



quantification, administrative capacity and democracy

carr project receives ESRC funding under the prestigious Open Research Area award scheme

Andrea Mennicken and Martin Lodge have been awarded a prestigious grant of £591,000 by the Economic and Social Research Council under the Open Research Area (ORA) for the Social Sciences programme to study relations between quantification, administrative capacity and democracy (QUAD).

The project is being conducted in collaboration with the Centre de Sociologie de l'Innovation at Mines ParisTech (France), the Faculty of Sociology at Bielefeld University (Germany), the Department of Management Accounting and Control at Helmut-Schmidt University Hamburg (Germany) and the Institute of Political Science at Leiden University (Netherlands). The three-year research project is supported by more than €1.9 million in research grant funding awarded through

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Through quantification, public services have experienced a fundamental transformation from 'government by rules' to 'governance by numbers', with fundamental implications not just for our understanding of the nature of public service itself, but also for wider debates about citizenship and democracy. This project scrutinizes the relationships between quantification, administrative capacity and democracy across three policy sectors

(health/hospitals, higher education/universities, criminal justice/prisons) and four countries (France, Germany, Netherlands, UK). It offers a cross-national and cross-sectoral study of how managerialist ideas and instruments of quantification have been adopted and how they mattered. More specifically, it examines (i) how quantification has travelled across sectors and states; (ii) relations between quantification and administrative capacity; and (iii) how quantification has redefined relations between public service and liberal democratic understandings of public welfare, notions of citizenship, equity, accountability and legitimacy.

More details about the project can be found on the carr website:

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