



RELIGIOUS STUDIES WORKSHOP SERIES

XI. SEMI-STRUCTURED INTERVIEWS: PRACTICAL USE AND LIMITATIONS

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Sociology offers a spectrum of qualitatively oriented approaches, each providing specific methods of data collection and analysis that can be appropriately applied to field research in religious studies. Semi-structured interviews are one of the most popular methods for gathering data from respondents. What exactly is a semi-structured interview, when do we use it and how? We will discuss its methodological background and the practical steps involved in designing and using one, and we will come to understand the general advantages and limitations of this method.

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