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Day 1: Research Designs and Research Methodology

- Qualitative Research: design, methodology
- Qualitative research designs: case, action, narrative, ethnography
- Research methodology: sampling, data collection, data analysis, rigour and quality
- Research paradigms: positivist, interpretivist, constructivist, critical, pragmatist
- Mixed methods research: design, methodology and paradigm
- Sequential and concurrent research designs
- What is mixing: data collection and data analysis

Day 2: ATLAS.ti 8 for qualitative data analysis

- Computer assisted qualitative data analysis (CAQDAS)
- Qualitative data analysis with ATLAS.ti 8
- Principles of computer-assisted analysis
- Concepts and architecture of ATLAS.ti 8
- Setting up a project
- Managing empirical data
- Primary documents, quotations, codes, memos, comments

Short Biographical Statement

Brigitte Smit (PhD) is a National Research Foundation (South Africa) C2 rated researcher and Research Professor in the Department of Educational Leadership and Management, at the University of South Africa (UNISA). She coordinates research courses; teaches Qualitative Research, Mixed Methods, and a Computer-Assisted Qualitative Data Analysis Software (CAQDAS) program—ATLAS.ti; serves on national and international editorials boards, and has published in national and international journals. Dr Smit was also part of the South Africa-Netherlands Research Programme on Alternatives in Development: Research Capacity Building (SANPAD and SANTRUST). Some past research projects include: Health and Development Africa; Teacher Identity and the Culture of Schooling; Multisite Teacher Education Research Project, with the University of Sussex, UK; and a UNICEF research project. Her current research focuses on relational and female leadership in disadvantaged schools. In 2007, 2014, and 2017 she was invited as visiting scholar to the University of Alberta, in Canada. She is also a recipient of the 2009 Outstanding Reviewer Award: American Educational Research Journal: Social and Institutional Analysis – American Educational Research Association. In 2015, she received another award, the Research Medal of Honour, which was awarded by the Education Association of South Africa, in recognition of her research over the past 10 years. She also received the 2015 Leadership in Research Women's Award, from UNISA. Dr Smit is an accredited professional trainer and a consultant for ATLAS.ti for Africa. From 2017, she serves as a co-editor of the *International Journal of Multiple Research Approaches*, together with the Editor-in-chief, Prof Dr Tony Onwuegbuzie.