



Action Learning, Action Research Association Ltd, Royal Roads University, Canada, Auckland University of Technology SPRINZ and University of Technology Sydney invite you to hear about and discuss the findings of the Evaluative Study of Action Research (ESAR) with key members of the research team and discuss its implications for your own work.



## Global Evaluative Study of Action Research Thumbs up for action research and pointers for great practice

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***PS ... this is the first global study to provide a deep, mixed method, analysis of Action Research***

Whether you are new to Action Research or a seasoned veteran, we would love to share our AR insights with you about this valuable global study and hear your views on how these can be applied.

**When:** Wednesday 6 May 2020, 5.30 - 8.00 pm

**Where:** University of Technology Sydney

**Format:** 1 hour presentation, 1 hour interaction/questions, plus networking

**Cost:** \$5.00 (doctoral and master students free)

To **register** for this event, please go to [www.alarassociation.org/esar](http://www.alarassociation.org/esar)  
**before 5.00 pm on Friday 1 May 2020**

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## Biographies

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Four members of that research team will be present at this event.

**Prof Eileen Piggot-Irvine.** Adjunct Professor at Griffith University and Royal Roads University (Canada). Lead for the ESAR. Previously Vice-President of ALARPM, founder and lead for the NZ AR Network, Director NZ ARCentre. Author of 82 papers, 6 books, too many keynotes and presentations to record!

**Prof Lesley Ferkins.** Professor, Sport Leadership & Governance at Auckland University of Technology (New Zealand). Director of the AUT Sports Performance Research Institute New Zealand. Committed action researcher and member of the ESAR.

**Prof. Shankar Sankaran.** Professor of Organizational Project Management at UTS. Authored over 140 papers and supervised 35 doctoral students. Published books, book chapters and edited special issues on action research and action learning. Member of the Editorial Board of ALARA and President of the International Society for the Systems Sciences where he set up its AR SIG. Member of ESAR. Interested in applying systems thinking and AR in organizations.

**Prof. Wendy Rowe.** Professor and scholar practitioner in School of Leadership at Royal Roads University, Victoria, Canada. Has worked extensively across Canada and United States, in addition to various international locations (Ecuador, India, China, New Zealand, Australia). Has published and is engaged in a number of research initiatives in areas of international development, evaluation planning and methodology, action research methodology, health system change, personal and organizational resiliency, and leadership.