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**Qualitative research in the context of trauma and commemoration**

This talk presents a self-reflexive and self-critical account of the author's methodological and moral dilemmas when undertaking qualitative research on second and third generation Holocaust descendant memory contextualized within the Israeli commemorative landscape. Focusing on my epistemological, ideological and methodological interpretive lens, I explore the way my three scholarly trajectories were shaped by: critical constructivism and hegemony theory; critical perspectives on trauma theory and pathologization; and my personal positioning as Holocaust descendant protective of survivor family silence and authenticity. I also consider the methodological challenges of accessing data on the predominantly silent embodied and emotive experience of transmitted Holocaust legacies and the no less problematic challenge of accessing the lived childhood experience of the now adult descendants, adults whose current experience has been framed for decades by the national socio-cultural narratives of Holocaust and post-Holocaust memory. Implications are raised pertaining to the politics of memory and memory scholarship and the way the politics of memory is forever entangled with formative ideological, emotive moral missions while data collection and analysis is forever grappling with issues of methodological reliability and validity. Moving beyond the micro case study of Israeli politics of memory to broader epistemological and ethical questions, the talk problematizes the way subjective moralistic scholarly and personal positions shape our analytical lens.

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