

Online Workshop

Researching Conflict: Methodological Challenges and Opportunities

2 & 3 July 2020, Webex Platform (invitations via email - please join a few minutes earlier),
All times London Time

Thursday July 2

9:00- 9:10	<p>Opening Remarks</p> <p>Vera Axyonova, Freie Universität Berlin & George Kyris, University of Birmingham</p>
9:10- 10:10	<p>‘Safer Field Research in Social Sciences’ Keynote</p> <p>Ilyas Saliba, Humboldt University, Berlin Social Science Center and Global Public Policy Institute</p>
10:10- 10:30	<p>Break</p>
10:30- 10:45	<p>Introductions</p>
10:45- 12:15	<p>1. Analytical Choices</p> <p>‘Social embeddedness of researchers in field research contexts and implications for research methodology’</p> <p>Muhyadin Abdillahi Saed, University of St. Andrews</p> <p>‘Classical Realism, Carl Schmitt, and Heuristic Research: Does Theorising Help Us Understand De Facto States’</p> <p>Lucas Knotter, University of Groningen</p> <p>‘Researching experiences of survivors and perpetrators of conflict in Latin America’</p> <p>Sanne Weber, University of Birmingham</p>
12.15-13.00	<p>Break</p>
13:00- 14:30	<p>2. Adapting to the Unexpected</p> <p>‘Conducting focus groups in studying conflict perceptions: Methodological considerations before and after the Covid-19 pandemic’</p> <p>Vera Axyonova, Freie Universität Berlin</p> <p>‘Does Fieldwork Need the Field?’</p> <p>Sam Ritholtz, University of Oxford</p> <p>‘Adapting to Research “Interruptions” and Moral Obligations’</p> <p>Michael Soto, University of Minnesota</p>

Friday July 3

9:00- 9:45	<p>‘Research as intervention: reflections on the role of researchers in conflict-affected contexts’</p> <p>Daniela Lai, London South Bank University</p>
9:45-10:00	<p>Break</p>
10:00-11:00	<p>3. Doing Fieldwork</p> <p>‘How to Read Fieldwork’</p> <p>Nick Barker, University of Oxford</p> <p>‘Conducting Field Research in a Divided Country’</p> <p>Cihan Dizdaroglu, Coventry University</p>
11:00-11:15	<p>Break</p>
11:15-12:15	<p>4. Reflecting on Positionality</p> <p>‘Online relational interviews and preliminary fieldwork: reflections for a discussion on positionality and alternatives in times of travel restrictions’</p> <p>Elia Bescotti, Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies</p> <p>‘Researching governance and violence in urban Latin America: methods, trust, and positionality’</p> <p>Viviana García Pinzón, University of Marburg / GIGA</p>
12:15-13:30	<p>Break</p>
13:30-15:00	<p>5. Interpretation</p> <p>‘The impact of regional conflicts on EU foreign policy towards Turkey’</p> <p>Elena Baracani, University of Bologna</p> <p>‘Researching International Institutions’</p> <p>George Kyris, University of Birmingham</p> <p>‘Dealing with Rogues: Why did the U.S intervene in Iraq instead Iran and North Korea’</p> <p>Nikos Lampas, The American College of Greece</p>
15:00- 15:05	<p>Break</p>
15:05-15:30	<p>Concluding Remarks</p> <p>Vera Axyonova, Freie Universität Berlin & George Kyris, University of Birmingham</p>
