

Some Useful Sources

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In this themed section on QLR we refer to many studies that have used qualitative longitudinal research as the main methodology. We will not reiterate these here. Instead, we provide some web links dedicated to QLR, specifically, to seminal projects, data archives and the secondary analysis of qualitative data. We do, however, provide examples of papers across disciplines, subjects and equality groups that have used QLR methods. Finally, we provide web links to the key methods journals of note for QLR and mixed methods research in social policy.

Resources from original themed section in 2007

Corden, A. and Millar, J. (2007) 'Time and change: a review of the qualitative longitudinal research literature for social policy', *Social Policy and Society*, 6, 4, 583–92.

Saldaña, J. (2003) *Longitudinal Qualitative Research: Analyzing Change Through Time*, Walnut Creek, CA: AltaMira Press.

Longitudinal and Life Course Studies special edition in 2021

Bernardi, L., Sánchez-Mira, N. and Neale, N. (2021) 'Prospective qualitative research: new directions, opportunities and challenges', *Longitudinal and Life Course Studies*, 12, 1.

International Journal of Social Research Methodology special edition in 2015

Thomson, R. and McLeod, J. (2015) 'New frontiers in qualitative longitudinal research: an agenda for research', *International Journal of Social Research Methodology*, 18, 3, 243–50.

Resources on QLR as a method

Neale, B. (2015) 'Time and the life course: perspectives from qualitative longitudinal research', in N. Worth and I. Hardill (eds.), *Researching the Life Course: Critical Perspectives from the Social Sciences*, Bristol: Policy Press, 25–41.

Neale, B. (2019) *What is Qualitative Longitudinal Research?*, London: Bloomsbury Academic.

Neale, B. (2021) *The Craft of Qualitative Longitudinal Research*, London: Sage Publications.

- Neale, B. and Bishop, L. (2011) *Qualitative and Quantitative Longitudinal Research in Europe: Mapping the Field and Exploring Strategies for Development*, https://iassistquarterly.com/public/pdfs/iqvol34_35_neale.pdf [accessed 01.04.2021].
- Neale, B. (2012) *Qualitative Longitudinal Research: An Introduction to the Timescapes Methods Guides Series*, see here: <https://timescapes-archive.leeds.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/47/2020/07/timescapes-methods-guides-introduction.pdf> [accessed 01.04.2021].
- Gray, J. and O'Carroll, A. (2010/2011) 'Qualitative research in Ireland: archiving strategies and development', *IASSIST Quarterly*, <https://core.ac.uk/download/pdf/297013275.pdf> [accessed 01.04.2021].

Resources relating to poverty, welfare reform and austerity

Qualitative longitudinal approaches are ideally suited to seeking a better understanding of the efficacy and consequences of welfare conditionality and enabling an exploration of how the policy assumptions underpinning this approach intersect with (and often contradict) lived experiences (Dwyer and Patrick, 2021: 63). The article by Dwyer and Patrick is part of a special issue that focused on QLR methods.

- Dwyer, P. and Patrick, R. (2021) 'Little and large: methodological reflections from two qualitative longitudinal policy studies on welfare conditionality', *Longitudinal and Life Course Studies*, 12, 1, 63–81.
- Fioulaine, N. and Apostolidis, T. (2015) 'Precariousness as a time horizon: how poverty and social insecurity shape individuals' time perspectives', in M. Stolarski, N. Fioulaine, and W. van Beek (eds.), *Time Perspective Theory; Review, Research and Application: Essays in Honor of Philip G. Zimbardo*, Cham: Springer, 213–28.

Longitudinal qualitative mixed methods

- Legewie, N. M. and Tucci, I. (2021) 'Studying turning points in labour market trajectories—benefits of a panel-based mixed methods design', *Longitudinal and Life Course Studies*, 12, 1, 41–62.
- Sharland, E., Holland, P., Henderson, M., Zhang, M. L., Cheung, S. Y. and Scourfield, J. (2017) 'Assembling life history narratives from quantitative longitudinal panel data: what's the story for families using social work?', *International Journal of Social Research Methodology*, 20, 6, 667–79, doi: [10.1080/13645579.2017.1279915](https://doi.org/10.1080/13645579.2017.1279915).

