



Migration Research Gyms

Opportunities for emerging scholars to hone their research skills.

THE METHOD OF NARRATIVE-BIOGRAPHIC INTERVIEW: NUANCES OF DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS

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WORKSHOP LEADER:

Irina Isaakyan is incoming Senior Research Associate, CERC Migration, Ryerson University. Irina holds a PhD from the University of Edinburgh and an MA from the University of Minnesota. She is an experienced university teacher and researcher with nuanced knowledge of the narrative biographic method, particularly in its application to research on diaspora, nationalism and migrant identities.

WHAT?

This workshop offers detailed knowledge and practical training in the narrative-biographic method especially, but not exclusively, in its application to migration studies. After a brief overview of the narrative-biographic inquiry and its role in social sciences, the workshop will focus on the art of the narrative-biographic interview (NBI), related ethical issues, and then training in NBI analysis. Demonstrated analytical techniques will include the analysis of turning points and epiphanies, biographic re-contextualization and creation of individual and compound narratives.

IN THIS ONLINE WORKSHOP YOU WILL LEARN:

- The difference between narrative and narrative-biographic research,
- How to conduct a narrative-biographic interview
- How to interview people from vulnerable social groups (such as women, refugees, irregular migrants)
- What ethical principles and procedures underpin the processes of informant recruitment, data collection and analysis, and
- How to analyse the data collected to create reflexive individual and compound narrative biographies.

HOW?

This workshop is for graduate students and novice or experienced researchers in NBI. Prior knowledge and some experience of qualitative interviewing and qualitative data analysis is recommended. The workshop will use the seminar format, combining lecture with practical training. Hands-on exercises and team-work discussions will allow the participants to practice new knowledge. A list of recommended readings will be provided in advance, and the attendees are encouraged to bring their own interview transcripts if available.

WHERE AND WHEN:

Date: October 09, 2020

Time: 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Location: Online via Zoom

FOR FURTHER DETAILS:

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