

## Qualitative Longitudinal Methods



### **Speaker**

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Dr Wenham's area of expertise is qualitative longitudinal research with young mothers. She is the associate editor of the Journal of Youth and Policy and has been involved with this organisation over a number of years, delivering key note speeches on teenage pregnancy and motherhood, and working with the organisation in order to bring together practitioners and academics that share an interest in the issues young people face. Within the Department of Health Sciences, Dr Wenham has also been involved in a project titled: 'Adult Siblings of People with Autism and High Support Needs: their experiences, perspectives & future support needs'. Her current working project is 'Problem drug users and drinkers in hospital: staff-patient interactions and perspectives'.

This workshop will explore the recent interest in examining the interface between biography and social policy. More particularly, it examines the value of qualitative longitudinal methods, its use in a number of research projects within the Department of Social Policy and Social Work (University of York, UK) and its potential within the field of comparative research. The theoretical frameworks, principles and processes of conducting qualitative longitudinal methods will be introduced. In the second half of the workshop, Dr Wenham will discuss her longitudinal research with teenage mothers (Wenham, 2015). Workshop participants will be asked to consider how qualitative longitudinal research aligns to their own research interests and what ethical dilemmas might arise when conducting this methodology.