

Preface

This book contains a selection of the papers accepted for presentation and discussion at first International Symposium on Qualitative Research (ISQR2016), held in Porto, Portugal, July 12–14, 2016. ISQR2016 is part of the Ibero-American Congress on Qualitative Research (CIAIQ). The ISQR/CIAIQ2016 conference organization had also the collaboration of several universities, research institutes and companies, including Lusófona University of Porto, University of Aveiro, University of Minho, University of Tallin, CIDTFF, LIACC, webQDA, Micro IO, Ludomedia, University of Tiradentes, CiberDid@tic Group of Extremadura University, Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences of the University Porto, among several others.

ISQR2016 featured four main application fields (Education, Health, Social Sciences and Engineering and Technology) and seven main subjects: Rationale and paradigms of qualitative research (theoretical studies, critical reflection about epistemological dimensions, ontological and axiological); systematization of approaches with qualitative studies (literature review, integrating results, aggregation studies, meta-analysis, meta-analysis of qualitative meta-synthesis, meta-ethnography); qualitative and mixed methods research (emphasis in research processes that build on mixed methodologies but with priority to qualitative approaches); data analysis types (content analysis, discourse analysis, thematic analysis, narrative analysis, etc.); innovative processes of qualitative data analysis (design analysis, articulation and triangulation of different sources of data—images, audio, video); qualitative research in Web context (eResearch, virtual ethnography, interaction analysis, latent corpus on the internet, etc.); qualitative analysis with support of specific software (usability studies, user experience, the impact of software on the quality of research and analysis).

ISQR2016 featured one plenary talk on the state of the art of computer assisted qualitative data analysis, coordinated by Francislê Neri de Sousa, where Christina Silver, from the University of Surrey, Guildford, UK, presented “CAQDAS at a Crossroads: Controversies, Challenges and Choices”. The conference also included two tutorial sessions, the first one promoted by Jaime Ribeiro, from the Polytechnic

Institute of Leiria, with the subject “Content Analysis Through Software (QDAS)” and the second one promoted by Brígida Mónica Faria from the Polytechnic Institute of Porto and Luis Paulo Reis from the University of Minho on the subject: “Data Mining Using RapidMiner for Mixed Methods”.

CIAIQ2016 conference in total received 742 submissions from 29 countries. After a careful review process with at least three independent reviews for each paper, totally 50 high-quality papers from the papers submitted to the ISQR track were selected for publication in this Springer volume. The selected papers were written by 88 authors, from 17 countries, including Spain, Portugal, Brazil, Russian Federation, New Zealand, United Kingdom, United States, Israel, Ireland, Germany, France, Estonia, Czech Republic, Canada, Turkey, Rwanda, and Poland.

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