

Summer School on Qualitative Methods

Bielefeld University, BGHS: **X-B2-105**, 13–15 July 2026

1. The summer school's objective: The purpose of the summer school is to provide RTG doctoral researchers with an opportunity to interact with experts in qualitative research methods to discuss approaches to analyzing the data collected as part of their dissertation projects. This interaction will take the form of lectures and research classes given by members of the Working Group on Qualitative Methods of Empirical Social Research at Bielefeld University. The main focus of the summer school will be on discussing specific data excerpts pertaining to RTG members' projects in terms of the applicability of various analytical procedures to them. The summer school could yield two potential outcomes. First, RTG doctoral researchers will receive support from experts in qualitative methods, which will enable them to strengthen their data analysis as they work on their dissertations. Second, peer-to-peer interaction with experts from the Working Group on Qualitative Methods will facilitate further professional networking for RTG participants.

2. Schedule and list of speakers:

Monday, July 13

10:00 – 14:00 Research Class “Using observation and interviews in ethnography” led by **Dr. Alicia Vogt** (Bielefeld University), postdoctoral researcher at Bielefeld University

Tuesday, July 14

10:00 – 12:00 Lecture “The Differences in Qualitative Interviews and their Analysis” by **Prof. Dr. Daniela Schiek** (Bielefeld University), Professor of Methods in Empirical Social Research at Bielefeld University

Wednesday, July 15

09:00 – 13:00 Research Class “Analyzing Communicative Methods in Online Communication” led by **Jonas Kramer** (Bielefeld University), doctoral researcher at Bielefeld University

14:00 – 18:00 Research Class “Distance, Sociological Reflection and Positionality” by **Prof. Dr. Monika Wohlrab-Sahr** (Leipzig University).

3. Cooperation partners: Working Group on Qualitative Methods of Empirical Social Research at Bielefeld University, BGHS.