Theory, Research Methodology, or Practice Review

Rubric

Manuscripts which examine previous conflict theory, research design, or practice techniques and present new alternatives or builds upon previous work.

**As potentially primary research, development of the Theory, Research Methodology, or Practice Review requires four stages: (Articles must contain all 4)**

1. Problem formulation—which topic or field is being examined and what are its component issues?
2. Literature search—finding materials relevant to the subject being explored
3. Data evaluation—determining which literature makes a significant contribution to the understanding of the topic
4. Analysis and interpretation—discussing the findings and conclusions of pertinent literature

**Theory, Research Methodology, or Practice Review must comprise the following elements: (Articles must contain all 3)**

1. Clearly defined research question/hypothesis, or thesis
2. Two comprehensive literature reviews
   1. literature addressing the topic of review
   2. and literature supporting the articles perspectives and/or conclusions
3. A detailed conclusion based upon data and/or literature analysis

**In assessing each piece, consideration should be given to:**

1. Provenance— what are the author's credentials? Are the author's arguments supported by evidence (e.g. primary historical material, case studies, narratives, statistics, and recent scientific findings)?
2. Objectivity— is the author's perspective even-handed or prejudicial? Is contrary data considered or is certain pertinent information ignored to prove the author's point?
3. Persuasiveness— which of the author's theses are most/least convincing?
4. Value— are the author's arguments and conclusions convincing? Does the work ultimately contribute in any significant way to an understanding of the subject?

**This type of article does not present new *primary* scholarship.**