Jochen and Grit 14 February 2011

RHESI workshop
"Analysis of Case Study Data and Interview Data"
To be held in Lugano, 21-22 February 2011

Location: **University of Lugano, Room 215**

Plan:

Monday 21ˢᵗ February

9.00 -13.00

Part I Case study analysis

This session will address the strategies that can be applied in the analysis of qualitative case study data. How can qualitative data be used to answer theoretical research questions, i.e. to arrive at explanations of *classes* of phenomena (rather than the observed situations and processes)? What strategies of data analysis exist, what are their advantages and disadvantages? How can building typologies, process tracing, or Ragin's Qualitative Comparative Analysis be employed in the analysis of case study data?

Specific questions for discussion:

- For guests: What is the aim of your project? What needs to be achieved by the analysis of qualitative data?

- For RHESIs: Could we encounter the mechanisms of a self-fulfilling prophecy in RHESI? If so: in what process?

- For both: What are your previous experiences with qualitative data analysis? What did you do, what went well, what went not so well?

14.00-18.00

Part II: Presentation and Demonstration of data analysis methods: Coding and Qualitative content analysis

This session will introduce participants to the by far most common method of the 'first stage handling' of qualitative data – coding - and to one alternative – qualitative content analysis. The presentation and demonstration of the two methods include methodological foundations, conditions of use (necessary properties of the data, software support), the outcome produced by these methods.

Tuesday 22ⁿᵈ February

Part III Training

The training will provide participants with hands-on experience in one or both of the methods by providing them with a text that will be analysed. There will be independent modules, which will give participants the opportunity to switch or to continue with their preferred method.

9.00-11.00

<u>First parallel training sessions on qualitative content analysis and coding</u>
11.30-12.30
<u>Short presentations and joint discussion of advantages and problems of both methods</u>

13.30-15.30
<u>Second parallel training sessions on qualitative content analysis and coding</u>
16.00-17.00
<u>Short presentations and joint discussion of advantages and problems of both methods</u>
17.00-18.00
<u>Plans: How can we achieve a compatible data analysis in the IPs?</u>

Note on Lunch and Coffee: We are on our own here (self-organized and self-paid) because this is not a EuroHESC workshop)

Preparation:

1. Read the paper.

2. Think about the questions for the first morning.

3. Install the demo version of Atlas/ti on your laptop – available at
http://www.atlasti.com/demo.html

Mac users: unfortunately, Atlas/ti requires a windows environment. See
http://www.atlasti.com/mac.html for advice.

4. Bring your Laptop. People who don't have one: doesn't matter, we can work around this.