



## [BlueUrban](#) Roundtable (1): Transcribing Qualitative Interviews

Facilitator: Dr. Rapti Siriwardane, Leibniz-ZMT

Date: **July 28, 18.30-20.00 (WIB), 13.00-15.00 CET** (online/Zoom)

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5243182136?pwd=Q0N5THd5WjVWY21VRXFVbFV5cnB5Zz09>

Meeting ID: 524 318 2136 Passcode: sesame

### **Aims**

This micro-workshop brings together our Jakarta-based BlueUrban research team in discussing the various techniques and merits of preparing and transcribing qualitative interviews as audio files. Over the coming month and a half, the team will be working on transcribing fieldwork interview data (as voice clips) gleaned during urban fieldwork in Jakarta and Semarang in June 2021.

This co-learning roundtable aims to provide a support circle for that very purpose, in initiating an ongoing discussion on our collective transcription process as it unfolds in the coming weeks. Participants are encouraged to share their own experiences and reflections from past work.

The workshop will also offer real-life examples and hands-on experience where possible, given the fact 'transcription' as an activity that is so integral to qualitative research practice has barely achieved the same scholarly focus as data analyses for example.

### **Core aspects covered:**

- Transcription - A brief cultural history;
- Transcription as interpretive practice in the research process: Core methodological concepts and concerns
- Diverse approaches to transcription and textual examples;
- Quagmires and hacks: On ethics and practical guidelines for transcribing interviews
- A brief discussion on relevant software / cloud-based tools and their challenges

### **Additional reading (for later)**

Davidson, C. (2009). Transcription: Imperatives for qualitative research. *International Journal of Qualitative Methods*, 8(2), 35-52. [Open access](#)

Hamo, M. (2004). From observation to transcription and back: Theory, practice, and interpretation in the analysis of children's naturally occurring discourse. *Research on Language and Social Interaction*, 37(1), 71-92. [Open access](#)

Oluwafemi, A., Xulu, S., Dlamini, N., Luthuli, M., Mhlongo, T., Herbst, C., ... & Seeley, J. (2021). Transcription as a key phase of data analysis in qualitative research: Experience from KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. *Field Methods*, 33(4), 417-423. [Open access](#)

FOR FURTHER DEBATE AT CODING SESSION - Hopper, T., Fu, H., Sanford, K., & Hinkel, T. A. (2021). YouTube for transcribing and Google Drive for collaborative coding: Cost-effective tools for collecting and analyzing interview data. *The Qualitative Report*, 26(3), 861-873. [Open access](#)