



Qualitative Content Analysis (QCA) using Asian Language Sources

Prof. Patricia Steinhoff, University of Hawaii at Manoa

July 6, 7 & 8, 2010, 16.00 – 20.00, LF 052 (Computer Laboratory), Faculty of Social Sciences, University Duisburg-Essen

The Workshop is one of a series of methods training events in the DFG Research Training Group 1613, Risk & East Asia, at the Institute of East Asian Studies, University Duisburg-Essen.

The analysis of texts, in the form of policy documents, print media, transcriptions of interviews and protocols of meetings, field notes etc. comprise important Asian language sources for contemporary regional studies research. In this workshop, doctoral and advanced MA-level students will learn how to construct a data base and to use coding procedures in preparation for systematic qualitative analysis of documentary sources. The use of Microsoft Access for data base construction will be introduced in the course of the seminar. In addition to traditional content analytical uses, data bases are also useful in the preparation of event history and network analyses.

The formulation of a clear research question, and identifying the relevance of specific Asian-language documentary sources for answering this question is a pre-requisite for participation. Participants are expected to bring their own small or exemplary corpus of documentary sources, and to become familiar with the content of these sources prior to the workshop. Digital records are suggested, but paper-coding methods will also be covered. Time is available during the workshop for individual consultation with Prof. Steinhoff.

Professor Patricia Steinhoff is a Sociologist and Japan Studies scholar, teaching at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa, where she has been offering a graduate-level seminar on qualitative content analysis for some years. She is the co-author of *Doing Fieldwork in Japan* (2003) and has applied content analysis to an event history analysis of protest cycles. Patricia Steinhoff is an expert on abortion politics, political violence, social movements and the law in Japan. She is also the author of the *Directory of Japan Studies in the US and Canada*, and a major force in improving the methodological sophistication of contemporary Japan Studies research. She is the organizer of the *Japan Sociologists Network* (www.jsn.hawaii.edu), which has successfully established academic exchange between sociologists and Japan Studies scholars in North America.

A few places remain in the workshop. Those interested in participating should contact Prof. Karen Shire PhD, Speaker, GK 1613 (karen.shire@uni-due.de).

