



## **Workshop on Methodological and Ethical Challenges in Qualitative Research Projects, 10-11 May 2016**

### **Workshop outline**

The workshop intends to provide a platform for discussing, reflecting on and analyzing challenges stemming from the researcher's encounter with the field while pursuing her/his research, writing, and publication preparation. We want to deal with *methodological challenges* (e.g. closeness/distance to the field, establishing trust, getting access, recording data, censorship issues, expectations from individuals towards the researcher and the outcome of the research) as well as with *ethical challenges* (e.g. granting anonymity, consequences for individuals and locations being studied, impact of scholarly work on the field, power structures, reciprocity).

### **Aim of the workshop**

Every researcher faces fieldwork challenges in a distinct way depending on the contextual conditions of the research project. The workshop aims at finding ways of dealing with these challenges in the different stages of a research project. Furthermore, it aims at framing these challenges analytically in order to translate problems which arise in single research projects into more general problems that often arise in empirical research projects.

### **Structure of the workshop**

The major components of the workshop are short presentations (15-20 min) from doctoral students and postdocs pertaining to the challenges sketched out above and subsequent discussions with the workshop participants. We will have two guest scholars (Dr. Elisabeth Arweck, University of Warwick and Dr. Marta Trzebiatowska, University of Aberdeen) who are experienced in qualitative research and who have an analytic interest in challenges resulting from empirical research projects. Along with giving a short lecture, they will provide recommendations and comments based on their own experience and share their insights with participants. Additionally, Dr. Aymon Kreil (University of Zurich) will give a presentation reflecting on power-structures between the researcher and the researched.



### **Call for papers**

We invite doctoral and postdoctoral students interested in participating in the workshop to send us a short text (ca. 300 words). Please include:

- information about your research (research topic and research question; research setting; material/data of the research)
- a description of a specific challenge(s)/problem(s) faced in the course of your research project in relation to the issues outlined above

Please send your document by the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April to Nina Rageth ([nina.rageth@uzh.ch](mailto:nina.rageth@uzh.ch)).

### **Dates**

The workshop takes place on the 10.5.2016 (4 to 7 pm) and 11.5.2016 (9 am to 5 pm).

### **Organizer**

The workshop is organized by Prof. Dr. D. Lüddeckens and Nina Rageth and is funded by the URPP Asia and Europe, University of Zurich.