Unger when he noted that "... a practice of social and historical explanation, sensitive to structure but aware of contingency is not yet at hand. We must build it as we go along by reconstructing the available tools of social science and social theory. Its absence denies us a credible account of how transformation happens."

(Roberto Unger, *Democracy Realized*, London: Verso, 1998, 24).

The theme of this conference is to centre mixed methods research approaches as one of the key ways in which we can, in Unger's words, 'reconstruct the available tools of social science' and the focus on social transformation, putting social science back where it should be – front and centre in relation to public debate, engagement and the driving of social change.

Full details are available from:

<https://www.dur.ac.uk/sass/events/events/mmira2016/>