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Conducting Fieldwork in (Post-)Conflict Environments

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Conducting fieldwork in conflict and post-conflict settings is extremely challenging, practically, methodologically and ethically. Researchers are confronted with issues that are unique to sensitive and complex environments (dealing with vulnerable groups, protecting informants from danger and trauma, etc.). Preparing fieldwork in a (post-)conflict environment therefore requires not only reflection on methodology but also on ethics and security, especially since the reality of a specific (post-)conflict environment can have a significant impact on both the researcher; indirectly affecting his or her position, safety, and well-being and the informants. This course therefore aims to prepare the students for their own field research, by addressing the challenges and dilemmas that arise throughout the entire fieldwork process.

The course will follow a chronological order, guiding the students through the different steps and phases of the fieldwork process (pre-fieldwork, fieldwork and post-fieldwork). Before departure, you need to have a clear idea of what you want to achieve, as well as a strong understanding of the potential risks of conducting research in a particular context.

This course will take place in a highly participatory workshop format, in which you will not only learn from your instructors (and fellow students) but also develop your individual skills and own research plans in a safe environment. You will be asked to submit a description of intended research prior to the course start date, so that you can work on your specific project throughout the different workshops.

After this course you are able to:

- Manage the different steps and phases of conducting fieldwork in a (post-)conflict setting
- Deal with dynamic interactions and dilemmas regarding your position in a (post-)conflict environment
- Process research data in relation to the protection of informants after returning from your fieldwork
- Develop a risk assessment in preparation for your field research

This course is designed for:
(pre)Master's students who intend to go on fieldwork to a (post-)conflict setting. Phd students are also welcome to join.
Number of EC
2 ECTS

Entry level
Advanced Bachelor, Master and PhD

Admission documents
Motivation letter

Course leaders
Margriet Goos, Lecturer and Romain Malejacq, Assistant Professor, Centre for International Conflict Analysis and Management (CICAM), Radboud University

More detailed course information can be found on our website!

Dates
Monday 14 August – Friday 18 August 2017

Course fee
€ 595

Discounts
• 10% discount for early bird applicants. The early bird deadline is 1 April 2017.
• 15% discount for students and PhD candidates from partner universities.
Want to be part of the RSS experience?

More than just a course!
Radboud Summer School is more than an academic event. It is a unique opportunity to meet other international students and researchers and to get to know Radboud University and the city of Nijmegen. Our participants come from all over the world and have different cultural and academic backgrounds. Our programme includes the following activities free of charge: welcome reception, sports activity, guest lecture and farewell drink. We offer also a BBQ, River Cruise, City Tour, Pub quiz and excursion for a small fee.

Have a look at what participants had to say about their experience!

And do not forget to register now!

Deadline application
June 1, 2017

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