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## Tracing the History of Grounded Methodology: From Formation to Fragmentation

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### Abstract

There are very few articles, which track the history of Grounded methodology from its tentative conception to its present. This article addresses the dearth by tracing the history of Grounded Theory (GT) from its conception in the 1960's, discussing the context of its development and contribution. Subsequently, the article follows the evolution of GT, which is characterised by a series of contentious and, at times, heated debates. The crux of these debates centres on disputes over the nature of GT and have resulted in three dominant and divergent configurations of GT methodology: Classic, Straussian, and Constructivist GT. These configurations often create confusion for the researcher wishing to employ GT. However, an examination of the history of the GT methodology reveals the logic of these schisms.

### Keywords

Classic Grounded Theory, Straussian Grounded Theory, Constructivist Grounded Theory, History of Grounded Theory, Development of Grounded Theory, Differences between Grounded Theories, Grounded Theory, Strauss and Corbin, Charmaz

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