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*CIRA Presents:*  
**Qualitative Research Discussion Group**

**Join CIRA for another discussion on the qualitative research process.**

Presenter: Sebastian Karcher, Associate Director, Qualitative Data Repository, Syracuse University



Title: "Transparency in Qualitative Research: Data Sharing and Beyond"

**Friday, April 16, 2021  
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm**

**Join by Zoom:**

**<https://yale.zoom.us/j/93961204106?pwd=VIRjOUZ3dzUdk1YZFBBZUc2Smx5Zz09>**

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# Qualitative Research Discussion Group (QRDG)

## QRDG Overview:

The goal of the Qualitative Research Discussion Group (QRDG) is to provide opportunities for individuals involved in qualitative or mixed-methods research to meet regularly to discuss the qualitative research process and potentially problem-solve issues that may arise when engaged in qualitative research. Discussion topics include, but are not limited to: logistics, data management, analysis, dissemination, role of the researcher, and ethics. It is intended as a venue for discussing research in progress and new or relevant literature on qualitative methods and practice as well as to create networking opportunities and foster research collaborations. CIRA's Interdisciplinary Research Methods (IRM) Core member, Laretta Grau, PhD, is coordinating the meetings. She can be reached at [lauretta.grau@yale.edu](mailto:lauretta.grau@yale.edu).

## Presentation Abstract:

Transparency and reproducibility are becoming standard practices in social science research and, increasingly, requirements for funding and publication. But, most requirements and guidelines are written with quantitative research in mind. What does this mean for qualitative researchers? What are some common concerns about the applicability of transparency (or reproducibility) to qualitative research? Can (and should) qualitative data be shared more widely and what are some of the ethical, practical, and epistemological issues when sharing qualitative data?

Sebastian Karcher draws on his experience curating data and advising researchers for the Qualitative Data Repository (QDR) to propose some tentative answers to these questions and suggest steps towards more transparent qualitative research.

## Speaker Bio - Sebastian Karcher, Associate Director, Qualitative Data Repository, Syracuse University:

Sebastian Karcher is the Associate Director of the Qualitative Data Repository and Research Assistant Professor of Political Science at Syracuse University. His main interests are in research transparency, management and curation of qualitative data, and the integration of technology into scholarly workflows. He is an active contributor to several scholarly open source projects, including Zotero and the Citation Style Language, and has taught widely on digital technology and data management. Sebastian holds a PhD in political science from Northwestern University and has published in both social science journals such as *International Studies Quarterly* and *Socio-Economic Review* and information science journals such as *Nature Scientific Data* and *Data Science Journal*.