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Interdisciplinary research project and fieldwork

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It can be said that it is a cross-cultural experience to know the fieldwork of the different research field. One of the reasons for this originates in the differences between the attitudes toward the objects. Social sciences the most frequently use qualitative approaches and natural sciences typically use quantitative approaches. Certainly, even if you discuss the way of interdisciplinary research at the theoretical level, it would be difficult to bury the differences. However, in my field experience, academic boundary between research fields seems to become vague by sharing same phenomenon at the same time in the field. As a part of fieldwork, it is also important to talk across the differences and discuss common issues which can be seen in the field. Thus, such collaborative fieldwork not only requires a balance of qualitative and quantitative methods, but also leads toward the interdisciplinary research.

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