

Qualitative research methods – 5 ECTS

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Course Description

The main objective of this course is to present a series of relatively recent research projects which adopt a qualitative methodological approach. It attempts to highlight the role and the importance of qualitative methods of social research in different social science disciplines, from human geography, sociology and social anthropology to political science and social psychology. It includes issues of theoretical and epistemological underpinnings related with qualitative methodological approaches, reflexivity issues, multimethodological approaches, application of various qualitative methods (in-depth interviews, participant observation, etc.) for data collection as well as issues of qualitative data analysis and use of special software respectively.

Objectives

- Understanding of qualitative research methods
- Understanding of the basic theoretical principles of qualitative social research
- Familiarization with the collection and analysis of qualitative data

Learning outcomes

- Ability to design qualitative social research
- Ability to carry out qualitative social research
- Ability of theoretical analysis of research data

Structure

Six (6) three-hour lectures

Students' assessment

Small scale research project

Bibliography

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