

Participatory analysis and collaborative writing: examples in the field of refugee research

Workshop

July 6–7, 2022, LMU Munich, Germany

Participatory methodologies call for the equal inclusion of community partners in all phases of the research process, including analysis and publication. These phases are particularly important in terms of sharing the epistemic power and finding appropriate means and forms of representation. In practice, however, many projects struggle to find how this can best be achieved. Limited time and resources on the one hand, elaborate methods and the need to accommodate scientific standards on the other, create particular challenges. Academic partners may feel pressured to 'publish or perish', while some community partners may not be able or willing to participate in all steps of data analysis and writing. The questions thus arise: How can suitable forms of collaboration and participation be realized at this research stage? How can we be respectful of limited time and resources and still enable processes of meaning-making and writing to take place jointly? What roles are suitable for and acceptable to peer researchers, academics and community partners? This workshop provides a space to discuss different approaches and strategies for collaboration and participation in analysis and publication based on examples from Germany and Canada. The workshop will also explore practical and methodological challenges. A focus is placed on collaborative projects in the field of refugee research.

Wed July 6, 2022

3- 4 pm	Welcome, personal introductions and questions for the workshop		
Break (15 min)			
4.15 – 5.45 pm	Michaela Hynie Centre for Refugee Studies York University, Toronto, Canada	"Collaborative analysis and writing with community researchers in refugee research: Examples from two Canadian national projects"	
Break (15 min)			
6 - 7 pm	Discussion in smaller groups and plenary session		

Thurs July 7, 2022

9.30 - 10	Open space: Afterthoughts to day 1		
10 – 11 am	Anna Huber, N.N., Dennis	Participatory analysis and	
	Odukoya, Hella von Unger	collaborative writing in the	
	Institute of Sociology, LMU	EMPOW Project ("Vulnerability	
	Munich	and Empowerment: Participatory	
		approaches to health promotion	
		with refugees")	
Break (15 min)			
11.15 –12.15 pm	Annette Korntheuer, Judith	Analytical moments? Group	
	Bucher	discussions with Peer Researchers	
	Faculty of Social Work	in LaeneAs Project	
	Catholic University of Eichstätt-		
	Ingolstadt		
12.15 – 12.45	Small group discussions		
Lunch Break (75 min)			
2-3 pm	Matthias Otten	Transformative narratives and	
	Institute for Migration and	curated stories. Research results	
	Diversity Cologne University of	and what they (don't) tell us and	
	Applied Sciences	others.	
3-3.30	Open space: Free discussion in smaller groups		
Break (15 min)			
3.45-5 pm	Plenary discussion and Closing round		

The workshop will take place at the Eine Welt Haus, Schwanthalerstrasse 80, Munich (rooms are wheelchair-accessible). Working language is English.

The workshop is organized by the Qualitative Methodologies teaching and research unit at the Institute of Sociology, LMU (Prof. Dr. Hella von Unger).

Places are limited.

If you are interested in participating, please contact workshop@soziologie.uni-muenchen.de