BlueUrban Roundtable (1): Transcribing Qualitative Interviews

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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)


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