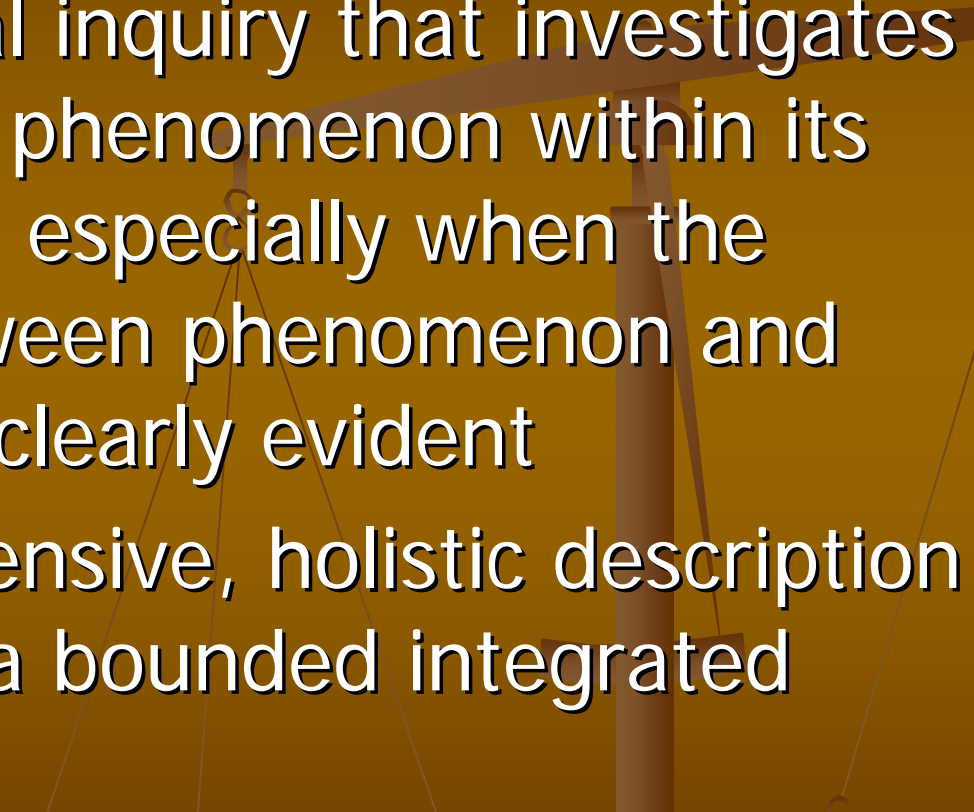


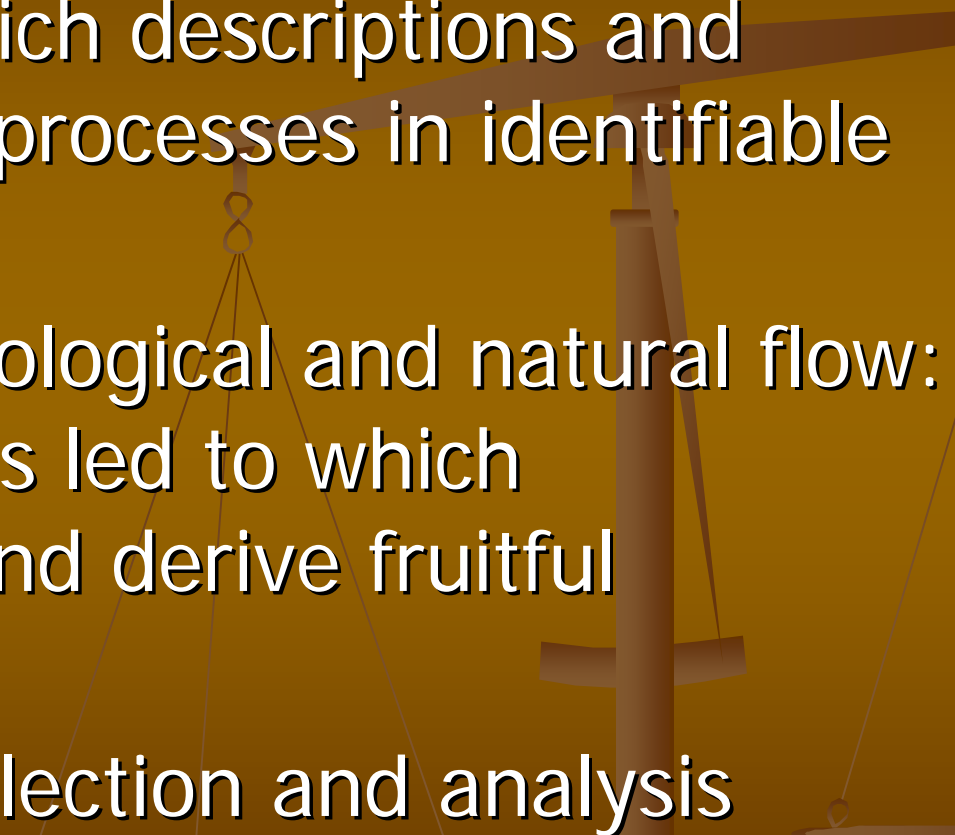



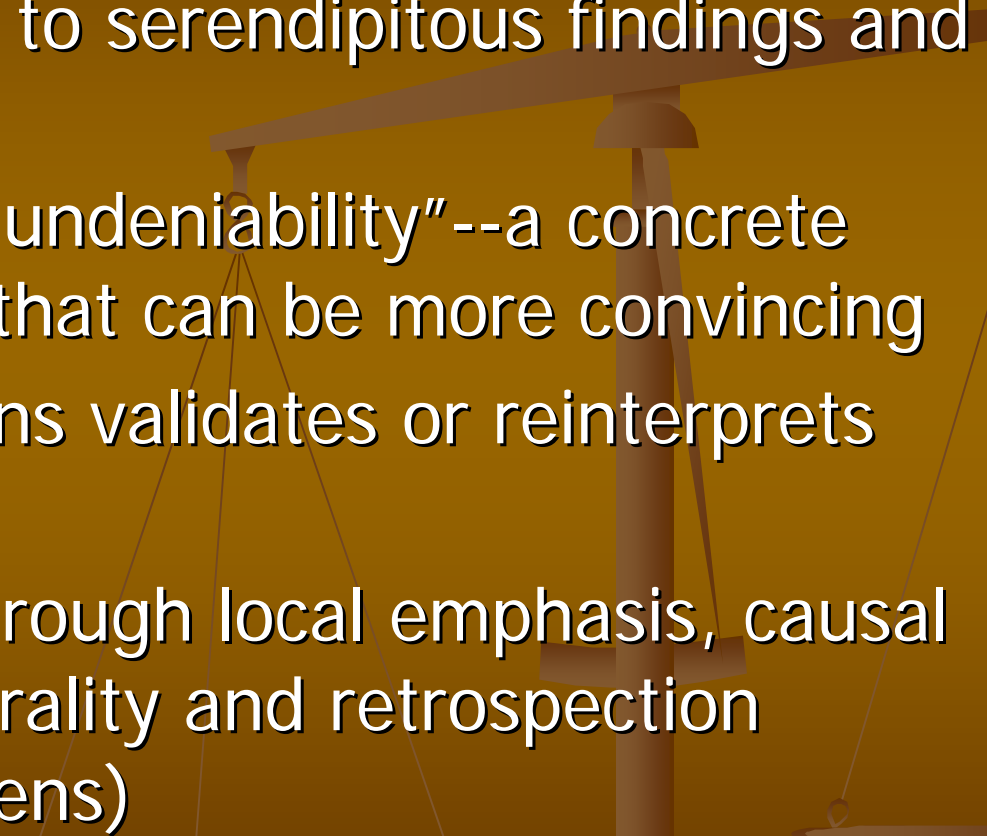
Case Studies (Frances Lawrenz)

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- Yin--an empirical inquiry that investigates a contemporary phenomenon within its real life context, especially when the boundaries between phenomenon and context are not clearly evident
 - Merriam--an intensive, holistic description and analysis of a bounded integrated system


What can case studies provide?

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- Well grounded rich descriptions and explanations of processes in identifiable local contexts
 - Preserves chronological and natural flow: see which events led to which consequences and derive fruitful explanations
 - Flexible data collection and analysis
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What can case studies provide? continued

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- More likely to lead to serendipitous findings and new integrations
 - Have a quality of “undeniability” --a concrete meaningful flavor that can be more convincing
 - Illuminates, explains validates or reinterprets quantitative data
 - Shows causality through local emphasis, causal complexity, temporality and retrospection (history as it happens)

Recent Case Studies

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- Case studies of districts developing content based mentoring programs
 - Case studies of businesses employing ATE prepared technicians
 - Case studies of science and mathematics programs in schools
 - Case studies of schools implementing a new curriculum
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