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Making (Systematic) Literature Reviews Work for You
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This course is based on the methods for systematic reviews across all disciplines. It is necessary to know about these methods because the vast quantity of research findings published each year require clarifying. Sometimes conflicting conclusions inform empirical research and, ultimately, influence practice and policy when studies are amalgamated. Moreover, these types of literature reviews, particularly narrative literature and systematic reviews, have become more popular across all disciplines and are seen as the golden standard.

It will cover the basics of a literature review (review questions, sourcing literature, databases, analysis, etc.) and demonstrate how the findings of a (systematic) literature review are used for designing research methodologies. That is why the course contains sessions about methods, but also provides opportunities to work on your own literature review individually as well as in groups. These methods cover quantitative and qualitative ones and mixed studies. A unique feature of this course is that the sessions connect the literature reviews to research philosophies and propositional logic. Also, examples of literature reviews will be presented to demonstrate the concepts and support you in developing your own design of the literature review.

An important aspect of [systematic] literature reviews is how they are reported and published; this includes doctoral theses, postgraduate dissertations, manuscripts for journal submissions, etc. During the course there will be discussion about how to write a literature review without losing your own voice, while simultaneously incorporating standard reporting practices in a meaningful way. Examples will be used to demonstrate writing and how writing can be supported using appropriate software. This includes the availability of generic and institutional repositories for systematic reviews, including trends in research data management. Students have to bring their own laptop!

Entry level
Master, PhD, Post-doc and Professional

For whom is this course designed
Doctoral students, postgraduate students and early career researcher that are in any stage of their research will benefit from this course. The interactive course offers the opportunity to design or to review the method that you have followed for writing a literature review.
Course leader
Dr. Ir. Rob Dekkers, Reader in Industrial Management, Adam Smith Business School, Glasgow

After this course you will be able to:
• position your literature review in a methodological context for research.
• design your own method for a systematic or narrative literature review.
• analyse the results of a literature review, including implications for further research, informing practice and policy.
• report the outcomes of a literature and demonstrate awareness about relevant features for literature reviews for publication.

No admission documents needed

Dates
Monday 6 August – Friday 10 August 2018

Deadline application: 1 June 2018

Course fee
€600

Discounts
• 10% discount for early bird applicants. The early bird deadline is 1 April 2018.
• 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, 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, guest lecture and farewell drink. We also offer sports activities, a BBQ, a river cruise on a Pancake Boat and a city tour for a small fee.

Have a look at what participants have said about their RSS experience!

**You can find more details about the courses on our website**

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