



Migration Research Gyms

Opportunities for emerging scholars to hone their research skills.

QUALITATIVE INTERVIEWS: DESIGN, RECRUITMENT, ETHICS AND CONDUCTING

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WORKSHOP LEADERS:

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WHAT?

Qualitative interviews are an important research method that draws on a fundamental mode of human interaction. Participants describe their experiences and perspectives in their own terms, and a two-way 'performance' ensues involving verbal and non-verbal codes. To master the art of interviewing, the researcher needs to understand how inter-subjective knowledge is produced.

IN THIS WORKSHOP YOU WILL LEARN:

- How to interpret the lived experiences and subjective truth expressed by the participant
- What the interview setting conveys in terms of position and power
- How to optimize recruitment of participants
- What the ethical considerations are for conducting interviews
- How to prepare and carry out a successful interview

HOW?

The workshop will provide step-by-step techniques and include discussion on their ethical and methodological underpinnings. Teamwork and hands-on exercises provide an opportunity for practice. Detailed instructions for workshop exercises will be provided to participants beforehand.

WHERE AND WHEN:

Date: May 28, 2021

Time: 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Location: Online via Zoom