



Computational Social Science Meets Qualitative Research Workshop

The London School of Economics and Political Science

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Day One, 13 November 2025, MAR.2.06

Session 1: Introduction and Welcome Chair: Eleanor Power (LSE)	09:00 – 09:30: Breakfast and Welcome.	
	09:30 – 10:45: <i>Computational Qualitative Inquiry (CQI)</i>	Presenters: Audrey Alejandro (LSE) and Daniel de Kadt (LSE).
Session 2: What about Data? Chair: Raphael Susewind (LSE)	Break: 10:45 – 11:15	
	11:15 – 12:00: <i>Teaching the Breadth and Depth Method for 'Big Qual' – Building capacity across methodological borderlines.</i>	Emma Davidson (University of Edinburgh), Sarah Lewthwaite (University of Southampton), Susie Weller (University of Oxford).
	12:00 – 12:45: <i>Exploring the re-analysis and recycling of qualitative data with multimodal machine learning.</i>	Christian Arnold (University of Birmingham) and Florian G. Kern (University of Essex).
Lunch	12:45 – 14:00	
Session 3: Reflexivity and Positionality 2.0	14:00 – 14:45: <i>Multi-method Research and the Computational Turn: Positionality as Process in Entrenched Data Collection.</i>	Livio Silva-Muller (Harvard University).

Chair: Benjamin Chemouni (University of Louvain)	14:45 – 15:30: <i>Cognitive amplifiers: enabling human reflexivity through human-AI collaboration.</i>	Alexandra Chesterfield (LSE), Alex Gillespie (LSE), Tom Reader (LSE).
	Afternoon Coffee & Ongoing Conversations: 15:30 – 16:00	
Break	16:00 – 19:00	
Dinner	19:00: Dinner at Din Tai Fung, Convent Garden	

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Breakfast	09:00 – 09:30	
Session 5: Reshaping Text and Visual Analysis Chair: Ken Benoit (Singapore Management University)	09:30 – 10:15: <i>Computational discourse analysis: A Methodological Framework.</i>	Audrey Alejandro (LSE)
	10:15 – 11:00: <i>Computational Thematic Analysis: A Qualitative Methodological Framework for Topic Modeling.</i>	Jo-Ju Kao (Freie Universität Berlin).
	Break: 11:00 – 11:15	
	11:15 – 12:00: <i>Large language models for visual content analysis in political contexts: exploring scalability, bias, and mitigation strategies.</i>	Linda Li (LSE), Jingfeng Wu (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology), Yangyu Wang (University of Chicago).
Chair: Yao Ma (LSE)	12:00 – 12:45: <i>Harnessing computational social science: A framework for digital ethnography of online communities.</i>	Nadia di Leo (University of Foggia).
Lunch	12:45 – 14:00	
Session 6: Frameworks and Epistemologies Chair: Liz Mann (University College Cork and LSE)	14:00 – 14:45: <i>Laying the foundations for interoperability in qualitative computational social science.</i>	Szilvia Zörgő (University of Amsterdam), Gjalt-Jorn Peters (Open University, NL).
	14:45 – 15:30: <i>Evaluation Outside the Deductive: Analyzing Language Models' Support for Abductive Research Processes.</i>	Sofia Serrano (Lafayette College), Sarah K. Dreier (University of New Mexico), Lucy H. Lin, Emily K. Gade (University of Oregon)

Break	15:30 – 16:00
Session 7: Conclusion	16:00 – 17:00: <i>Discussing the special issue</i> , session led by Ken Benoit (Singapore Management University).