

Do Narratives Matter? On The Influence Of Longitudinal Research On The Biographies Of Male Adolescents With Prison Experiences

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Dealing with prison narratives has a tradition in the social sciences. This exploration of narratives is based on interviews with incarcerated male adolescents in Germany. I will discuss the meaning, function and effects these interview narratives might have from different perspectives, e.g. the narrators' perspective and construction of identity, but also reflect on the relationship between researcher and interviewee. As an educational scientist, my research basically focuses on relationships and bonding. In methodological terms, I will explore the research situation and interaction in this longitudinal study. This will be reflected by viewing the interaction not only as a resource of data, but also by regarding the interviews as becoming part of the adolescents' biography.

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