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## Research Methods and Academic Techniques in IR

For further reading during the preparation of your research exposé and the writing of your final thesis, we have compiled a selection of useful academic contributions, textbooks, and online resources on research methodology and academic techniques. This overview is designed to be pluralistic and exemplary: it includes a selection of contributions from various epistemological perspectives as well as different theoretical and methodological traditions in International Relations (IR) research.

### Research Methods

Curini, Luigi; Franzese, Robert (Hrsg.) 2020: *The SAGE Handbook of Research Methods in Political Science and International Relations*. London: SAGE.

- Available [here](#) as an SLUB online resource.

Della Porta, Donatella; Keating, Micheal (Hrsg.) 2008. *Approaches and Methodologies in the Social Sciences: A Pluralist Perspective*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.

- Available at the [SLUB](#)

### Academic Techniques

Bleiker, Roland 2020. „Writing Strategies for Social Science: Tips from 30 Years of Practice.“ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=63eOYfYnUiQ> (zuletzt aufgerufen am 21.02.2025).

Pacheco-Vega, Raul 2018. „Developing research questions.“ <http://www.raulpacheco.org/2018/06/developing-research-questions/> (zuletzt aufgerufen am 21.02.2025).

Further materials, tips, and the opportunity for writing consultation are offered by the [Writing Center of TU Dresden](#).

### Discourse Analysis

Andersen, Neils A. 2003. *Discursive Analytical Strategies: Understanding Foucault, Koselleck, Laclau and Luhmann*. Bristol, UK: Policy Press.

- Available at the [SLUB](#)

Dunn, Kevin C.; Neumann, Iver B. 2016: *Undertaking Discourse Analysis for Social Research*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.

- Available at the [SLUB](#)

Hansen, Lene 2006: *Security as Practice: Discourse Analysis and the Bosnian War*. Abingdon, UK: Routledge.

- Available at the [SLUB](#)

### **Feminist Methods**

Ackerly, Brooke A.; Stern, Maria; True, Jacqui (Hrsg.) 2006. *Feminist Methodologies for International Relations*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.

- Available at the [SLUB](#)

Wibben, Annick T. R. (Hrsg.) 2016. *Researching War: Feminist Methods, Ethics and Politics*. Abingdon, UK: Routledge.

### **Interpretative Methods**

Alvesson, Mats; Sköldböck, Kaj 2017. *Reflexive Methodology: New Vistas for Qualitative Research*. 3rd Ed. London: SAGE.

- Available at the [SLUB](#)

Boswell, John; Corbett, Jack; Rhodes, R.A.W. 2019. *The Art and Craft of Comparison*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.

Lynch, Cecilia 2016. *Interpreting International Politics*. Abingdon, UK: Routledge.

Bevir, Marc; Rhodes, R.A.W. (Hrsg.). *Routledge Handbook of Interpretive Political Science*. Abingdon, UK: Routledge.

- Available [here](#) as an SLUB online resource.

Schwartz-Shea, Peregrine; Yanow, Dvora 2012. *Interpretive research design: concepts and processes*. New York: Routledge.

- Available [here](#) as an SLUB online resource.

Yanow, Dvora; Schwartz-Shea, Peregrine (Hrsg.) 2014. *Interpretation and Method: Empirical Research Methods and the Interpretive Turn*. 2nd ed. London, UK: Routledge.

### **Interviews and Field Research**

Fujii, Lee Ann 2017. *Interviewing in Social Science Research: A Relational Approach*. Abingdon, UK: Routledge.

Pachirat, Timothy 2017. *Among Wolves: Ethnography and the Immersive Study of Power*. Abingdon, UK: Routledge.

### **Pluralistic Methodology**

Hollis, Martin; Smith, Steve 2004. *Explaining and Understanding International Relations*. Oxford, UK: Clarendon Press.

- Available at the [SLUB](#)

Jackson, Patrick T. 2011. *The Conduct of Inquiry in International Relations*. Abingdon, UK: Routledge.

- Available at the [SLUB](#)

Moses, Jonathon W.; Knutsen, Torbjorn L. 2019. *Ways of Knowing: Competing Methodologies in Social and Political Science*. 3rd ed. London: Palgrave.

### **Process Analysis and Case Comparison**

Bennett, Andrew; Checkel, Jeffrey (Hrsg.) 2015. *Process Tracing: From Metaphor to Analytic Tool*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.

- Available at the [SLUB](#)

George, Alexander L.; Bennett, Andrew 2005. *Case Studies and Theory Development in the Social Sciences*. Cambridge, Mass.: MIT Press.

- Available at the [SLUB](#)

### **Theoretical and Conceptual Research**

Berenskoetter, Felix 2016. „Approaches to Concept Analysis“, *Millennium: Journal of International Studies* 45:1, 151-173.

- Available [here](#) as an SLUB online resource.

Glynos, Jason; Howarth, David 2007. *Logics of Critical Explanation in Social and Political Theory*. Abingond, UK: Routledge.

Guzzini, Stefano 2013. „The ends of International Relations theory: Stages of reflexivity and modes of theorizing“, *European Journal of International Relations* 19:3, 521-541.

- Available [here](#) as an SLUB online resource.

Hay, Colin 2002. *Political Analysis: A Critical Introduction*. London: Red Globe Press. (Insb. S. 37-50, „The role for and nature of theory in political analysis“.)

### **Visual and Creative Methods**

Bleiker, Roland 2015. „Pluralist Methods for Visual Global Politics“, *Millennium: Journal of International Studies* 43:3, 872-890.

- Available [here](#) as an SLUB online resource.

Kara, Helen 2020. *Creative Research Methods: A Practical Guide*. 2nd ed. Bristol, UK: Policy Press.

Mannay, Dawn 2016. *Visual, Narrative, and Creative Research Methods: Application, Reflection and Ethics*. Abingdon, UK: Routledge.

Rose, Gillian 2016. *Visual Methodologies: An Introduction to Researching with Visual Materials*. London: SAGE.

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