Resources from other disciplines

- Østergaard, J. and Thomson, R. (2020) 'Thinking through cases: articulating variable and narrative logics on a longitudinal analysis of drug use and school drop out', *International Journal of Social Research Methodology*, 23, 4, 423–36.

Resources on specific groups

- Bernardi, L. and Larenza, O. (2018) 'Variety of transitions into lone parenthood', in L. Bernardi and D. Mortelmans (eds.), *Lone Parenthood in the Life Course*, Cham: Springer, 93–108.
- Bynner, J. (2007) 'Rethinking the youth phase of the life course: the case for emerging adulthood', *Journal of Youth Studies*, 8, 4, 367–84, doi: [10.1080/13676260500431628](https://doi.org/10.1080/13676260500431628).
- Thomson, R., Bell, R., Holland, J., Henderson, S., McGrellis, S. and Sharpe, S. (2002) 'Critical moments: choice, chance and opportunity in young people's narratives of transition', *Sociology*, 36, 2, 335–54.
- Robards, B. and Lincoln, S. (2017) 'Uncovering longitudinal life narratives: scrolling back on Facebook', *Qualitative Research*, 17, 6, 715–30.
- Carduff, E., Scott, M. and Marilyn, K. (2012) 'Analysis in qualitative longitudinal research: possibilities, benefits and challenges', *BMJ Supportive and Palliative Care*, 2, Suppl 1, A29.

Carduff, E., Scott, M. and Marilyn, K. (2015) 'Methodological developments in qualitative longitudinal research: the advantages and challenges of regular telephone contact with participants in a qualitative longitudinal interview study', *BMC Research Notes*, 8, 142.

Resources on time as a relative concept

Time as linear, chronological and uniformly spaced compared to time as relative, multidirectional, elastic and telescopic in nature (Sánchez-Mira and Bernardi, 2021).

Adam, B. (1990) *Time and Social Theory*, Cambridge: Polity.

Bidart, C. (2013) 'What does time imply? The contribution of longitudinal methods to the analysis of the life course', *Time and Society*, 22, 2, 254–73, doi: [10.1177/0961463X12447493](https://doi.org/10.1177/0961463X12447493).

Hitlin, S. and Elder, G. H. Jr (2007) 'Time, self, and the curiously abstract concept of agency', *Sociological Theory*, 25, 2, 170–91, doi: [10.1111/j.1467-9558.2007.00303.x](https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1467-9558.2007.00303.x).

Janssen, S. M. J. (2017) 'Autobiographical memory and the subjective experience of time', *Timing and Time Perception*, 5, 1, 99–122, doi: [10.1163/22134468-00002083](https://doi.org/10.1163/22134468-00002083).

McAdams, D.P., Bauer, J.J., Sakaeda, A.R., Anyidoho, N.A., Machado, M.A., Magrino-Failla, K., White, K.W. and Pals, J.L. (2006) 'Continuity and change in the life story: a longitudinal study of autobiographical memories in emerging adulthood', *Journal of Personality*, 74, 5, 1371–400, doi: [10.1111/j.1467-6494.2006.00412.x](https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1467-6494.2006.00412.x).

Sánchez-Mira, N. and Bernardi, L. (2021) 'Relative time and life course research', *Longitudinal and Life Course Studies*, 12, 19–40.

Vanhoutte, B., Wahrendorf, M. and Nazroo, J. (2017) 'Duration, timing and order: how housing histories relate to later life wellbeing', *Longitudinal and Life Course Studies*, 8, 3, 227–44, doi: [10.14301/lcs.v8i3.445](https://doi.org/10.14301/lcs.v8i3.445).

