

News, Notes & Comment

Q Technique in Chinese

Tung-Wen Sun (Political Science, Kent State U) has discovered what is perhaps the first extended discussion of Q in the literature of Taiwan:

簡 介 Q-Technique

Translated as "Introduction of Q-Technique," this article was authored by Fu-Ming Chia and appeared in 1965 in *Ts' e Yen Nien Kan* [Annual of Assessment], pp. 117-119. More recently, Q has been given chapter length treatment:

Q 技 術

Translated simply as "Q Technique," this chapter (23) was authored by Chin-Ming Lu, and appeared in Kuo-Shu Yang, Chung-I Wen, I-Yuan Lee and Tsung-Hsien Wu (Eds.), *Social and Behavioral Science Methodologies* [book title in Chinese] (4th ed., Vol. 2, pp. 741-757), Taipei, Taiwan: Tong-hwa Book Co., 1981 (1st ed., 1978).

Q Sorts, Questionnaires, and Polling

Dennis Kinsey (Communication, Stanford U) made a presentation on "Polling and Q-Methodology" at the 7th annual Political Campaign Management Institute, July 12, 1991, University of California, Davis. Among other topics, Kinsey discussed the use of Q to explore candidate imagery, issue importance, and slogan development.

Laws in Q Methodology

In the April 1984 issue of *Operant Subjectivity*, reference was made to the intellectual basis for the idea of lawfulness in Q methodology. The source was Vienna Circle member Mor-

itz Schlick, and reliance was placed on a snippet translated from the German and found in Richard Braithwaite's *Scientific Explanation* (Cambridge University Press, 1953, p. 86). It has now been discovered that all of Schlick's papers have been translated and published, and persons interested in this issue are now directed to this new and official version (translated by Peter Heath):

The laws of nature are not (in the logician's terminology) "general implications," because they cannot be verified for *all* cases: they are prescriptions, rather, rules of procedure that direct the scientist to orient himself in reality, to discover true propositions, to expect certain events. (p. 197)

This quotation appears in chapter 10 (pp. 176-209), "Causality in Contemporary Physics," in Schlick, *Philosophical Papers: Vol. 2, 1925-1936* (Dordrecht, Holland: D. Reidel, 1979).

Forthcoming Q Panel

J. David Gillespie (Political Science, Presbyterian College) is chairing a special panel at the 1991 Southern Political Science Association meeting, Tampa, November 7-9 -- "Q Methodology in Political Science Research: The Post-Stephenson Era." Three papers will comprise the panel: *The Utility and Application of Q in Political Science*, Bruce McKeown (Westmont College) and James Carlson (Providence College); *Current Directions in Q-Methodological Research: Whither Intensive Analysis?* Charles Cottle (U Wisconsin, Whitewater); and *Generalization in Q Methodology: A Continuing Problem*, Dan Thomas (Wartburg College) and Larry Baas (Valparaiso U). The discussant will be Steven Brown (Kent State U).