

Qualitative Methods in the Social Sciences – Literature from autumn 2023

Required Literature:

- Creswell, J (2017) *Qualitative Inquiry & Research Design: Choosing among Five Approaches*, 4th edition. SAGE.
- Klinenberg, E (2002) *Heat Wave: A Social Autopsy of Disaster in Chicago*. University of Chicago Press.
- Lareau, Annette (2021) *Listening to People: A Practical Guide to Interviewing, Participants Observation, Data Analysis and Writing it All Up*. University of Chicago Press.

Articles and Chapters listed on Course plan and posted on Athena

Topics and Reading assignments

Principles of Qualitative Method

- Creswell, J. Chapters 1-2 in *Qualitative Inquiry*
- Lareau, A (2021) Chapter 1 “The Emergent Nature of the Research Process”
- Lareau, A (2021) Chapter 2 “Dreaming and Thinking”

Research Design

- Creswell, Chapters 3-5

Ethnography

- Creswell pages 90-97;
- Creswell, Appendix E
- Lareau, A (2021) Chapter 6 “Learning to do Participant Observation”

Rios, V. (2011). APPENDIX: Beyond Jungle-Book Tropes. In *Punished: Policing the Lives of Black and Latino Boys* (pp. 169-174). NYU Press.

Small, M. L. (2015). De-Exoticizing Ghetto Poverty: On the Ethics of Representation in Urban Ethnography. *City & Community*, 14(4), 352–358. <https://doi-org.ezp.sub.su.se/10.1111/cico.12137>

Rankin, J. (2017). Conducting Analysis in Institutional Ethnography: Guidance and Cautions. *INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF QUALITATIVE METHODS*, 16(1). <https://doi-org.ezp.sub.su.se/10.1177/1609406917734472>

Voyer, A. (2019) ‘If the students don’t come, or if they don’t finish, we don’t get the money.’ Principals, immigration, and the organisational logic of school choice in Sweden, *Ethnography and Education*, 14:4, 448-464, DOI: 10.1080/17457823.2018.1445540

Interviews and What Can they tell us Workshop

Sundberg, M. (2015) *A Sociology of the Total Organization: Atomistic Unity in the French Foreign Legion*. Routledge. Electronic resource through library. Obligatory reading: pp. 1-4, 13-18 (part of chapter 1), 211-217 (Methodological appendix A). (in total 14 p)

Sundberg, M. (2020) Differences in Secondary Adjustments among Monks and Nuns. *Current Sociology*. Online first. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0011392120905339>, pp-1-6, 9-12. (6 p in total)

Creswell, pages 70-88
Creswell, Appendices B, C, D
Creswell, Chapter 6-7

Interviewing: Life Histories

Lamont, M. & Swidler, A. (2014) Methodological Pluralism and the Possibilities and Limits of Interviewing. *Qualitative Sociology* 37, 153-171.
Lareau, A (2021) Chapter 5, "How to Conduct a Good Interview"

Recommended

Bourdieu, Pierre. 1999. "Understanding" in *The Weight of the World*. Stanford: Stanford University Press. Pp. 607-626 (on Athena)

Digital Methods

Chapter 3, "Do we need new methods?" pp 78-115. Noortje Marres, Digital Sociology: The Re-Invention of Social Research

Marres, N, Weltevrede, E (2015) Scraping the social? Issues in real-time research. In: Bouchard, J, Candel, É, Cardy, H (eds) *Le Médiatisation de l'Évaluation/Evaluation in the Media*. Berlin: Peter Lang.

Tidenberg, K. (2018) Ethics in Digital Research. In: Flick, U. (Ed.). (2017). *The Sage handbook of qualitative data collection*. Sage.

Resource on Doing Fieldwork during a Pandemic

Recommended:

Hine, Ethnography for the Internet

Light, B., Burgess, J., & Duguay, S. (2018). The walkthrough method: An approach to the study of apps. *New Media & Society*, 20(3), 881-900.

Case Studies & Social Autopsy

Flyvberg, B "Chapter 17: Case Study"

Klinenberg, E. (2002) *Heat Wave: A Social Autopsy of Disaster in Chicago* (University of Chicago Press).

Gerring John. 2007. "What is a Case Study and What is it Good for?"

Creswell, pp. 97-110

Barker, V (2018) Appendix, *Nordic Nationalism and Penal Order: Walling the Welfare State* (available as ebook at SU)

Recommended:

Gerring, John. 2007. *Case Study Research*

Goertz and Mahoney (2012) *A Tale of Two Cultures: Qualitative and Quantitative Research in the Social Sciences*

Global & decolonizing Methods

Knowles, C (2009) *Shoes and Social Fabric. On Object Ethnography*.
Darian-Smith and Smith (2017) *Global methods*. Selections on Athena.

Recommended:

Indigenous Methodology, selections on Athena

On decolonizing digital methods, selections from *Algorithms of Oppression* by Safiya Noble on Athena

Comparative & Historical Analysis

Ritter, Daniel P. (2014). “Comparative Historical Analysis.” Pp. 97-116 in *Methodological Practices in Social Movement Research*, edited by D. della Porta. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Mahoney, James. 2004. ‘Comparative-Historical Methodology’. *Annual Review of Sociology* 30: 81-101.

Mahoney, James, Erin Kimball, and Kendra L. Koivu. 2009. ‘The Logic of Historical Explanation in the Social Sciences’. *Comparative Political Studies* 42(1): 114-46.

Mill, John Stuart. 1974 [1843]. *A System of Logic, Ratiocinative and Inductive: Being a Connected View of the Principles of Evidence*. Toronto, ON: University of Toronto Press.

Recommended:

Skocpol, Theda. 2003. ‘Doubly Engaged Social Science: The Promise of Comparative Historical Analysis’. Pp. 407-28 in *Comparative Historical Analysis in the Social Sciences*, edited by James Mahoney and Dietrich Rueschemeyer. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.

Skocpol, Theda, and Margaret Somers. 1980. ‘The Uses of Comparative History in Macrosocial Inquiry’. *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 22(2): 174-97.

Mahoney, James. 2003. “Strategies of Causal Assessment in Comparative Historical Analysis.” In *Comparative Historical Analyses in Social Science*.

Clemens, Elisabeth S. 2007. “Toward a Historicized Sociology: Theorizing Events, Processes, and Emergence.” *Annu. Rev. Sociol.* 2007. 33:527–49

Lange, Matthew. 2013. *Comparative-Historical Methods*. London: Sage.

Data Analysis

Creswell, Chapters 8-10

Lareau, A (2021) Chapter 8 “Data Analysis: Thinking as you Go”

Peer Workshop

Creswell, Chapter 11

Why do Peer Review (on Athena)