

PEI - Qualitative Methods II - Spring Term Seminars

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Based on the assumption that methodology is a strategy resulting from a combination of methods with positions on epistemological and ontological questions, the course aims at complementing the methodology classes of the first semester of the PhD programme, providing insights on (historical and ongoing debates on) comparative strategies for small N case studies, ethnographic approaches, the logic of interpretation, content and discourse analysis. In particular, the course includes a focus on interpretive methodologies and the linguistic turn in the social science, and a preliminary guidance on how to carry out on-site fieldwork research.

Session I: April 22th (Aula 1, Palazzo Toscanelli)

10-12: Introduction

(Francesco Strazzari)

14-17: Interpretive Frameworks; Discourse Analysis; Content Analysis (Kateryna Pishchikova, Alessandra Russo)

Session II: May 26th (Aula 1, Palazzo Toscanelli)

9-15: Presentations and tutorial: how research methods we discussed in class may or may not contribute to your research design

Recommended Readings:

David Silverman, *Doing qualitative research: a practical handbook*, Sage Publications, 2009

Audie Klotz and Deepa Prakash (eds.), *Qualitative methods in international relations: a pluralist guide*, Palgrave MacMillan, 2008

Juliet Corbin and , Anselm Strauss, *Basics of qualitative research: techniques and procedures for developing grounded theory*, Sage Publications, 2008

Mary Hawkesworth, "Contending Conceptions of Science and Politics", in Dvora Yanow and Peregrine Schwartz-Shea (eds.), *Interpretation and Method: Empirical Research Methods and the Interpretive Turn*, Routledge, 2015.

Cynthia Hardy, Bill Harley, and Nelson Phillips, "Discourse Analysis and Content Analysis: Two Solitudes?", *Qualitative Methods*, 2, 2004.