

Report for the ESA RN20 QM period 2007-2009

1. RN 20 has arranged the following events:

a) 4th Midterm, Lodz September, 15-17, 2008.

Our 4th Midterm Conference was arranged at Lodz University (Poland) Sept.15-17, 2008 with the topic "Teaching Qualitative Methods". Vice-President Krzysztof Konecki was arranging the mid-conference at his University with Dominika Byczkowska as leader of the local organizing committee.

The conference was organized by ESA RN20, with cooperation of the Polish Sociological Association (Section of Qualitative Sociology and Symbolic Interactionism), Qualitative Sociology Review Journal, and with financial support from the Director of Institute of Sociology (Lodz University), Dean of Faculty of Economics and Sociology, and Rector of Lodz University.

The conference had 8 thematic sessions:

Three plenary sessions were conducted by:

- Brian Roberts,
- Anssi Perakyla, and Johanna Ruusuvuori,
- Andrzej Piotrowski

Three 'Meet the Author' session with:

- David Silverman, translated into Polish: *Interpreting Qualitative Data*
- Ruth Wodak, Michal Krzyżanowski: *Qualitative Discourse Analysis*
- Giampietro Gobo: *Doing Ethnography*, Sage

We had originally 40 abstracts, but due to lack of funding in particular from former East-European researchers, the number of presentations was somewhat reduced.

Dominika Byczkowska wrote 9 pages report from the conference:

(http://www.qualitativesociologyreview.org/ENG/Media/conf_lodz_09_08.pdf).

b) The ISA RC33 Logic and Methodology, Naples September, 1-5, 2008

Anne Ryen attended the ISA conference in Durban, South Africa in 2007. She was elected member of the scientific committee for the 7th International Conference on Social Science Methodology. Her job was to increase the number of sessions and papers on qualitative methodology. She did so by 100% compared to their previous conference till more than 100 presentations in QM from across the globe though with a majority from the western world. In total the conference had 600 presentations. Anne Ryen actively involved the RN20 members. Krzysztof T. Konecki (new records in number of sessions on GT!), Giampietro Gobo, Bernt Schnettler, Lukas Marciniak and Anne Ryen arranged separate and joint sessions with more than 50 presentations.

Additionally, Bernt Schnettler gave a pre-conference workshop on Video-Analysis on Social Situations: Approach and Practices. Anne Ryen gave one workshop on The Qualitative Interview: Contemporary Success or Scientific Challenge. Both had between 20-30 participants and had one of the highest numbers of attendants.

c) The ESA 9th Conference, Lisbon September, 2-5, 2009

We had: 73 – accepted abstracts
 24 – distributive papers
 13 – rejected papers

We had the following 16 sessions:

| Session No | Chair | Session |
|------------|--------------------------|---|
| 1A | Krzysztof Konecki | The quality of qualitative research |
| 1B | Katarina Jacobsson | Mixed methods |
| 2A | Anne Ryen | Interviews |
| 2B | Bernt Schnettler | Visual methods and video |
| 3A | Christoph Maeder | Interviews and focus groups |
| 3B | Lukas Marciniak | Conversational analysis and grounded theory |
| 4A | Shalva Weil | Ethnography |
| 4B | Udo Kelle | Biography and life history research |
| 5A | Piotr Chomczyński | Narrative research |
| 5B | David Wästerfors | Cross cultural research: challenges and hurdles |
| 6A | Anne Britt Flemmen | Innovative Methods |
| 6B | Pirjo Nikander | Research relations and ethical issues |
| 7A | Ross Koppel | Innovative analysis |
| 7B | Dominika Byczkowska | Gender related Issues in QM |
| 8A | César A. Cisneros Puebla | Designing QR, data archiving and secondary analysis |
| 8B | Solveig Botnen Eide | Analysing qualitative data |

Chairs were from the following 9 countries:

- Finland
- Germany
- Israel
- Mexico
- Norway
- Poland
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- USA

d) The mini-conference on evidence based research and culture

- see the conference web-page. Speakers from RN20 are: Thomas Eberle (as chair), Hubert Knoblauch, Giampietro Gobo, Anssi Perakyla, Paul Atkinson (originally before his upcoming health problems).

2. Documents and presentations

Anne Ryen has produced: 7 Board Documents to the Board:

- 2007: 3
- 2008: 2
- 2009: 2

Newsletter: 1

The newsletter has been published in the journal Qualitative Sociology Review
http://www.qualitativesociologyreview.org/ENG/Media/ESA_Newsletter_1_2008.pdf

RN20 presentation in The ESA Newsletter, Issue 27, 2008:6-7 by the editor Shalva Weil, an RN20 Board member.

Anne Ryen has also responded to an ESA Research Document Network Information Sheet on our RN history to the ESA Executive Committee for file-purposes. By help of Board members we managed reconstruct the RN history from the 1999 founding.

In FQS has been published the report on “meet the author” session that has been held in Glasgow ESA Conference (2007) on the books by Uwe Flick: “Between Reflexivity and Consolidation—Qualitative Research in the Mirror of Handbooks” by *Shalva Weil, Thomas S. Eberle & Uwe Flick*. <http://www.qualitative-research.net/index.php/fqs/article/view/1012/2188>

3. Publications

There has been produced 1 journal special issue based on the ESF workshop arranged in Kristiansand, Norway with Anne Ryen as local organizer. The workshop was initiated by Shalva Weil and applied jointly by S. Weil, A. Ryen, and D. Silverman. The workshop is documented in this Special Issue of Qualitative Sociology Review edited by Anne Ryen (2008, Volume IV Issue 3 <http://www.qualitativesociologyreview.org/ENG/volume11.php>) titled: “The Credibility of Qualitative Research”. Contributors are: Krzysztof Konecki, Marie Buscatto, Lars-Charister Hydén, Bernt Schnettler, Anne Ryen.

