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Qualitative Methods

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Qualitative methods are increasingly used in social sciences and humanities. This course is a perfect preparation for conducting qualitative research in your bachelor or master thesis research, or as an update of what you might have learned before.

In social sciences and humanities we study how people act in specific situations. These situations are highly contingent and are interpreted in a subjective way. People also follow their own subjective logic in the way they act in these situations. To investigate these processes, we cannot rely on standardised categorisations, nor on presumed rationalities. Qualitative methods accordingly try to be open to these subjectivities and contingencies. Qualitative data are often collected by means of open (in depth) interviews, documents, and visual data, and are analysed by means of different interpretative methods. In this intensive course you learn how to conduct, transcribe and analyse interviews, documents and visual data. You will also get to know and practically exercise the basic principles of different methods of data analysis such as 'content analysis', 'grounded theory analysis', 'phenomenological analysis', 'ethnography', 'critical discourse analysis' and 'visual data analysis'. Finally you will also learn how to present the results of qualitative research.

**After this course you will**
- Have an overview of the different qualitative research methods enabling you to make the right methodological choices
- Have insight in the scientific and theoretical backgrounds of these methods, assuring you the theoretic consistency of your methodological choices
- Have Deeper knowledge of the backgrounds and basic principles of the different techniques for the analysis of qualitative data
- Be able to make an adequate choice of qualitative research techniques for your research
- Be able to critically reflect on the choice and the application of qualitative research techniques
- Be able to relate the results of qualitative research to the theory and to present the results of qualitative research in an effective way
Numer of EC
4 ECTS credits for two weeks
2 ECTS credits for one week

Entry level
Advanced bachelor, Master and PhD

Course leader
Prof. Dr. Huib Ernste, Human Geography, Nijmegen School of Management, Radboud University

This course is a perfect preparation for conducting qualitative research in your bachelor or master thesis or PhD research, or as an update of what you might have learned before. It also serves as an enhancement to your pre-master programme. You can follow either one or two weeks. The first week will focus on introduction and the collection of qualitative data, with special focus of semi-structured interviews. The second week will focus on methods for analysing qualitative data.

Admission documents
Motivation letter stating for what purpose and for what kind of research you think you will use qualitative methods.

Dates
Week 1: 6 - 10 August 2018
Week 2: 13 - 17 August 2018
or two weeks starting from 6 August 2018
Want to be part of the RSS experience?

Course fee
€ 1185 (two weeks), € 685 (one week)

Discounts
• 10% discount if you register before 1 April 2018.
• 15% additional partner-discount for students from partners universities on all course fees! See website for complete partner list.

Deadline application: 1 June 2018

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 experience!

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