

Validity in Action Research	Positionality plays a big role in Action Resarech	Ethical considerations to action research
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## 2. APA Citation:

- Herr, K. & Anderson, G. L. (2015). *The action research dissertation: A guide for students and faculty* (2nd ed.). Sage.

## 3. Goal of the chapter or book

The purpose of this book is to discern what makes a good action research dissertation ensuring that multiple important topics about the look, feel, design and execution of your dissertation in relationship to your ELC.

## 4. Main ideas

- Action research is a less “organized” research tool but provides many opportunities to engage students
- Uses a narrative style that allows the researcher to reflect on process and be a part of the process.
- Action researchers require a spiral.
- Positionality plays a huge factor in action research. Since one’s positionality does not fall in or out of 1 specific category, all are necessary in developing a rounded individual.
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- Some of the worst action research studies are done by researchers who are insiders, but fail to fully acknowledge this positionality and think through its implications.
- Validity for assessing quality of research using several avenues:
  - Outcome Validity
  - Process Validity
  - Democratic Validity
  - Catalytic Validity
  - Dialogic Validity
- All the validity criteria for action research are tentative and in flux (70).
- Action is influenced by internal conviction, which comes from voluntarism and personal understanding” (76).

## 5. Other sources I would like to look at:

Palshaugen’s (1998). *The end of Organizational Theory*