For the past eight years, the Qualitative Research Network has welcomed the leading experts in the field to discuss cutting edge issues in qualitative research. For Lisbon 2009, we invite papers dealing with all aspects of the practice, methodology and ethics of qualitative research. Among the areas we invite papers are:

- Methods for studying visual data
- The logic of interview and focus group research
- Documentary and textual analysis
- Ethnographic methodologies
- The logic of grounded theory research
- Discourse analysis and critical discourse analysis
- Conversation analysis and ethnomethodology
- Mixed methods
- Making qualitative research credible
- The relationship between qualitative and quantitative research
- Practitioners, policymakers and qualitative research
- Evaluating qualitative research
- Other topics associated with qualitative research.

Please note that we are interested in methodological papers, so papers dealing purely with research findings will not be accepted. While the organizers encourage participants to suggest a session for their work, we reserve the right to allocate the accepted papers to whatever sessions we deem most appropriate for the benefit of the total program.

We particularly welcome papers from research students. The Network prides itself on the number of student papers presented in previous years and the sympathetic audience we provide for students.

The deadline for submission of abstracts is 26th February 2009.

Abstracts will only be accepted through completion of the online submission form, and submission in any other form will be declined. (The Online Abstract Submission form and Instructions and Guidelines for Online Abstract Submissions will be on the conference website http://www.esa9thconference.com/.)