



Interview-based research with the judiciary, government and lawyers

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The LTRK project

- ◆ Access
- ◆ Interviews: doing interviews and thinking about your data
- ◆ Managing data
- ◆ Engagement

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Access: Ministry of Justice

- ◆ HM Courts & Tribunals Services – Information for Researchers
<http://www.justice.gov.uk/publications/research-and-analysis/courts>
- ◆ What research does this cover?
- ◆ Methodology !

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Access: Judiciary of England and Wales

- ◆ Judicial participation in research projects - guidance for researchers
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Access

- ◆ Government
- ◆ Lawyers
- ◆ Journalists
- ◆ NGOs / IGOs
- ◆ Private sector

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Interviews

- ◆ Elite interviewing
- ◆ On the record or confidential?
- ◆ Recording? Transcribing? How much control do the you give interviewee?
- ◆ Consent
- ◆ Practical matters
- ◆ Data: scope, limits, interpretation

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Consent: methodology and ethics

Interviews will be recorded Any information gathered in the course of the study is confidential and will be stored securely No individual will be identified in any publication of the results. Only Dr McNamara and project research assistants will have access to the original data.

It should be noted, however, that under UK laws researchers may in limited circumstances be required to reveal the content of interviews to police.



Managing data

- ◆ Securing data
- ◆ Research ethics protocols
- ◆ Your needs
- ◆ Internet security
- ◆ Ask for advice!



Engagement

- ◆ Impact
- ◆ Practical matters
- ◆ Motivation
- ◆ Ethics
- ◆ Reflection
