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## Course:

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## **Experteninterviews als „qualitative Methode“**

Date: October 21. – 22. December 06.-07.

Time: 09.00-17.00

Place: Institute for Advanced Studies, Department of Sociology, Seminar Soziologie

Expert interviews are frequently used in social research but rarely theoretically reflected. Thus the course aims to train students in the methodology and practice of generating and analysing interview data for social research focusing on expert interviews. Different approaches of expert interviews and techniques of analysis will be discussed. Investigating a social field often demands for mixed research designs, i.e. the combination of different research methods. In this course we will concentrate on combining “qualitative” research methods such as (expert-) interviews and document analysis or other forms of interviews. Combining methods implies complex methodological problems. Methodological issues focus on the epistemological and theoretical underpinnings of qualitative research. Main traditions of paradigms will be compared. A major part of the course will be dedicated to participants’ individual plans for the application of expert interviews in their research. Exercises and practical training shall help them to improve their individual research skills.