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Sociological Cultures of Knowledge. The development of qualitative social research in German and French sociology since the 1960s.

[Soziologische Wissenskulturen. Die Entwicklung qualitativer Sozialforschung in der deutschen und französischen Soziologie seit den 1960er Jahren]

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From a comparative perspective, the project analyzed the development of qualitative social research in German and French sociology since the 1960s. It thus aimed to gain differentiated empirical insights into the dynamics of national knowledge cultures of sociological research. First, as a working hypothesis, we assumed that the establishment of qualitative social research in both countries was characterized by very different starting points in the respective sociological fields and subsequently took a distinctly different course. In Germany, a high concentration on the connection between theory, methodology, and method and the scientificity of the evaluation procedures emerged. In France, the delineation of theory, methodology, and methods, as well as the juxtaposition of quantitative and qualitative approaches, played a lesser role; instead, issues of the interrelationship of questions and data collection dominated. As a second hypothesis, we assumed that there is no common 'vanishing point' of developments in qualitative research but that existing differences are updated in specific ways. The empirical bases of the project were document analyses and expert interviews.

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