



Writing up Qualitative Research

Instructor: Dr. Lea Sgier, University of Geneva

Date & Time: 26 & 27 November and 10 & 11 December 2020, 09.00 – 13.00 a.m.

Place: Live sessions via Zoom (details tba)

Registration: Please send an email to [courses.bagss\(at\)uni-bamberg.de](mailto:courses.bagss(at)uni-bamberg.de) by 10 November 2020 the latest.

Description

This workshop is intended for researchers doing qualitative research who are interested in the specificities of qualitative *writing up*, or have concerns regarding their writing up of qualitative findings. We will review the key principles of good academic writing in general, and then focus more specifically on typical issues and dilemma in *qualitative* writing up (such as, for instance: ways of integrating description, analysis and interpretation of data; trade-offs between validity and transparency on the one hand, and elegant "story-telling" on the other hand, ethical questions, etc.). We will also discuss issues such as writing for interdisciplinary or for mixed (academic/practitioners') audiences, writing in a foreign language or/and for double multiple linguistic audiences.

The workshop is structured in four half-days (9-1pm) and will take place on-line. Between the first and the second part of the workshop, participants will be encouraged to undertake some practical work (such as: writing up a portion of their analysis; or revise their existing writing up).

The main audience for this workshop are junior researchers who have some experience with qualitative writing up already, but are facing challenges. Researchers who are doing qualitative research, but have not yet written up their findings, are also welcome to attend.

The registered participants will please send the following preparatory information to the instructor (Lea.Sgier@unige.ch) by **Friday 20 November**.

- A description of their current work involving qualitative writing up (be in the form of an email, a thesis abstract, a research proposal etc.)
- If applicable, a short description of their main *concerns* with qualitative writing up

- For those who might have received negative feedback about their writing up: feel free to send along your work (or an excerpt), and the comments that you received (these materials will be treated confidentially)

Documents can be handed in also in German, French or Italian.

The Zoom link for the workshop will be circulated shortly ahead of the workshop.

The instructor

Lea Sgier is a political scientist, currently a senior lecturer in qualitative methodology at the University of Geneva (Switzerland). She is also a qualitative methods instructor at various graduate programmes and summer schools (Essex Summer School, ECPR Winter School, WSSR Workshops in Montreal, HK Postgraduate Programme, CUSO Doctoral Programmes in Switzerland, GIGA in Hamburg, etc.). She also regularly teaches academic writing workshops in French and English (in Switzerland and France mostly). From 2010-17 she was a professor of qualitative methodology at Central European University (CEU) in Budapest, an English speaking postgraduate University, and from 2013-19 co-convenor of the ECPR Standing Group on Political Methodology.

Her working languages are English and French; she is also fluent in German. Her substantive research fields are gender & politics, citizenship, social policy (old age and dementia policy in particular). She has acted as a reviewer for a number of social science journals and for various academic publishers (Palgrave etc.), as well as for several funding institutions (Swiss, Belgian and Irish National Science Foundations/Councils, Institute of Advanced Studies (IAS) in Budapest etc.).