

## Qual+CARMA Summer workshops 2026

### Research methods symposium: Advancements in Qualitative Research Methods

June 8-9, 2026

Hosted by Qual+ and CARMA, Aalto University, Helsinki, Finland

Prior to the research methods short course on ethnography held by Michael Pratt (June 10-12), we will hold a research methods symposium targeted at exploring and developing advancements in qualitative research methods. This symposium is open to all researchers with an interest in qualitative research methods, but especially those with ideas for future research projects on qualitative research methods scholarship. The symposium will consist of: 1) two methods workshops during which we will share recent advances in qualitative research methods, focusing on strengthening and elucidating the links between qualitative methods and theorizing. 2) a paper development workshop, during which symposium attendees can present their ideas for future qualitative research methods projects and receive feedback from research methods experts. You are welcome to attend one or all of the workshops.

#### Qualitative Methods Workshops

**June 8, 15-18pm: Qualitative Techniques for Theorizing** held by Tine Köhler and Catherine Welch

Covering theorizing from qualitative research, the process of abduction and its connection to qualitative data analysis, qualitative techniques and their facilitation of theorizing, practical examples of the process of theorizing with qualitative techniques

**June 9, 9am-12pm: Qualitative Restudies and their value for retheorizing** held by Catherine Welch, Maria Rumyantseva, and Tine Köhler

Covering introduction to qualitative restudy designs, research planning and execution, opportunities for theorizing with restudies, practical examples of qualitative restudies, practical learnings and experiences with the peer review process related to restudy designs

#### Paper development workshop (June 9, 13-16:30pm)

Symposium attendees interested in participating in the paper development workshop are encouraged to submit ideas for future projects or work in progress related to research methods scholarship, on which they would like to receive feedback from methods experts. Most suitable are papers related to one of the two workshop topics, i.e., *Qualitative Techniques for Theorizing* and *Qualitative Restudies and their value for retheorizing*, but other topics related to qualitative methods scholarship will also be considered.

Participants will be assigned to groups of 3-5 per roundtable, guided by the specific research interest stated in the submitted outline. Participants will present their ideas during roundtable discussions and receive feedback from methods experts and from other roundtable participants.

#### *Submission process*

In order to participate in the methods paper development workshop, participants will be required to submit an outline of their methods paper idea containing the goal of their study to contribute to methods scholarship, relevant methods literature, intended methodological contribution to that literature, and an outline of the design of the empirical part of the paper (maximum 1000 words, excluding references). Submissions will be taken between February 28 and June 1, 2026, and confirmation of acceptance will be provided on a rolling basis, typically within 3 weeks from the date of submission of the outline. Please submit to [tkoehler@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:tkoehler@unimelb.edu.au).