

NUIM Methodology Seminars

Final Class

Module 3: Year 1, Semester 2

Advanced Methodology Nir703			
#	Topic	Presenter	Date
1	Introduction	BB & DA	
9	Investigating 's Role in the Global Pharma-Industry	Chris van Egeraat	11 February 2009
3	Geography: the Science Behind 'Colouring In'	Martin Charlton	18 February 2009
4	Resources for secondary analysis of qualitative data for post-graduate projects at the UKDA	Libby Bishop	25 February 2009 *
5	Coping with the Housing Crisis in : Researching Governance	Delphine Ancien	
6	Life Histories and Social Change Project	Aileen O Carroll	
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7	Regional Sectoral Growth in	Declan Curran	
8	Software Licenses and the Geography of Power	Stefano De Pauli	
9	Origins of the Development Agenda for Docklands	Cian O Callaghan	8 April 2009
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10	Mixed Methods in Health Research	Jan Rigby	
11	Transnational Media in Ireland and Mixed Methods Research	Aphra Kerr	
12	Conclusion	BB & DA	20. May 2009*

METHODOLOGY

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	6. Experiments etc 5. Surveys 4. Interviews 3. Case Study 2. Documentary 1. Observation	5. Explanatory 4. Interpretative 3. Classificatory (categories) 2. Thematic 1. Descriptive	2. Deductive 1. Inductive	5. Structural relations / 'systems' 4. Political resources 3. Organisational / corporatist 2. Cultural / community 1. Socio-spatial / ecological
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1. Material (embodied / systemic)	2. Symbolic (meaning codes)
3. Connections & Flows (networks / circuits)	

One Sentence Research Statement

Implications for balanced spatial planning and development in Ireland of direct foreign investment in Dublin

Migration intentions of secondary school students in Ballygobackwards

Other...

One Sentence Research Statement

B. Research Outline

III Context

II Subject (s)

I Issue (s)

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Table 2A: Question types

General Form	Sample questions
What's A <u>like</u> ?	<i>What is interacting in the urban environment like for disabled people?</i>
What does A <u>mean</u> ?	<i>What do we mean by 'access for all' and 'barrier free environments'?</i>
Is A <u>like</u> B?	<i>Are the planning needs of disabled people the same as the able-bodied community?</i>
Is A <u>different</u> from B?	<i>Do planners and disabled people agree on how the urban environment should be designed?</i>
Is A <u>better than</u> B?	<i>Is the urban planning for disabled people better in city council areas than county council areas?</i>
Are A and B <u>related</u> ?	<i>Is there a relationship between the size of a town and the quality of urban planning for disabled people?</i>
Does A <u>affect</u> B?	<i>Does poor design and low accessibility of an environment decrease usage by disabled people?</i>
Does A <u>cause</u> B?	<i>Do disabled people use this area more as a direct result of its re-development to make it more accessible?</i>
Is A <u>located</u> where B is <u>min/max</u> ?	<i>Are special day care centres located in the areas of primary need?</i>
How are A and B <u>minimised simultaneously</u> ?	<i>Can we maximise the accessibility of the environment whilst minimizing expense?</i>
Why does A <u>support</u> B?	<i>Is a disabled access project receiving funding from the state for political reasons rather than genuine commitment to the access needs of disabled people?</i>

Source: Kitchin & Tate (Adapted from Smith 1987, 311 and Parsons and Knight 1995, 38-39).
It is important that you try to keep your questions **clear** and **simple**.

Other levels of questions ask people (individuals, community leaders, officials, political leaders, or key representatives of corporative business / collective culture ...) what they **think** / **feel** about issues...

Madeup (1993) investigated this topic and raised the question regarding the role of x . I'll investigate the role of x .

Madeup (1993) investigated this topic and found out that ... but they ignored the possible effects of x . I'll investigate the effects of x .

Madeup (1993) investigated this topic at location x and found that ... I'll see if the same is true for y .

Madeup (1993) investigated this topic and stated that the dominant controls on x were y and z . This may be wrong. I'll test this.

Madeup (1993) investigated this topic and found that ... I wonder if things have changed since then?

Madeup (1993) investigated this topic by method A. I wonder if you get different results using method B. I'll use method B and compare my results with theirs.

Since Madeup (1993) did their study a new data set has become available. I wonder if the new data set supports Madeup's conclusions.

Madeup (1993) results conflicted with Invented (1997), why is this ?

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Irish Times article dated ...

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**D. Collection
Techniques**

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interviews,
documentary analysis,
etc.

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THEORY

APPROACH

6. Diversity - performativity

6. Eclectic - conductive

5. Structural relations / 'systems'

5. Explanatory

4. Political resources

4. Interpretative

3. Organisational / corporatist

3. Classificatory (categories)

2. Cultural / community

2. Thematic

1. Socio-spatial / ecological

1. Descriptive

0. Listings

0. Description

Theories	Methods	Questions	Concepts	Assumptions

	Theories	Methods	Questions	Concepts	Assumptions
Postmodern					
Modern					
Premodern					

	THEORIES	METHODS (Approach)	METHODS (Type)	QUESTIONS (Unpacking)	CONCEPTS (Questions)	ASSUMPTIONS
Postmodern	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diversity / performativity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eclectic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coductive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiple / emergent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Polyverse 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transversal
Modern	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Structural relations / systems Political / resources Organisational / corporatist Cultural / community Socio-spatial / ecological 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explanatory Interpretative Classificatory (categories) Thematic (metaphor) Descriptive logic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deductive Inductive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Translation Representation Interpretation Participation Observation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analytical Synthetic Teleological Tautological Empirical 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ethical Aesthetic Sociological Epistemological Ontological
Premodern	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Descriptive listings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inventories / anecdotes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reductive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intuition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theological 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Metaphysical