

ARK Qualitative Archive on Conflict: User Notes

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Below is a user's guide to the various fields in the catalogue. These are modelled on the fields used by the Qualidata Archive of the Economic and Social Data Service, based at the University of Essex, with whom ARK has collaborated in the creation of the catalogue.

Title

Provides a title for the research project, normally taken from a related published work

Principal Investigator(s)

Notes the main researcher(s) involved in the generation of the dataset and their contact details

Description

Provides details of the nature and purpose of the research, and of the specific methodologies involved (N.B. This field supplies the most comprehensive general information on each entry in the Catalogue)

Years of Coverage

Notes the time period(s) which the research explored

Holder/Depositor

Notes the current holder of the research dataset, or the depositor in the case of material lodged with the Qualidata Archive, and their contact details

Sponsor(s)

Notes any major funders or other supporters of the research project

Subject Categories

Describes the general topics to which the research relates and the subject headings under which they fall

Main Topics

Describes topics and individual people or events which are specific to the research area

Published Material Based on Study

Lists any significant articles, books, audio-visual or other such materials based on the research which are publicly available

Coverage (Date from/Date to)

Notes the time period(s) which the research explored

Coverage (Fieldwork Dates)

Notes the time period(s) within which the data was collected

Coverage (Country)

Notes the country on which the research is based (N.B. By definition this is Northern Ireland, though there are entries in the catalogue which involve comparative studies. In such instances this field notes the countries with which Northern Ireland is compared)

Coverage (Geography)

Notes any specific area(s) or region(s) on which the research is based (e.g. Belfast; South Tyrone, etc.)

Coverage (Spatial Units)

*Notes the specific profile of a research site as it suits the particular objectives of the study
(e.g. a working class district)*

Coverage (Observation Units)

Notes the particular form of the research subjects (e.g. individuals; couples; groups; etc.)

Coverage (Kind of Data)

Gives details of the actual qualitative materials within the research dataset

Universe Sampled (Location of Units of Observation)

Notes the location from which the research sample is drawn (N.B. By definition most studies in the catalogue look at Northern Ireland alone, and thus the universe from which the sample is drawn is described as "Subnational". However, there are some entries which involve comparative studies. Accordingly the research sample for these studies is classified as "Cross-national")

Universe Sampled (Population)

Indicates the specific group(s) from which the research sample is drawn (e.g. ex-prisoners; pensioners; etc.)

Methodology (Time Dimensions)

Notes the time-span related to the research methodology (e.g. cross-sectional (one-time) study; longitudinal study; etc.)

Methodology (Sampling Procedures)

Notes the particular method(s) involved in selecting the research sample (e.g. purposive selection/case studies; quota sample; etc.)

Methodology (Additional Information on Sampling Procedures)

Provides more detailed explanation of sampling methodologies where required

Methodology (Number of Units)

Notes the approximate number of research subjects

Methodology (Method of Data Collection)

Notes the particular methods used in harvesting data (e.g. face-to-face interview; participant-observation; etc.)

Methodology (Weighting)

Notes any weighting procedure used in the sampling process (N.B. This is more applicable to quantitative studies but some of the entries use both qualitative and quantitative methods)

Access (Access Conditions)

Indicates whether the dataset is open to access by other parties and what conditions might apply

Access (Availability)

Notes where the dataset is held

Access (Contact)

Provides contact details for accessing the dataset, or enquiring about the research where access is denied

Miscellaneous (Languages)

Notes the language(s) of written materials within the dataset ("Study Documentation") and of any accompanying literature ("Study Description")

Miscellaneous (Copyright)

Notes the owner(s) of the copyright over the dataset

Miscellaneous (Miscellaneous/Other Acknowledgements)

*Provides any additional information not covered in the above fields
or specific acknowledgements made by the researcher(s)*