

# QIKJS-Part.III.B

## Qualitative Inquiry of Korean Judicial System

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### Qualitative Studies and Action Plan

The action plan to track on dissertation years would benefit the researcher in many ways. It could allow the researcher staying motivated like something we are scheduled with the e-diary provided by the employing firms or institutions. It could systemize and allow integrative the research process that, otherwise, could have been misled if only fragmented, unorganized or instantaneous. The kind of considerations between the less and more structured research might bring it as similar. Nevertheless, the need of action plan may phase into a more definite stage through consolidating the thoughts and filed data for any visible and practical consequence (Kim, 2015a,b,c,d,e). A welter of stimulus through the collection and analysis of data could turn on the rational chills visibly and self-reflexive into the action plan. We may experience a hard engagement in the shuffles across the themes or segment of stories and through the data collection, field notes or memos, work to produce the analytical results, journal writings, and on, which now needs to be processed into any explanations in a cosmetic way (Miles, Huberman, Saldana, 2013). The actions plan can include all these purposes and service as the kind of self-guiding roadmap that the researcher should embrace at least impliedly.

My action plan needs to be designed in two dimensions, say, on protocol and on topic or substance. The action plan is thought to correspond with the doctoral protocol, which is expected of one year time schedule. It includes four basic time frameworks stretching through the end of 2016. The action plan on topic would include the chunks of basic themes that will be finalized into a set of coherent explanations on the PPKJS (public policy of Korean judicial system).

Table

#### *Stages and Time Schedule*

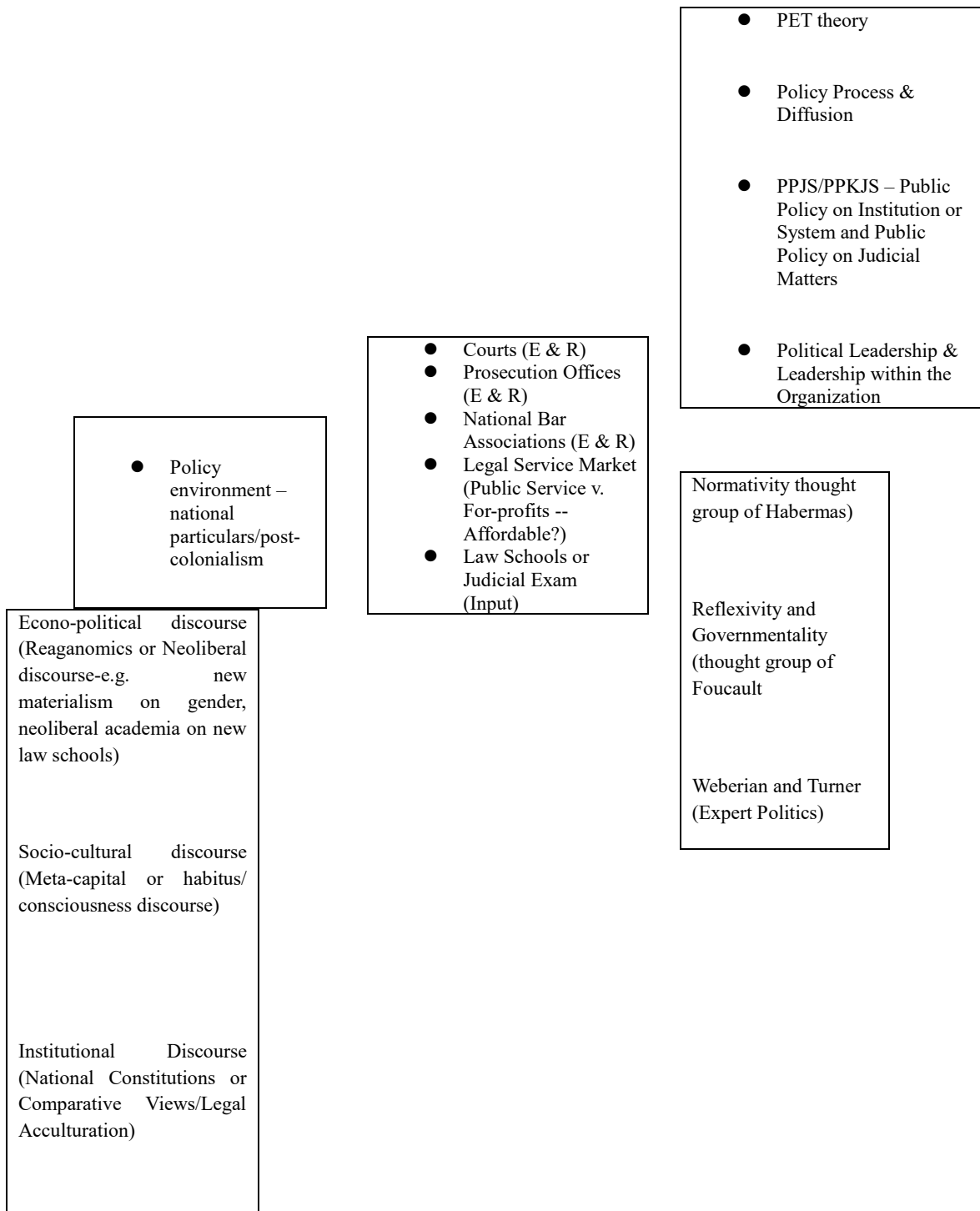
Stages	Time Schedule/Actions
Dissertation Prospectus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Revisit and study the class learning, “writing quality dissertation prospectus”</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Take an example of model dissertation prospectus and find a point of improvement for the quality prospectus</li> <li>● Contact the faculty members to nominate as the dissertation committee members— chair and second supervisors as well as the university research officer</li> <li>● The process will continue until the end of March.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Dissertation Proposal</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Take the Walden six weeks workshop beginning at the end of February aimed to staff the skills and knowledge to write the quality dissertation proposal</li> <li>● Obtain the Walden IRB approval that could authorize beginning my field work</li> <li>● Start the interviewing plan with 25 interviewees and according to the time or site schedule specified in the previous submission</li> <li>● Start collecting other types of data, i.e., public documents, personal writings, pictures or film documentaries</li> <li>● Complete the IRB approval and final dissertation proposal until the end of May</li> </ul>
<p><b>Preliminary Dissertation Draft</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Alignment and adjustment on new perspectives or theories and Korean source of scholarly views will begin and continue to produce the quality of analyzed results</li> <li>● Emerging ideas will be interacted with the data collection activities and segmented deals of NVivo</li> <li>● Various components compiled within the NVivo will turn to be incorporated finally into a coherent set of explanations – In this stage, the researcher actually would transport the analyzed results into assertions and propositions and perform the</li> </ul>

