Biographies

Workshop 1

Dr Cecilia Vindrola-Padros

Dr Cecilia Vindrola-Padros is a medical anthropologist who works in the Department of Applied Health Research at University College London, UK. She works across four interdisciplinary teams, one of which is the Rapid Service Evaluation Team (RSET) based at UCL. She has used rapid ethnographies, rapid appraisals and rapid evaluations frequently in research and is currently developing a rapid research methodological innovation working group at UCL.

Workshop 2

Professor Bren Neale

Bren Neale is Emeritus Professor of Life course and Family Research (University of Leeds, School of Sociology and Social Policy, UK) and a fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences (elected in 2010). She has developed a wide portfolio of research on the dynamics of family life and inter-generational relationships, and has published widely in this field. Bren specialises in Qualitative Longitudinal (QL) research methodology. From 2007-12 she was director of the ESRC funded Timescapes Initiative, (www.timescapes.leeds.ac.uk), as part of which she advanced QL methods and archiving across academia, government and NGO settings, in the UK and internationally. She continues to provide cross-disciplinary training and consultancy services in QL methodology for new and established researchers.

Workshop 3

Dr Georgia Black

Georgia Black is a psychologist and applied health researcher in the Department of Applied Health Research at University College London, UK. Georgia’s research programme covers patient communication and safety in early diagnosis of cancer, as well as exploring access and inequalities. As part of NIHR CLARHC North Thames, Georgia leads a project about the use of ethnography for healthcare improvement.
Henry Llewelyn

Henry Llewelyn is a PhD candidate in the Marie Curie Palliative Care Research Department at University College London. His dissertation is an ethnography of care and treatment for people living with brain tumours. He explores how patients, families and a range of practitioners in the UK navigate complex treatment decisions amid an unpredictable disease and shifting terrain of care. Henry recently undertook a fellowship at Yale University in the Department of Anthropology. He is a committee member of the QHRN.

Sébastien Libert

Sébastien Libert is a PhD student at University College London with a MSc in medical anthropology from KUL (Belgium) and the University of Copenhagen (Denmark). His current research explores how western imaginaries of health and ageing have influenced cultural understandings of dementia and the technological solutions proposed to its associated challenges, as part of the Interdisciplinary Network on Dementia Using Current Technologies (INDUCT). His MSc research and dissertation consisted in an ethnography on the representations of mental illness in the urban context of Libreville (Gabon). He is also a member of the QHRN committee.

Workshop 4

Dr Neringa Kalpokaite

Neringa Kalpokaite has a PhD in social psychology from the Complutense University of Madrid, Spain. Currently she is working as the Manager for Europe and the Certification Programme with ATLAS.ti Scientific Software Development GmbH. She is also a professor at IE University (Madrid, Spain). Her specialisations include political psychology, qualitative research and leadership.

Ivana Radivojevic

Ivana Radivojevic has a degree in psychology from IE University. She is the Project Coordinator and Client Relations Manager of ATLAS.ti Scientific Software Development GmbH. She is also currently collaborating with the behaviour and social sciences department at IE University (Madrid, Spain). Her specialisations include organisational behaviour, cultural psychology and qualitative research.
Daniel Turner spent 10 years working on various qualitative and mixed method research projects in health before leaving academia to design a new software tool for qualitative analysis, which became Quirkos. Based in Edinburgh, UK, Daniel is lead designer and director, and provides training on Quirkos and qualitative software across the world, helping students get to grips with their first qualitative research projects. He also writes a bi-monthly blog on qualitative research for new researchers.