

Preparatory Workshop: Introduction to Qualitative Methods – Philosophy, Ethics, Interviews and Ethnography

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Description

This 8-hour workshop introduces researchers to some basics of qualitative analysis. It focuses on the multiple philosophical bases of qualitative methods, ethical questions that arise in qualitative work, and introduces interviews and ethnography as qualitative research tools. By the end of the workshop, researchers should appreciate why philosophy and ethics matter in both the conceptualization and execution of qualitative methods; they should also understand the basics of interview methods and ethnography. The workshop is strongly recommended for researchers with little or no prior experience with qualitative methods as it prepares them to participate effectively in the compulsory 'Introduction to Qualitative Methods' taught in the first term.

Format

Each two-hour session will consist of a 75-to-90-minute lecture, followed by 30 to 45 minutes of debate and discussion. Researchers should read the required texts prior to class and prepare for the discussion by considering the 'Discussion Questions' listed for each session. Doing the reading and preparing to debate the discussion questions are mandatory requirements; there are no excuses for not being prepared.

Readings

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