Contents:

Articles:

[*Triangulation and Dealing with the Realness of Qualitative Research*](#)

Krzysztof Konecki



[*Who Allowed You to Observe? A Reflexive Overt Organizational Ethnography*](#)

Marie Buscatto



[*Narratives in Illness: A Methodological Note*](#)

Lars-Charister Hydén



[*Vision and Performance. The Sociolinguistic Analysis of Genres and Its Application to Focussed Ethnographic Data*](#)

Bernt Schnettler



[*Wading the Field with My Key Informant: Exploring Field Relations*](#)

Anne Ryen



There was also published after the conference in Kristiansand "Conference Essay: Is There a "Legitimation Crisis" in Qualitative Methods?" by Shalva Weil (2008).

<http://www.qualitative-research.net/index.php/fqs/article/view/438>

4. QSR as our Web-page

The network aimed at and discussed about separate network webpage and contacted ESA. However, it took ESA 2 years to come up with an ESA network webpage. In the meantime we accepted the great offer to use QSR as our official webpage. We also use the ESA network pages for RN20, but the QSR worked as our official and efficient link to the outer world (http://www.qualitativesociologyreview.org/ENG/ESA_RN20_News_eng.php).

Thanks to the QSR editor Krzysztof Konecki, the network also has access to a journal, a strategic maneuver for any research network. Lukas T. Marciniak has been our web-master for this period.

5. Funding

Running a network is based on voluntary work, a rather complicated situation in a time where universities demand from academic staff self-funding including payment for support for ongoing activities as well as so-called academic events.

We applied and received 1000 euros for our midterm conference.

We also applied for 300 euros to establish our midterm conference webpage, and did so. We kept for the money also our RN webpage.

For the funding of the midterm conference we were co-funded by Polish organizations and Lodz University.

6. "Membership list"/ associated RN20 members

We had about 250-300 members on our list, in 2007, compared to close to 500 by now. The increase is mainly due to cfp-activities, abstracts and presenters at the midterm, Naples and Lisbon. These "members" can be activated to participate in our activities, but to found our activities beyond regular conference fees.

The period 2007-2009 has been the most active and expansive period in the RN20 period both with reference to conferences, publications and number of names of affiliated members.

7. RN 20 QM Business Meeting Report - Lisbon

The Business Meeting took place 3. 09. 2009 during 9th ESA Conference in Lisbon, Portugal. The meeting was held in the following order:

1. Acceptance of the agenda.
2. Report by the RN President Anne Ryen, Norway.
3. Election of new President- candidate: Krzysztof Konecki, Vice- President, Poland.
4. Election of new Vice- President- candidate: Bernt Schnettler, Germany.
5. Election of new Board Members- candidates:
Jan Coetzee, South Africa
Anssi Perakyla, Finland
Katarina Jacobson, Sweden
Izabela Wagner, Poland

1. After welcoming participants of the Business Meeting Anne Ryen has presented a report for her two- year cadency as RN 20 QM President. Between years 2007 (ESA Conference in Glasgow) and 2009 RN 20 QM board consisted of the following persons:

RN 20 QM President: Anne Ryen, Norway

RN 20 QM Vice-President: Krzysztof Konecki, Poland

RN 20 QM Board members: Marie Buscatto, Catherine Delcroix, Thomas Eberle, Giampietro Gobo, Krzysztof Konecki, Ross Koppel, Hubert Knoblauch, Maggie Kusenbach, Lukasz Marciniak, Christoph Maeder, Ruth Wodak, Anne Ryen, Bernt Schnettler, David Silverman, Shalva Weil.

RN 20 QM Web-master: Lukasz Marciniak

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- 9th ESA conference in Lisbon with 110 abstracts and 16 sessions chaired by academics from Poland, Sweden, Germany, Finland, Norway, USA, Mexico, Israel, Switzerland. Giampietro Gobo has also had an MTA at the conference.
- Mini- conference on evidence based research and culture, where speakers from RN 20 QM were: Hubert Knoblauch, Giampietro Gobo, Anssi Perakyla and Thomas Eberle who chaired the session.

RN 20 QM President has produced seven board documents for the Board members, which have been discussed on on-line meetings. The RN 20 QM newsletter has been published in *Qualitative Sociology Review*. Our network has also been presented in The ESA newsletter (is. 27, 2008: 6-7) and was edited by Shalva Weil. Anne Ryen has also responded to an ESA Research Document Network Information Sheet on RN history back from 1999.

There has been published one special journal issue of *Qualitative Sociology Review* (vol. IV, is. 3, 2008) based on ESF workshop arranged in Kristiansand, Norway with Anne Ryen as local organizer and editor of the publication.

RN 20 QM uses QSR webpage as an official web- site, Qualitative Sociology Review is also an official link to the outer world.

Network is based on active and voluntary work of our participants, but we have applied and received 1300 € to cover midterm expenses from ESA.

In 2007 there were about 200-300 RN 20 members, in 2009 there are 500.

Anne Ryen has summarized the period of 2007-2009 as a very successful, active and expansive period for RN 20 QM.

Network members present on the business meeting have accepted the report. Then elections by acclamation took place and all candidates have been accepted.

After the election of new President, Vice-President and Board Members, Anne Ryen has thanked former Vice-President Krzysztof Konecki for a great collaboration. There also took place a symbolic handing over of bureaucratic documents and a little gift (the bell).

Krzysztof Konecki, a new President of RN 20 QM has given a welcoming speech, in which he has thanked Anne Ryen for her great job and presented his plan for the following two years.

7. The Board Members and their email addresses

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