

Session 1: Making qualitative data more re-usable: defining issues of context and representation
Anticipate a 120 minute session with up to 6 papers

Session 2: Session 1: Making qualitative data more re-usable: technical solutions for capturing context and representation
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Abstract:

We would like to invite papers that consider issues around the effective archiving and further (re)use of raw qualitative research data, with a particular focus on the issues of how context is defined and (re)captured.

Contextual needs for 'raw data' depend on the particular intended usage: description; comparative research, restudy or follow-up study; augmenting new data collection; re-analysis or secondary analysis; discourse and linguistic analyses; verification; research design and methodological advancement; teaching and learning. Situating data in its context also requires both micro and macro level features to be considered including: how the research question was framed, the research application process, project progress, fieldwork situations, analyses processes and output/publication activities. Representation, coverage and context of research data are topics that have given rise to some heated debates within the qualitative data community. The fundamental issues of if and how someone else's raw qualitative data can be used without sufficient context is an area that deserves more investigation.

This stream is divided into two parts. The first part focuses on the methodological and analytical approaches to defining and capturing data context. The second session will concentrate on looking at more pragmatic and technical solutions to capturing the information.

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