Preparing and Conducting Qualitative Interviews in Social Science Research

**Objective**

Interviews can make a substantial contribution to a research problem. However, in order to make such a contribution, interviews need to be carefully prepared and conducted. If you plan to use interviews for your data collection, this workshop will give you a thorough introduction into the scope, intricacies and challenges of working with interviews. After having participated in the workshop, PhD or postdoctoral researchers should be able to understand issues of good quality in interview research and have had the opportunity to actively practice and/or discuss various aspects of conducting interviews.

**Description**

The workshop includes a discussion of the qualitative research paradigm and an overview of the different approaches to conducting interviews (in particular narrative approaches, problem-centred interviews and interviewing experts).

The challenges of asking good interview questions and developing an adequate topic guide will be discussed in detail.

Issues of validity, ethical obligations and options for recruiting participants will also be covered.

**Methodology**

Wherever possible, the intricacies of interview practice will be illustrated through short exercises or by discussing selected issues of the participants’ own research projects.

In addition, the workshop leader will choose examples from her own research projects for illustration and clarification.

Participants are warmly invited to present and discuss elements of their own planned interview project (e.g. the first draft of a topic guide, but also any other issues) during the workshop.

If you are interested in doing so, please email to workshops@grade.uni-frankfurt.de till 5 February 2019 to make the necessary arrangements with the workshop leader.

**Conditions**

The workshop will be held in English. Therefore, workshop participants should also conduct their research in the English language or be prepared to present their work in English. English level C1 is recommended.

**Organizational Information**

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Friday, 1 March 2019, 9:00 – 13:00 |
| **Registration** | For registration click here |