

## Introduction to the Symposium

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As part of our ongoing interest in reflexivity about sociological practice, we are publishing a set of essays in which sociologists responded to the following request:

For the journal *Sociologica*, we are inviting a number of prominent sociologists to contribute to a special feature on “Heuristics of Discovery”. In general terms, we’re interested in how people come to work on the problems they do. We could use the word “choice” but perhaps some contributors will think that already has a decisionist bias. In an even broader sense, one could write about any aspect of work process — writing with a co-author, matching method to research question, ways to think about data, use of illustrations, or other topics.

The question provoked highly diverse responses, as you will see in these brief but richly insightful essays.

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