



Snapshots of Change

Assessing Social Transformations in Qualitative Research

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The study of “change” is a central research topic in social science that has become all the more visible today in contexts in which collective claims for social and political change fill the news, as was the case during the recent uprisings in the Arab World and the crisis in Europe. However, how can we concretely assess social change when we conduct qualitative research which is based on case studies, and has a limited scope of inquiry both in terms of time and space? This question concerns especially researchers who use ethnographic methods of investigation and who are consequently bound to analyse ‘snapshots’ of the studied societies while relying mainly on testimonies or on secondary literature to grasp possible transformations. On the basis of concrete empirical examples, the workshop will therefore focus on the available means that enable us to overcome obstacles encountered when studying change through qualitative research.

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