

## **Symposium**

### **Methodological reflections on narrating the self: Studying life stories of young men with prison experiences**

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*A twofold view on relating to others: Telling relationships in qualitative research*

This paper will address the dynamics of interaction in the research situation. It will draw on results from a PhD project that discusses the relationships between adolescent male prisoners and the prison staff by considering previous relationships the young men have experienced in the course of their lives. The paper will deal with the analysis of the relationship that is created in the interview or research situation. This will be explored by analysing the interaction and contact in the longitudinal perspective of the study, linking these to findings regarding biographical strategies of dealing with and relating to others.