



Qualitative Data Analysis

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Abstract

The focus of the presentation is on how to arrange, analyse and interpret qualitative data. Using oral history interviews that were collected by the ApravasiGhat Trust Fund (AGTF), Dr Couacaud will show how he proceeded to write three separate pieces of work based on this data. The purpose of the presentation however is not to propose a formula or set way of arranging, analysing and interpreting qualitative data. But rather to review the 'mechanics' of the process by which Dr Couacaud was able to write three very different pieces of work from the same qualitative data. He will also discuss the importance of doing background research and the need to bring some form interpretive framework to make sense of qualitative data.

Biodata

Leo Couacaud is a lecturer in anthropology at the University of Mauritius. His PhD was a study of ghetto life and youth subculture in Kingston, Jamaica. He has also written on the effects of industrialization on gender and cultural change in Jamaica. More recently, he has been involved in researching the social history of Mauritius. Some of this work includes researching changes to the working and living conditions of sugar estate workers since the end of indenture; drawing attention to the importance of recognizing estate temples and shrines as examples of cultural heritage; as well investigating the epidemiological causes of hookworm epidemics in former colonial plantation societies.

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