



Spaces of Participation: Topographies of Social and Political Participation in Morocco, Egypt, and Palestine
First Training Workshop: Methodologies of Qualitative Research in the Social Sciences
Convened by Forum for the Study of Popular Culture
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Venue: British Council in Cairo
February 21-3, 2015

Workshop Programme

Day 1 Saturday Feb. 21 2015 (Qualitative Research: Its Birth and the Birth of Different Approaches) - Room 2.3)

- 10:00- 10:30 **Introduction to the Workshop**
- 10:30-12:30 **Session 1** (Tea and Coffee will be served)
- Qualitative vs. Quantitative: A Matter of Definition? Sociology, Anthropology, Ethnology (Hammerseley-Atkinson, "What is Ethnography?")
 - How the Disciplines Were Born: From Colonialism to Post-colonialism (The Anthropology of Colonialism)
- 12:30-13:30 **Lunch (Garden)**
- 13:30-15:30 **Session 2** (Tea and Coffee will be served)
- "Emic" and "Etic."
(Harris 1976)
 - Malinowski's Diaries and the Debate in Social Sciences

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Day 2 Sunday Feb. 22 2015 (Methodology of Qualitative Research) - Room 2.2

10:30-12:30 **Session 3** (Tea and Coffee will be served)

- Why Qualitative? The Qualitative Approach
(*Qualitative Research Methods for the Social Sciences* - Chapter 1)
- Is there a Method? From Methodological Schools to Ground Theory
(*Russell Research Method in Anthropology*- Introduction)
- Issues of Fieldwork-Based Research
(*Qualitative Research Methods for the Social Sciences*- Chapters 6, 7 and 9)
- Other Material: Audiovisual, Pictures, Documentaries

12:30-13:30 **Lunch (Garden)**

13:30-15:30 **Session 4** (Tea and Coffee will be served)

- Positionality or Relativism: Geertz and the "Thick Description"
(Geertz' Thick Description)
- Organising Collected Data. Situational Analysis
(Clarke 2003)

Day 3 Monday Feb. 23 2015 (Qualitative Research and the City) - Room 2.3

10:30- 12:30 **Session 5** (Tea and Coffee will be served)

- Life and Death of American Cities: Jane Jacobs and the First Critique of Planning
(Jane M. Jacobs, *The Death and Life*)
- Space is Not Empty: Questioning Maps, Space/Place, Time
(Michel de Certeau)
- Qualitative (and) Planning: Why?
(Lisa Peattie, Qualitative)
- Planning and Informality: The Debate from the Global South. Searching for New Categories?
(Roy, Comaroff, Robinson, Watson)

12:30-13:30 **Lunch (Garden)**

13:30-15:30 **Session 6** (Tea and Coffee will be served)

- Reflections on specific research projects

18:30 **Dinner** (Felfela- 15 Hoda Saharawi Street, Downtown)

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