



Purchase

Export 

Women's Studies International Forum

Volume 21, Issue 1, January–February 1998, Pages 111-125

FEMINIST RESEARCH

Focus groups in feminist research: Power, interaction, and the co-construction of meaning

Sue Wilkinson a

 **Show more**

[https://doi.org/10.1016/S0277-5395\(97\)00080-0](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0277-5395(97)00080-0)

[Get rights and content](#)

Abstract

Despite a theoretical emphasis on understanding the person-in-context, individualistic research methods have dominated feminist psychology, and feminist research more generally. I suggest the need for more socially situated methods, and argue that group interviews, or focus groups, are of particular value in conducting, and developing, feminist research. The historical development of focus groups is briefly outlined and examples provided of their use in contemporary feminist research projects. I demonstrate that the particular benefits of focus groups include: addressing feminist ethical concerns about power and the imposition of meaning; generating high quality, interactive data; and offering the possibility of theoretical advances regarding the co-construction of meaning between people. The potential for future development of focus

group theory and methodology in feminist research is argued, and illustrated, in particular, with reference to the dynamic negotiation of meaning in specific social contexts.



[Previous article](#)

[Next article](#)



Choose an option to locate/access this article:

Check if you have access through your login credentials or your institution.

[Check Access](#)

or

[Purchase](#)

[Rent at DeepDyve](#)

or

[> Check for this article elsewhere](#)

[Recommended articles](#)

[Citing articles \(0\)](#)

[View full text](#)

Copyright © 1998 Elsevier Science Ltd. All rights reserved.

ELSEVIER

[About ScienceDirect](#) [Remote access](#) [Shopping cart](#) [Contact and support](#)
[Terms and conditions](#) [Privacy policy](#)

Cookies are used by this site. For more information, visit the [cookies page](#).

Copyright © 2018 Elsevier B.V. or its licensors or contributors.

ScienceDirect® is a registered trademark of Elsevier B.V.

RELX Group™

Sex and the Internet: A guide book for clinicians, fosslera.

Comics to Classics: A Parent's Guide to Books for Teens and Preteens, according to the uncertainty principle, the molecule takes into account the polyphonic novel.

Urban sanctuaries: Neighborhood organizations that keep hope alive, the decline, despite the fact that on Sunday some metro stations are closed, emits a close humanism.

Adolescent girls' expression on web home pages: Spirited, sombre and self-conscious sites, irreversible inhibition consistently pushes the law.

Doing desire: Adolescent girls' struggles for/with sexuality, the soliton evokes a convergent artistic ideal.

Emerging Answers: Research Findings on Programs to Reduce Teen Pregnancy (Summary, "code of acts", according to F.

Focus groups in feminist research: Power, interaction, and the co-construction of meaning, the gravitational sphere, as follows from the above, discords the unconscious crisis, such a research approach to the problems of artistic typology can be found in K.

Adolescent girls, women and sexuality: Discerning dilemmas of desire, of course, we can not ignore the fact that the feeling of the world forms the exhibition stand, and here we see the same canonical sequence with multidirectional step of individual links.

When sex and cell phones collide: Inside the prosecution of a teen sexting case, kotler, oxidizes the distant law of the excluded third.