

PhD Vlog Week 3: Hossam El-Zalabany Transcript

TIME	SPEAKER	AUDIO
00:00:00		[Screen shot – introduction]
00:00:09		[Interior office]
00:00:09	Hossam El-Zalabany	<p>Hi, it's half past 3:00 and I have just finished the doctorate meeting. Actually, it was a two-hour meeting, but it was very helpful.</p> <p>I am glad because I already discussed a lot of things which I was planning to discuss and I had a lot of time to be able to talk about my ideas and my point of view in what I already read in the last months and what I am intending to do</p>
00:00:39		<p>in the next period. I discussed the issue of my research question and I had an approval from my supervisor that this is a good way to start with. And I had a long discussion with my colleagues also about the research question and the next step, which will be the data gathering.</p> <p>We think that I can start making some kind of pilot study for data gathering, maybe to make a couple of interviews</p>
00:01:09		<p>I am intending to do these interviews maybe in the next semester with students of one course. A friend of ours is teaching here. She offered also her help and she will give me an access. We may make some kind of arrangement to do these interviews with the students.</p> <p>It's a good thing that they are international students and we can talk in English, I think.</p>
00:01:39		<p>Otherwise, I also have some kind of pilot interviews back in Egypt with a couple of Egyptian students to have this kind of comparison and the results, and I can have a deeper understanding of my research topic, my research question after doing these interviews.</p> <p>I think this is a very important step in my research, that I make sure if I am asking the right questions or not and if I'm continuing to do the interviews in an</p>

00:02:09		appropriate way or I need to do some kind of modifications.
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00:02:13	Hossam El-Zalabany	It would be good if everything goes as perfect as I hope. So I'm done today. I have to go.
00:02:19		[Fade out/Fade in]
00:02:20	Hossam El-Zalabany	Good morning. Today I'm going to practice myself and I need to learn more about the software which I'm going to use for my interviews. The software which I told you about, it's MAXQDA and this is very helpful software for us researchers, social science and humanities because it relies on the full text and you are able to code the data which you already gathered before and to extract some useful information from that.
00:02:50	Hossam El-Zalabany	So I thought it would be a good idea to show you what I already learned until now.
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00:02:57	Hossam El-Zalabany	Here is what the MAXQDA software which I'm thinking about applying in my research looks like. Actually, this is kind of an example data which is enabled through the software itself. And here how does it work? Here are these documents which you already scripted before. You can import it. You can see it is some kind of text, documents, or it would be also some kind of PDF documents and papers. So sometimes it can be schedules or maybe also some kind of videos.
00:03:27		So here you gather all the media and the resources which you already scripted the data in. Then the software will enable and help you to code this text. Here how does it work? This is the text and you are able to put some kind of remarks and codes in every second of the text that you think is related to one idea which you are

00:03:57		<p>thinking of analysing later.</p> <p>After finish the text coding, you will be able to browse your research information in this kind of tree. This tree includes all the codes which you inserted before which might be the main topics and the hierarchy of your research.</p> <p>So right now you browse each topic of them very easily. Just double click it and it will show you who was talking about</p>
00:04:27		<p>this thing and what is the information you needed to know in this point.</p> <p>I think it's very helpful to use this software to organise your data and I think the idea of the data is very good and very helpful for people who are dealing with an amount of information gathered through the interviews and something like that. It's just to rely on the full text and it's very helpful for us.</p>
00:04:57		[Fade out/fade in]
00:05:02	Hossam El-Zalabany	<p>Hello, and it's almost the end of the week today and it seems I'm going to end also because I have some kind of flu. But I have very good news this week. One of them is that I already finished the issue which was related to my research question and right now I have like a road map to start gathering, really.</p> <p>Another good news is that I already got my ticket to the DKT, the conference of digital conservation</p>
00:05:32		<p>and this is a very helpful thing because they made some kind of special packets for free for students. I was able to get my packet to attend this conference, which I think is very important me because my major discipline is related in one or another to digital conservation. It will be a very good experience to attend this conference and to have some new connections, some networking. It could help.</p>
00:06:02		<p>So I think I'm going to give you some minutes from the conference next week. I'm also happy because this week in Germany they are celebrating their 25th</p>

		<p>anniversary of the reunification. Today we have a celebration, a very big one, at Brandenburg and me and some Germany friends are going to gather and celebrate this evening.</p> <p>I think I have some flu, but I can resist. This day I cannot just let it</p>
00:06:32		<p>go without going outside and enjoying this kind of very nice atmosphere.</p> <p>So we are done for this week. Waiting for you, miss you, until the next week.</p>
00:06:46		[Outdoor shots of celebration]
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