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Who or what is QuaText?

QuaText - Institut für qualitative Sozialforschung was founded in 1982 as a registered association ("eingetragener Verein" (e.V.)) in Berlin. Its work is recognized to be conducive to the common good and the public interest.

The goal of the institute is to advance and foster qualitative methods in the social sciences and the humanities.

Members of QuaText are by majority sociologists who are or were researching and teaching full-time at universities. They work in a multidisciplinary way and have long lasting experience in qualitative research.

We provide advice for research projects and individual scientists who collect and analyze qualitative data.

We regularly offer courses on interpretative methods of data collection and methods of text analysis. Our main foci are methods of biographical research and issues of Oral History, while the courses are primarily designed for the acquisition and consolidation of practical research skills. We emphasize the incorporation of the participants' own empirical projects into the courses and the methodological monitoring and aid of these projects are in the center of our attention.

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Methodological workshops

We offer demand- and project-oriented workshops resp. methodological trainings as well as individual training courses in the following areas:

- Conducting narrative interviews and conversations
- Interpretative text analysis
- Reconstructive discourse analysis
- Collection and analysis of visual data
- Participant observation and Interaction Analyses

Length, location, as well as the price of the workshops may be agreed upon individually.

If you are interested or have further questions, please contact Gabriele Rosenthal g.rosenthal@gmx.de



Methodological workshops

Conducting narrative interviews and conversations

Our demand- and project-oriented workshops and methodological trainings offer hands-on knowledge transfer in the field of narration-stimulating and memory-aiding interview and conversation techniques. These methods are suitable for interactive socio-scientific fieldwork as well as for consultation and counseling. We design the workshops depending on the stage of your research or consultation/counseling. A well-tried option is – for example – to first concentrate on an introduction into techniques of qualitative data acquisition which will later enable an interpretative (reconstructive) and fruitful analysis. Afterwards, the participants' research designs are discussed. We also offer trainings which go deeper into methods of conversation techniques, scenic memorization, or introduce the preparation of family genograms.



Methodological workshops

Interpretative text analysis

In this course, we offer – demand- and project-oriented – the applied transmission of interpretative techniques of text analysis. If you wish, we will work with texts you suggest. These could be interview transcriptions as well as “ego-documents” taken from various institutional contexts or historical sources. We will teach different methods of text analysis (structural hermeneutics, biographical analysis, text- and thematic-field-analysis) and a model for a complete analytical process. We offer this workshop either as an introductory or an advanced training course.



Methodological workshops

Reconstructive discourse analysis

This workshop offers the possibility to get to know a further method of interpretative analysis: reconstructive discourse analysis. On the one hand, the workshop addresses researchers who want to combine different methods of data collection and analysis by using methodological triangulation. On the other hand, the workshop is aimed at those who already have collected (various) data and want to analyze them as fruitfully, systematically, and consistently as possible. Firstly, the workshop starts with an introduction to a discourse analysis, which takes into respect the principles of reconstruction and sequentiality. Secondly, participants learn this analysis method in its practical realization – how to apply it in a suitable way with varying data such as narrative resp. life-historical interviews, public documents, newspaper articles, etc.



Methodological workshops

Collection and analysis of visual data

We offer demand-oriented transfer of methodological knowledge and skills for researchers who work with visual data material (videos, photos, drawings). This applies to the planning stages of a project as well as to the stages of data collection and analysis. The workshop aims at enabling participants to conduct and analyze/interpret visual data material during their research in a goal-oriented way. Of course, participants may bring along empirical material they have already gathered for a joint analysis.



Methodological workshops

Participant observation and interaction analyses

Socio-scientific (including sociological) research projects are usually accompanied by forms of participant observation which may vary in intensity. This workshop serves to discuss the well-directed use of participant observation and the possible positioning in the field. It also serves to strengthen the sensibility for observing non-verbal behavior – especially of social interactions – and suitable memorization techniques. We will impart and practice guidelines for the composition of observation logs or memos and introduce possibilities for a sequential analysis of such material. The workshop is offered as an introductory or as an advanced training course. Material can be provided by us or be proposed by the participants.



Method consulting

If you have questions concerning methodological issues, please contact the team member most suitable to your cause:

Counseling on the use of interpretative methods, especially on the analysis of visual material in different research contexts

Dr. Roswitha Breckner
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Counseling on the application of interpretative research methods (narrative Interviews, case reconstructions) in migration research

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Counseling on the application of interpretative research methods, in particular on the case reconstructive analysis of narrative interviews and of written historical self-presentations research areas: political systems in Germany in the 20th century, transformation research and dictatorship research, political action

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Services

Interview transcriptions

(audio-files) according to the "Gesprächsanalytische Transkriptionsregeln (GAT)"

- Transcription of interview texts from all subject areas
- possible application of individual transcription rules
- pay: 20 cent/100 characters

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Services

Family historical inquiries in archives

We gladly support you in family historical inquiries. If you want to get to know more about the history of your relatives, we can provide advice for the preparation and realization of archival research – or, alternatively, we could take them over for you. This applies especially to the periods prior to, during, and after National Socialism. A list containing (relevant) archives will give you first hints for the investigation into the history of your family members. We support you in the reconstruction of the history of Jewish and non-Jewish relatives as well as in the research on memberships in NS-organizations and on a possible participation in national socialist crimes of violence of members of your parental and grand-parental generation. We work on a fee basis. Please contact us for first, noncommittal advice:

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Services

Multilingual Narrative Interview and Transcription Service

Should you require interviews to be conducted in any languages other than German, we offer a wide range of options. We are prepared to organise biographic and narrative interviews in English, Turkish, Russian, Spanish, Hebrew, Arabic, Swedish and Polish. Our interviewers are trained in conducting narrative interviews, and within their scientific activities have created an extensive pool of interviewing experience. They are either native speakers or fluent in the language chosen. Additionally we organise transcription-services in English, Turkish, Russian, Spanish and Ukrainian. For more information, or in order to have us put you in touch with one of our freelancers, please contact:

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Team- and case supervision

Supervision of research teams:
upon agreement – group dynamic or case-oriented

Case supervision:
also in cases of research in psychologically burdensome areas or during
processes of scientific work

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Team



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Research areas: gender studies, right-wing extremism, migration research

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