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Special Issue on
Qualitative Research Methods

In the course of conducting their research in information systems, researchers must investigate, design, and develop sound methods or approaches to best conduct their research. However, this is sometimes viewed as a “sidetrack” topic, or as a byproduct of the main research, and such learning is often excluded from the journal literature and restricted to less accessible works. The aim of this special issue is to provide a forum for discussing and disseminating recently developed and advanced techniques for conducting qualitatively-oriented information systems research. The intent is to provide a broad scope that includes a diverse range of qualitative research methods. The scope includes clearly written descriptions of how new, improved or advanced approaches to qualitative research have been carried out (e.g., case studies of qualitative research methodology). The issue is open to idealized, general prescriptions for such approaches (e.g., tutorials). Papers providing a critical appraisal of existing qualitative approaches are also welcomed. Finally, the scope of the issue includes literature reviews, philosophical essays, and analytical research regarding qualitative research methods for information systems.

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- The scope of application for particular qualitative research methods
- Innovative applications of qualitative methods in IS research
- Criteria for evaluation of IS qualitative research
- Critical reviews of IS qualitative reviews

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