

Conducting Qualitative Research in an International Context

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Background

Research interest





Purpose

- This presentation will focus on:
 - Practical and ethical considerations,
 - Challenges and rewards,
 - Lessons learned, and
 - Examples from our international fieldwork.









International Context









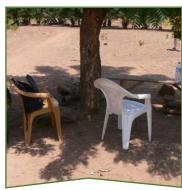


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International Research

 ...[the] idea of boundaries may provide a false sense of security and detachment from issues occurring in other parts of the world.

> ~Edmonson, McCarthy, Trent-Adams, McCain, Marshall, 2017



Importance of Qualitative International Research



Role of Nursing and Health Professionals





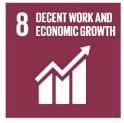
































Physical Considerations

- Environment
 - Weather
 - Traffic and roads
- Safety
- Language
- Resources
 - Translator and/or interpreters
 - Technology



Examples

"The lizard does not eat pepper for the frog to sweat"

"One finger can not lift a thing"

"A tortoise who has no clan, has already made his casket"



Ethical Considerations

- Ethical issues
 - Consent
 - Gatekeeping
 - Privacy and confidentiality
 - Incentive for participants
 - Receiving gifts from participants



Leaving the Field



Challenges and Rewards

- Learning a new culture
- Appropriately capturing the words and ideas of participates
- Being an outsiders



Lessons Learned and Examples

- Philosophical considerations
- Culturally humility
- Relational inquiry
- Collaboration & partnership



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