



Public lecture

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«Researching lives through time: qualitative approaches»

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This presentation will set out the contours of qualitative longitudinal (QL) approaches to social research. The distinctive nature of research that engages qualitatively with time will be explored, and the power of this methodology to discern the factors that shape life course transitions and explore lived experiences in relation to unfolding policy processes will be highlighted.

The lecture will provide a broad overview of research designs for working through time, including approaches for generating, managing and analysing temporal data. Time will be treated not simply as the medium through which data are generated but as a rich theoretical construct and topic of enquiry that drives the design and execution of a QL study.

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 is a leading expert in Qualitative Longitudinal (QL) research methodology. From 2007 to 2012 she directed the Economic and Social Research Council-funded Timescapes Initiative (www.timescapes.leeds.ac.uk), as part of which she advanced QL methods across academia, and in Government and NGO settings.

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