	<p>five dimensions of intelligent work as Huberman guided, i.e., exploring, ordering, describing, explaining, and predicting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The process will continue until the end of November.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Final Dissertation Draft</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Reflect the comments and suggestions of supervisor into the final dissertation draft</li> <li>● Contact a proofreading specialist or Walden writing center for clarification on the linguistic issue</li> <li>● Contact the Walden formatting service for publication – Proquest is a universal indexing service to publish the doctoral dissertation worldwide</li> <li>● The process will continue until the end of January, 2017.</li> </ul>

While the action plan on protocol or time schedule would keep us alert and motivated, the action plan on toipc would save the researcher from the kind of predicament of inhibiting a due progress. In other words, the researcher could make only an inched progress or uncurbingly extravagant compilation of data or documentation if without the action plan on topic or substance. It may include the themes or stories that the researcher had explored within a pilot study or his general knowledge on the field and that will have later been developed as correctively or with more a meaning-generating frame based on the field data. It might not include the specific time schedule since it could be a use for possibly permanent context of implications for the individual of researcher if he likes to devote himself to the topic through his lifetime career (Burge, 2015). Generally, the suggestion would be that the practice to keep on the action plan of topic continually over his career needs to be made respected and observed, preferably with the NVivos or other CAQDAS. That is because the holders of doctorate might be distinct with his specific field and expected of competence from the public even if he would not enter the academia as a university professor or professional researcher. The common people may see them as an expert of neo-liberalism or Supreme Court and sometimes seek an expert opinion based on that assumption. Therefore, his identity and social role could be facilitated with his topic, in which the action plan on topic would make himself satisfied between the utility and futility. The action plan on the topic of PPKJS was attached in complete form with this posting.

**Figure** Thought Map on the Public Policy of National Judicial System



### Some thought on the Appendix

The action plan on topic includes a work on appendix, which I see workable to increase the understanding of Korean judicial system. The research design and purpose of qualitative studies would have a fit with the extent of appendix provided that it had a focus to explain the intact cultural group rather than the description of general populace. The characteristic of method is to construct themes or stories distinct to the topic or cultural group that often should not be simplistic, but square to concern the actors and their community. It would be natural if the audience could readily be immersed with the topic of tobacco harms around the 40-60 age group as quantitative. However, the researcher needs to expect a stint of audience if he has to present his theme of despair or reconstruction on the victims of *Sewol* ferry years ago. The large extent of audience would like to know in advance what the *Sewol* ferry tragedy is or where it occurred and how much extent of losses actually happened? Although the researcher or author of articles and dissertations has a goal to explain the issues in any scholarly manner, the kind of introduction and supportive information through the beginning and appendix will attract the readership. Therefore, this aspect of care would help a researcher successful to persuade the audience with some confidence, considered as the culmination of qualitative research, and allows his research more than effective to disseminate the ideas and findings (Miles, Huberman, Saldana, 2013). That is especially emphatic since the qualitative studies trigger the whole exposure of research subject with rigor and based on the empirical evidence (Patton, 2002).

