

Lecture as part of the Teaching Assistantship Programme 2019

## **Using biographical narrative interviews in your research project: Theoretical and methodological principles, collection and ways of analysis**

### **Organizational details**

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Date: 19th June, 2019, from 16.00 to 18.00 h

Location: Campus Wirtschaftswissenschaften, Licher Strasse 68, D-35390 Giessen, room 020 (HS 020)

### **Content**

This lecture will provide an opportunity for participants (Master and PhD students) to learn the underlying principles of biographical narrative interviews and how to use this method in the own master or PhD project.

The lecture will cover the following topics:

- theoretical and methodological principles of biographical narrative interviews
- applications and limitations of the method
- formulation of research questions and development of research design
- conduction of interviews
- ethics in the fieldwork
- dealing with complications and failures in the course of an interview
- transcription of interviews
- ways of analysis

I will provide not only theoretical and practical information on these topics, but will also share my own experience from doing biographical narrative interviews in Russia in 2014, 2017 and 2018. The participants will learn fundamentals about how to make contacts and set up a biographical narrative interview, choose a location for the interview, establish the scope and duration of the interview, engage the interviewee and record the interview.

Key words: qualitative research, biographical narrative interview, fieldwork, research ethics

**Learning Targets**

- Gain an understanding of the biographical narrative interview as a method of empirical research, its applications and limitations
- Learn how to conduct this type of interview and how to deal with different problems in the course of the interview
- Get an essential knowledge of ethics in the fieldwork
- Reflect on how the biographical narrative interview could be used in the own research projects

**Target group**

Students, Doctoral Candidates and Postdocs of all Faculties

**Course language**

English

**Registration** No registration needed