

Interdisciplinary perspectives on continuity and change: what counts as QLR

November 16th 2012 : Day 2 workshop

AIMS

This workshop is aimed at doctoral students and early career researchers and forms the first in a series of 5 events over the course of the year, each linked with a seminar in the New frontiers of QLR series. A key ambition of the series is to develop insights and learning that can be shared with doctoral researchers and used to promote small scale QLR within doctoral and post-doctoral research.

As part of the planning for these workshops a group of participants has been asked to identify and share issues that they would like to explore in greater detail over the course of the series. This has been, and will be, used in designing the workshops. In the workshops we will aim to:

- Address the needs of participants as identified in advance
- Enable participants to work with expert researchers in 'master classes'
- Provide a supportive environment for participants to share their own work in progress and to reflect on challenges arising in their own research.
- Provide a platform for planning subsequent workshops in the series and to articulate a doctoral/ ECR voice within the series.

PROGRAMME

9.30 – 10am Welcome and introductions

Lucy Hadfield and Fiona Shirani

10am – 12pm Workshop with Lois Weis

10-11am Lois Weis will talk about her own research and address the following issues raised by participants:

- *How to build a longitudinal study over time/ career and the role of doctoral study within this.*
- *How to develop analytic strategies for working with a data set that is both dense and covers several time periods. How to do the analysis, keep yourself organised and what to prioritise?*
- *What do you mean by ethnographic longitudinality?*

11 – 11:30am Group work: in small groups discuss the following

- How has what Lois has shared helped you with your current research challenges?
- Can you agree on a question for Lois that engages with your plans and hopes for future research?

11.30 – 12.00 Q&A with Lois Weis

12 – 12.45 Lunch

12.45 -1pm Methods of working: the blog as a method.

Rachel Thomson and Ester McGeeney

1– 3pm Workshop with Jeanine Anderson.

1-2pm Jeanine will talk about her own research and engage with the following issues identified by participants:

- *What is the relationship between longitudinal research and practice? How can this kind of knowledge be fed back to communities and influence development processes?*
- *How to shape research for different audiences: policy makers, participants, practitioners and academics?*
- *Balancing the big picture and the small stories: how to not become lost and bogged down in detail?*

2- 2.30pm Group work: in small groups discuss the following

- *How has what Jeanine has shared helped you with your current research challenges*
- *Can you agree a question for Jeanine that engages with your plans and hopes for future research.*

2.30 – 3pm Q&A with Jeanine Anderson

3 – 3.45pm Future planning: the next workshop in Cardiff ‘The research relationship’

Introduction: *What do you want from a session on ethics and the research relationship?*

Fiona Shirani & Lucy Hadfield

Group work: In small groups write down at least one real ethical dilemma from your research. These will be collected and used for planning the next workshop.