

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 2024/25

"The Home I Worked to Make: Voices from the New Syrian Diaspora"

May 12th 2025 | 17:00-18:30 CEST | Sala del Capitolo (Badia) & Zoom
Book presentation by Prof Wendy Pearlman (Northwestern University)

"Insights into political ethnography"

May 5th 2025 | 11:00-13:00 CET | Hybrid: Sala del Capitolo (EUI) and Zoom
With Leonidas Oikonomakis (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)

"Inside the field"

April 24th 2025 | 16:30-18:00 CET | Hybrid: Seminar Room 2 (EUI) and Zoom
With Prof. Timothy Pachirat (University of Massachusetts Amherst)

"Following the 'expatriate': Multi-sited approaches in migration studies and beyond"

April 8th 2025 | 15:00-16:30 CET | Zoom
With Dr Sarah Kunz (University of Essex)

"Conceptualisation in interpretive international relations"

March 24th 2025 | 11:15-12:45 CET | Hybrid: Theatre (EUI) and Zoom
With Prof. Xymena Kurowska (CEU)

"Exploring Women's Navigation of Public Spaces in Milan: A Feminist Methodological Approach to Identity and Spatial Dynamics"

4th of December 2024
With Marta Maria Nicolazzi (University of Milan)

"(Re)Conceptualising the Field"

14th of November 2024
With Prof. Eleanor Knott (LSE)

"Book launch: Inclusive Ethnography: Making Fieldwork Safer, Healthier and More Ethical"

30th of September 2024
With Dr Caitlin Procter (EUI) and Branwen Spector (UCL)

Academic Year 2023/24

[Book launch: Queer Conflict Research – New Approaches to the Study of Political Violence](#)

May 16th 2024 | 14:00 - 16:00 CET, Seminar Room 2, Badia
with Sam Ritholtz (Oxford University)

[Counter-mapping as counter-archiving: Assembling traces of border violence](#)

May 7th 2024 | 16:00-17:30 CET | Emeroteca, Badia and Zoom
with Martina Tazzioli (University of Bologna)

[Navigating the insider-outsider positionality and challenging knowledge production in Western academia](#)

April 10th 2024 | 16:00-17:30 CET | Online: Zoom
with Dr Noella Binda Niati (University of Cambridge)

[Ethnography in international institutions and organisations: Insights from practice theory in IR](#)

March 14th 2024 | 16:00-17:30 CET | Hybrid: Emeroteca, EUI & Zoom
with Prof [Rebecca Adler-Nissen](#) (University of Copenhagen)

[Rethinking the fundamental problem of causal inference in political science and IR \(paper presentation\)](#)

February 7th 2024 | 16:00-17:30 CET | Hybrid: Emeroteca, EUI & Zoom
with Prof [Ludvig Norman](#) (Stockholm University)

[Visual methods and co-production in international relations](#)

5th 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](#)

27th of November 2023
With Dr Sophia Dawkins (Yale University/EUI)

[Secrecy and Fieldwork: Best \(and worst\) Practices to Handle Limited Access](#)

14th of November 2023
With Dr Natalie Welfens (Hertie School)

[Emotions and Fieldwork](#)

9 November 2023 | 14:00-16:00 CET | Hybrid event
with [Gabiella 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](#)25th of May 2023

With Dr Carina Fearnley (UCL)

[CANCELLED: Field notes, field diaries, What to write and how to make use of them](#)11th of May 2023

With Émilie Fort (Université Laval)

[Far-right environmentalism in Eastern Europe](#)21st of February 2023

With Dr Balsa Lubarda (Far-Right Analysis Network)

[Self-Care and Institutional Pressure during Fieldwork](#)7th of December 2022

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

[Conceptualising the Field](#)16th of November 2022

With Prof Lothar Smith (Radboud University)

[Fieldwork, Activism and Research](#)26th 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](#)**31st of May 2022

With Professor Alice Mattoni (MIT)

[Online Fieldwork and Digital Ethnography](#)19th of May 2022

With Branwen Spector (LSE)

[Combining Political Theory and Ethnography](#)09th of May 2022

With Bernardo Zacka (MIT)

[Interpretivist Interviewing](#)30th of March 2022

With Frederic Schaffer (University of Massachusetts Amherst)

[Methodological Triangulation](#)23rd of February 2022

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

[Visual Methodology in Migration studies](#)27th 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](#)8th of December 2021

With Dr Vineet Thakur (Leiden University)

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

24th 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](#)25th of November 2021

With Prof David Chandler (University of Westminster)

[Feminism, Participatory Action Research and Constructivist Grounded Theory Method](#)10th of November 2021

With Dr Giada Bonu (Scuola Normale Superiore)

[Post-positivism, Fieldwork and proving causality](#)20th of October 2021

With Prof Regina Bateson (University of Ottawa)

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

With Prof Paul Lichterman (University of Southern California)

Academic Year 2020/21

Physical Safety and Mental Health

11th of June 2021

With Dr Kevin Köhler (Leiden University)

Encountering Adversal Opinions

21st of May 2021

With Dr Agnieszka Pasieka (The University of Vienna)

Focus Groups

7th of May 2021

With Dr Liam Stanley (University of Sheffield)

Mapping and Sampling the Field

19th of March 2021

With Dr Greta Semplici (EUI)

Decolonising Fieldwork

26th of February 2021

With Dr Mayssoun Sukarieh (King's College London)

Positionality

5th of February 2021

With Dr Shannon Phillip (University of Cambridge)

Ethics

22nd of January 2021 With Dr Luigi Achilli (EUI)