QLR projects

1. WelCond study www.welfareconditionality.ac.uk
2. Following Young Fathers Further study: <https://fyff.blogs.lincoln.ac.uk/>
3. Dole Animators <https://doleanimators.org.uk>
4. Timescapes <https://timescapes-archive.leeds.ac.uk/timescapes>
5. Welfare reform and larger families project www.welfare-reform-larger-families.org.uk

Journals

Quality and Quantity - International Journal of Methodology <https://www.springer.com/journal/11135>

Longitudinal and Life Course Studies <https://www.slls.org.uk/lcs-journal>

Qualitative Research <https://journals.sagepub.com/home/qj>

Journal of Mixed Methods Research <https://journals.sagepub.com/home/mmr>

Sociological Methodology <https://www.asanet.org/research-and-publications/journals/sociological-methodology>

Qualitative Sociology <https://www.springer.com/journal/11133>

International Journal of Qualitative Studies in Education <https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/tqse20/current>

International Journal of Qualitative Studies on Health and Well-being <https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/zqhw20/current>

Qualitative Research Journal <https://www.emerald.com/insight/publication/issn/1443-9883>

International Journal of Qualitative Methods <https://journals.sagepub.com/home/ijq>

Forum: Qualitative Social Research <https://www.qualitative-research.net/index.php/fqs>

Qualitative Health Research <https://journals.sagepub.com/home/qhr>

Social Science and Medicine <https://www.journals.elsevier.com/social-science-and-medicine>

International Journal of Social Research Methodology <https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/torm20/current>

Qualitative Inquiry <https://journals.sagepub.com/home/qix>

UK web sources

Qualitative data - UK Data Service (UKDS) <https://www.ukdataservice.ac.uk/get-data/other-providers/qualitative/uk-archives.aspx>

Northern Ireland: The Northern Ireland Qualitative Archive (NIQA) ARK has two qualitative archives based in Northern Ireland reflecting social and political changes and developments over the years. Please note that these archives have not been updated since 2012 <https://www.ark.ac.uk/qual/>.

ReStore (National Centre for Research Methods) <https://www.restore.ac.uk/index.php>

Timescapes - An ESRC Qualitative Longitudinal Initiative <https://timescapes-archive.leeds.ac.uk/timescapes>

Journeys Through Time: The Contours of Qualitative Longitudinal Research – Presentation by Bren Neale <https://timescapes-archive.leeds.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/47/2020/07/journeys-through-time-dec-2011-.pdf>

Inventing Adulthoods <https://www.restore.ac.uk/inventingadulthoods>

Archiving and Reusing Qualitative Data: Theory, Method and Ethics across Disciplines https://www.restore.ac.uk/archiving_qualitative_data/projects/archive_series/index.shtml

International qualitative data archives and resources (from UKDS website)

<https://www.ukdataservice.ac.uk/get-data/other-providers/qualitative/international.aspx>

Council of European Social Science Data Archives (CESSDA) CESSDA provides large-scale, integrated and sustainable data services to the social sciences. It brings together social science data archives across Europe, with the aim of promoting the results of social science research and supporting national and international research and cooperation, <https://www.cessda.eu/>.

Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) has been acquiring qualitative data since 2011, in addition to its significant survey collection, <https://www.icpsr.umich.edu/web/pages>

The Henry A. Murray Research Archive in the U.S., holding key longitudinal qualitative and mixed methods studies, has been running since 1976. The archive is Harvard's endowed repository for quantitative and qualitative research data at the Institute for Quantitative Social Science. Our collection comprises over 100 terabytes of data, audio, and video, <https://murray.harvard.edu/>.

The Qualitative Data Repository at Syracuse. hosted by the Center for Qualitative and Multi-Method Inquiry in the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, is a dedicated archive for storing and sharing digital data collected through qualitative and multi-method research in the social sciences, <https://qdr.syr.edu/>.

Nordic Network for Qualitative Longitudinal Youth Research – Nord-Lys <https://www.youthresearch.fi/research/research-networks/nordlys> The Nordic Network for Qualitative Longitudinal Youth Research currently consists of members from Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden, but it is open for researchers also from other Nordic countries. There are currently several parallel longitudinal youth research projects using qualitative methods in the Nordic countries. This provides an interesting possibility of cultural comparisons and research cooperation, <https://www.youthresearch.fi/research/research-networks/Nordlys>.