Schedule Introduction to Qualitative Research Methods, Autumn 2020

**September 23**
*Introduction to the course and qualitative research design*
The course participant is introduced to qualitative research and reflects on developments within their own discipline. Furthermore, distinguishing features for qualitative research are discussed, when qualitative methods should be used, different types of qualitative studies and overall design of qualitative studies.

**September 30**
*Observation as research method, and combinations of methods*
Observation as a research method is introduced as a research method for instance different types of observations, the role of the researcher and ethical aspects. We also discuss combinations of qualitative methods (strategy, implications).

**October 7**
*The qualitative interview*
This meeting is dedicated to the interview as a research method. Different types of interviews such as individual and group or focus group interviews are discussed as well as what the different types of interviews mean for a study. How to plan and carry out an interview is also discussed and problematised.

**October 14**
*Texts as empirical material*
Texts as a empirical material is introduced and problematized. How texts can be analysed and different approaches to analyse a text is the focus for this meeting.

**October 21**
*To analyse and report a qualitative study*
This meeting will be focused on the analysis. The following questions will be addressed: How is a qualitative analysis carried out? How can software be used? When is the analysis completed? What is a good qualitative analysis? How can a qualitative analysis be presented? What quality criteria are there for qualitative studies?

**December 9**
*Final seminar*
Presentations and discussions of the course papers.

All sessions will take place 9-12.
Tutorials takes place 13-16, October 7 or 14, November 4 or 11.
The final seminar takes place 8-16.