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ESA RN20 QM

The European Sociological Association (ESA)
Research Network (RN) 20 Qualitative Methods (QM)

Dear Qualitative Researcher!

Welcome to our first Newsletter after the ESA conference in Glasgow September 2007!

This time our Newsletter is published in *Qualitative Sociology Review*, one of our online journals on qualitative research. Krzysztof Konecki, our RN20 Vice-president and professor at University of Lodz, is *QSR* Editor-in-chief. RN20 board member and webmaster Lukas T. Marciniak who is working to get our website into the ESA-system is *QSR* Executive Editor.

In this newsletter you will get information about our Network and network activities including new books, conferences and programmes including a new qualitative methodology blog by Sage!

RN20 QM board and New ESA Executive Committee 2007-2009

At the Glasgow conference, Claire Wallace, UK, was elected new President of ESA. We congratulate her!

We are also very happy to tell you that two of our board members, Thomas Eberle and Shalva Weil, both RN20 past Presidents, were elected member of the ESA Executive Committee. Thomas Eberle is now ESA Vice-President, and Shalva Weil is The ESA Newsletter coordinator. Congratulations!

We also want to congratulate our two new members that were elected to recruit our RN20 board, Catherine Delcroix, France, and Bernt Schnettler, Germany!

We also had our regular change in RN leadership. Here is our current RN 20 Qualitative Methods board:

President:

Anne Ryen, Norway

Vice-President:

Krzysztof Konecki, Poland

Other board members:

Marie Buscatto, France

Cathrine Delcroix, France

Thomas Eberle, Switzerland

Giampietro Gobo, Italy



Hubert Knoblauch, Germany
Ross Koppel, USA
Maggie Kusenbach, Germany
Christoph Maeder, Switzerland
Lukas Marciniak, Poland
Bernt Schnettler, Germany
David Silverman, UK
Shalva Weil, Israel
Ruth Wodak, UK

For further ESA and RN20 info and e-mails, please check our ESA web http://www.europeansociology.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=38&Itemid=29

Now and then we put Conference Announcements at this web-page, so please, do visit us here.

Conferences ahead

Our ESA RN20 QM next mid-term in Lodz, Poland Sept.15-17, 2008!

Do you want to know how to teach QM to make students do high quality qualitative research?

If so, come to our next meeting place at our mid-term conference at University of Lodz, Poland, September 15-17, 2008!

One of our main goals is to improve the quality of qualitative research, so the topic for our 2008 mid-term is *Teaching Qualitative Methods*.

This is a topic both for those of us who teach QM, those who ones did, those who do have ideas on “how to” and also students who are the ones sitting for hours trying to learn all the hands-on before starting up with their theses – we want to listen to your experiences from and ideas about: How can we best teach QM to make good qualitative researchers?

This refers to teaching across countries, institutions, academic levels and across different qualitative methods and approaches, face to face or online. This also offers an opportunity to get to know how teaching QM in Europe (or elsewhere) currently is being done.

High quality qualitative research is our ultimate goal!

Final deadline for registration is August 31, 2008. Click your way to our mid-term conference web-site <http://www.soc-org.edu.pl/Conference2008/welcome.php>

To get the programme click “conference timetable” where you find these sessions:

- Teaching QM procedures and techniques
- Researchers` learning and experience
- Teaching QM in multicultural context
- Reaching outside sociological environment
- Quantitative and Qualitative
- Teaching by research
- QM in institutional context
- Visual data analysis in QM teaching



QM in ISA, Naples, Italy, September 1-5, 2008.