The purpose would neither test his hypothesis nor discuss the survey result for implications and service for his field of interest, but give explanations for the research subject. Since my topic would be on Korea and its judicial system, most audience would not familiar at the first instance, but hopefully could turn receptive with the appendix and backdrop of the studies (Maxwell, 2005). For example, the action plan on topic would include the column of definitions used in the dissertation, list of presidents, list of Supreme Court justices, legislative process of national assembly, list of congressional acts on the judicial system in Korea, and so on. The items of appendix will not only serve the above use, but also could offer the empirical basis to explain my theme. For example, the Act on the Government Legal Center was enacted to struggle with the imbalance between the demand and supply of legal service because of the imperfect market information. It also is related with the economy of professionals, in which the government employs the attorneys with modest salary in the face of increasing number of attorneys.

As we will see later, the government quota of attorneys from the Judicial Exam through the new law school system had been contended fervently by the interest holders. A policy

coalition formed to pressure the government, importantly based on the statistics and comparison with the advanced countries. The quota gradually increased and set at certain point with the introduction of new law school system in 2007. A number of concerned professionals consider that this transformation contributed to an excess supply of attorneys, while law professors, one sort of peer professionals, prefer the increase of quota. This aspect of contention would divulge the need of intensification on the meta-capital discourse meaning a salient conflict of interest among the sorts of professionals. The Act would represent a government intervention to deal with the neo-liberal transformation of legal service market as continued from the new millennium and social concept of economy or NPA (new public administration) on the idea of economically accountable unit and management. We also can know that the concept of science-based public administration gradually had informed the policy makers that the victim-side legislative pieces had been enacted beyond the ideal of traditional criminal procedure – protection of criminals. The Act to ground the new research institution on PPKJS also vindicates the increasing awareness of science-based public policy making within the judiciary. One example expected of my potential appendix also was attached with this posting.

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## Appendix 1

### Acts, Decrees and Ordinances

Title	Date of Proclamation	Sorts	Indexing number	Date of Effect	Responsible Branch
Attorney Act	12/30, 2014	A	12887	7/1, 2015	DOJ
Decree on the Attorney Act	11/19, 2014	D	25751	11/19, 2014	DOJ
Attorney Exam Act	7/25, 2011	A	10923	7/25, 2011	DOJ
The Act on Korean Legal Institute	3/29, 2007	A	8323	9/30, 2007	DOJ
Judicature Act on the Number of Judges for Various Courts	12/31, 2014	A	12951	12/31, 2014	DOJ
Judicature Act	1/6, 2016	A	13719	1/6, 2016	KSC
Act on the Law Schools	3/13, 2013	A	11690		
Act on the Foreign Law Counselor	1/16, 2016	A	13715	1/6, 2016	
Act on the Government Ethics	12/29, 2015	A	13695	12/29, 2015	
The Special Act on the Fine Implementation and Alternative Penalty	3/25, 2009	A	9523	9/26, 2009	DOJ
Act on the Funds of Criminal Victims	10/15, 2014	A	12778	1/1, 2015	DOJ
Act on the Criminal Victims	10/15, 2014	A	12779	4/6, 2015	DOJ
Act on the Legal Aids	6/22, 2105	A	13383	12/23, 2015	DOJ
Judicial Exam Act	3/24, 2006	A	7893	3/24, 2016	DOJ



Act on the Aliens	2/10, 2012	A	11298	7/1, 2013	DOJ
Act on the Government Legal Center	1/7, 2014	A	12194	1/7, 2014	DOJ
Special Investigator Act	3/18, 2014	A	12422	6/19, 2014	DOJ
Act on Independent Counsel	3/18, 2014	A	12423	6/19, 2014	DOJ
Act on the Implementation of Hague Child Convention	12/11, 2012	A	11529	3/1, 2013	DOJ
Ordinance on the Law Clerk	9/1, 2014	O	2552	3/1, 2015	KSC
Ordinance on the Salary of Judicial Apprentice Student	2/17, 2015	O	2589	2/1, 2015	KSC
Ordinance on the Judicial Research and Training Institute	5/1, 2007	O	2082	5/1, 2007	KSC
Ordinance on the Judicial Policy Commission	1/28, 2015	O	2583	1/1, 2015	KSC
Ordinance on the Judicial Policy Institute	12/31, 2013	O	2512	1/1, 2014	KSC
Ordinance on the Judicial Research Officer	2/17, 2014	O	2525	2/1, 2512	KSC

Kiyoung,

A very comprehensive post in explaining the hermeneutics approach and how it can be blended with grounded theory approach for your topic. As Patton (2015) explains, hermeneutics focuses on interpreting something of interest such as a traditional text or artwork (Patton, 2015). More importantly, it includes interpretation for interviews and the observation of actions emphasizing the importance of the interpretation nature (Patton, 2015).

It applies phenomenological methodology to one's own experience involving a different highly analytical process (Patton, 2015).

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