

## Working Group

# The Qualitative and Fieldwork

Department of Social Political Sciences

## ABSTRACT

The Qualitative and Fieldwork Working Group (Qualifie) is a knowledge exchange and community hub for researchers, fellows and faculty members with an interest in fieldwork, ethnography, interviewing and qualitative methodology more broadly. We are part of the Department of Political and Social Sciences at the European University Institute in Florence.

Qualifie understands itself as a student-led training and learning initiative. It is designed as a reading and discussion group as well as a networking forum for anyone interested in implementing qualitative methodology.

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## **Academic Year 2023/24**

### **Visual methods and co-production in international relations**

5<sup>th</sup> of December 2023

With Prof. Sophie Harman (Queen Mary University of London)

### **Surveys in Crisis: Lessons for Social Science Methods from a Public Perceptions Study in South Sudan**

27<sup>th</sup> of November 2023

With Dr Sophia Dawkins (Yale University/EUI)

### **Secrecy and Fieldwork: Best (and worst) Practices to Handle Limited Access**

14<sup>th</sup> of November 2023

With Dr Natalie Welfens (Hertie School)

### **Emotions and Fieldwork**

25<sup>th</sup> of May 2023

With Dr Gabriella Sanchez (Georgetown University)

### **Why Do Fieldwork?**

11 October 2023

With Prof. Lauren MacLean (Indiana University)

## **Academic Year 2022/23**

### **The importance of storytelling in academic research**

7th of June 2023

With Dr Gren Burnyeat (University of Oxford)

### **Mind mapping in qualitative data analysis, An interdisciplinary approach**

25<sup>th</sup> of May 2023

With Dr Carina Fearnley (UCL)

### **CANCELLED: Field notes, field diaries, What to write and how to make use of them**

11<sup>th</sup> of May 2023

With Émilie Fort (Université Laval)

### **Far-right environmentalism in Eastern Europe**

21<sup>st</sup> of February 2023

With Dr Balsa Lubarda (Far-Right Analysis Network)

### **Self-Care and Institutional Pressure during Fieldwork**

7<sup>th</sup> of December 2022

With Dr Laura Routley (Newcastle University) and Dr Anne-Kathrin Kreft (University of Oslo)

### **Conceptualising the Field**

16<sup>th</sup> of November 2022

With Prof Lothar Smith (Radboud University)

### **Fieldwork, Activism and Research**

26<sup>th</sup> of October 2022

with Prof Alexander Koensler (University of Perugia)

## **Academic Year 2021/22**

### **Seminar Series: Qualitative Methods in Practice**

#### **Grounded Theory in Political Science**

31<sup>st</sup> of May 2022

With Professor Alice Mattoni (MIT)

#### **Online Fieldwork and Digital Ethnography**

19<sup>th</sup> of May 2022

With Branwen Spector (LSE)

#### **Combining Political Theory and Ethnography**

09<sup>th</sup> of May 2022

With Bernardo Zacka (MIT)

#### **Interpretivist Interviewing**

30<sup>th</sup> of March 2022

With Frederic Schaffer (University of Massachusetts Amherst)

#### **Methodological Triangulation**

23<sup>rd</sup> of February 2022

With Victor de Munck (Vilnius University) and Ines Gil Torras (EUI)

#### **Visual Methodology in Migration studies**

27<sup>th</sup> of January 2022; co-organised with the Migration Working Group

With Karolína Augustová (Aston University), Franz Buhr (University of Lisbon),

Amandine Desille (University of Bordeaux), Alice Massari (CERC, Ryerson

University), Karolina Nikielska-Sekula (Jagiellonian University) and Sanderien

Verstappen (University of Vienna)

## **Seminar Series: A Hitchhiker's Guide to Epistemology, Theory and Methods**

### **Post-Colonialism and the Decolonisation of Political Science**

8<sup>th</sup> of December 2021

With Dr Vineet Thakur (Leiden University)

### **Rethinking causal explanation in interpretive international studies (Internal event only)**

24<sup>th</sup> of November 2021; co-organised with the IR Working Group

With Dr Ludvig Norman (University of Stockholm)

### **Post-humanist Epistemology and its Implications on Research Methods**

25<sup>th</sup> of November 2021

With Prof David Chandler (University of Westminster)

### **Feminism, Participatory Action Research and Constructivist Grounded Theory Method**

10<sup>th</sup> of November 2021

With Dr Giada Bonu (Scuola Normale Superiore)

### **Post-positivism, Fieldwork and proving causality**

20<sup>th</sup> of October 2021

With Prof Regina Bateson (University of Ottawa)

### **Interpretivism: Ethnography, Causality and Theory Driven Participant Observation (Internal event only)**

6<sup>th</sup> of October 2021

With Prof Paul Lichterman (University of Southern California)

## **Academic Year 2020/21**

### **Physical Safety and Mental Health**

11<sup>th</sup> of June 2021

With Dr Kevin Köhler (Leiden University)

### **Encountering Adversal Opinions**

21<sup>st</sup> of May 2021

With Dr Agnieszka Pasieka (The University of Vienna)

### **Focus Groups**

7<sup>th</sup> of May 2021

With Dr Liam Stanley (University of Sheffield)

### **Mapping and Sampling the Field**

19<sup>th</sup> of March 2021

With Dr Greta Semplici (EUI)

### **Decolonising Fieldwork**

26<sup>th</sup> of February 2021

With Dr Maysoun Sukarieh (King's College London)

### **Positionality**

5<sup>th</sup> of February 2021

With Dr Shannon Phillip (University of Cambridge)

### **Ethics**

22<sup>nd</sup> of January 2021

With Dr Luigi Achilli (EUI)