This year you will find that our ESA RN20 QM is closely collaborating with the International Sociological Association (ISA) for their Social Science Methodology conference 2008. Anne Ryen is member of the Scientific Committee for the ISA RC33 Logic and Methodology Interim Conference in Naples. This way, both ESA RN20 board members and others on our list, have been invited to put up sessions in different methods and topics, so we offer sessions on:

- Data for Historical Sociology and for Analyzing Long-Term Social Processes (Nina Baur)
- Process Generated Data (Nina Baur)
- Ethnography (Giampietro Gobo)
- Cross-cultural research practice (Giampietro Gobo and Anne Ryen)
- Re-discovering Grounded Theory. Forty years of the research practice (Krzysztof Konecki)
- How to make sense of qualitative interview data (Anne Ryen)
- Session on Interpretative video-analysis (Bernt Schnettler)
- Methodological Challenges and opportunities for Applied Qualitative Research (Ian Shaw)

In addition there will be QM sessions on topics like these (and even some more):

- Mixing Methods and Triangulation Research (Udo Kelle and Uwe Flick)
- 'Vulnerability' in Social Research (Carol Truman)
- Ethics and Interpretive Research with Vulnerable Population (Brinda Jegatheesan)
- Postcolonial/Indigenous Research Methodologies: Global and African Perspectives (Bagele Chilisa, Van Der Weshuizen, Donna Mertens)

And on Network data and analysis, Combining data from different sources, The Internet and Social Research, New directions in case study methodology etc. In addition you will find a huge amount of sessions across a wide range of quantitative research issues.

The general schedule is now available, and the final programme is soon to come. Also, notice the early registration date May 21. See <http://www.rc332008.unina.it/>

9th ESA Conference

The next ESA conference will take place at the University of Lisbon Sept. 2-5, 2009. More info to come at <http://www.europeansociology.org/>

Section on other QM activities etc:



Publications:

We have two greetings for you this time:

a) here is a greeting from Giampietro Gobo:

Dear colleague,
Just to inform you about a new textbook on ethnography:
Gobo, Giampietro (2008), *Doing Ethnography*, London.
In the attached flyer you will find more info.

Best regards,
Giampietro Gobo

Here is the web-link to the flyer for the book
http://www.qualitativesociologyreview.org/ENG/Media/Gobo_flyer.pdf

b) and here is a greeting from Ruth Wodak:

Please find the links to two new books of us:

Wodak, R. & Krzyzanowski, M. (Eds.) (2008) *Qualitative Discourse Analysis in the Social Sciences*. Basingstoke: Palgrave

Heer, H., Manoschek, W., Pollak, A., Wodak, R. (Eds.) (2008) *The Discursive Construction of History. Remembering the Wehrmacht's War of Annihilation*. Basingstoke: Palgrave.

Conferences/workshops etc

I) Here is the info and web-link to the joint mid-term conference organised by The Research Networks Sociology of Arts and Sociology of Culture of the European Sociological Association (ESA) in Venice, 4-8 November 2008 on

Arts, Culture and Public Sphere
Expressive and Instrumental Values in Economic and Sociological Perspectives
<http://www.artculturevenice2008.org>>

II) The web link to the ESA Newsletters (a new one is in the process) is
http://www.europeansociology.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=blogcategory&id=17&Itemid=95

III) For info about the ESF programme
Qualitative Research in the Social Sciences in Europe (EUROQUAL), see
<http://www.esf.org/activities/research-networking-programmes/social-sciences-scss/current-esf-research-networking-programmes/qualitative-research-in-the-social-sciences-in-europe-euroqual/more-information.html>



More EUROQUAL workshops where you can apply for participating will be announced later (we will put them at the ESA website for our RN20)

A new Sage blog on methodology

From Patrick Brindle, Senior Editor in Sage Publications, London, we have the most relevant info that they have launched a blog on the competing merits naturally-occurring data vs non-naturally-occurring data titled 'Why interview?' He says that "It may be of interest to you and your students to have a look at this by clicking on the link below" and refers to both David Silverman and Jay Gubrium among the discussants, and continues "but please do feel free to add to the discussion if you want to comment":

<http://asksage.typepad.com/methods/2008/04/why-interview.html>

This blog is part of their www.methodology.co.uk

A new issue of Qualitative Sociology Review (Vol. 4, 1) is just published:

<http://www.qualitativesociologyreview.org/ENG/volume9.php>

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Thanks to all of you for having your names on our RN20 list!

If you have colleagues that would like to join in as well, please, tell them to contact us and we will add their names to our list.

Also, if you have QM info that you want to share with us, please, let us know.

We hope to see you in Lodz, Poland!

Greetings,

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