

Introduction

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It is part of *FQS'* program to present traditions, important points of discussion, research approaches and empirical projects from different social sciences disciplines to our readers. In this way we hope to promote and increase the chance for intra- and interdisciplinary discourse: to improve the knowledge and acknowledgment of approaches and concepts beyond the boundaries of the single disciplines, to improve possibilities of cooperation and to deepen the intellectual and social qualitative research networks. [1]

We start with the presentation of "Qualitative Methods in Various Disciplines" by introducing German language qualitative Psychology to our readership. Further Issues, concerning e.g. [Cultural Sciences](#) (*FQS*, Issue 6) and [Criminology](#) (*FQS*, Issue 7), will follow. [2]

Besides contributions belonging to German language qualitative Psychology (see BREUER & MRUCK for a brief [introduction](#)), on the one hand, *FQS* 1(2) contains articles helping to understand the state of qualitative Psychology in other nations or within special psychological sub-disciplines. Another contribution is dedicated to discuss (self) critically the state of qualitative methodology in a more general way. For both topics you might also take an additional look to the contributions collected in [FQS 1\(1\)](#). [3]

Totally new in this *FQS* issue are the rubrics [FQS Debates](#) and [FQS Reviews](#). With *FQS Debates* we would like to open the moderated discourse on topics we regard as especially important for qualitative research. The first *FQS Debate* deals—starting with a contribution from Jo REICHERTZ "On the Problem of Validity of Qualitative Research" ([in this issue](#))—with the question of quality standards for qualitative research (this contribution is actually only available in German language). The Review rubric consists of Review Essays, discussing those books given in a more general methodological and/or theoretical context, and of shorter Review Notes, which will give a first description and evaluation of the books under review for our readership. [4]

Finally, we have to mention an important change, also starting with this second *FQS* issue: from now on abstracts in *FQS* will be available in English, German, and Spanish language. We especially like to acknowledge Euclides SÁNCHEZ, who since the beginning of July is one of *FQS'* Regional Editors Latin America and who realized this together with colleagues from the Central University of Venezuela for *FQS* 1(2). [5]

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We now wish you a hopefully interesting and stimulating reading, and we are looking forward to your comments! [7]

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