

In this course we will discuss the logic of social science research and provide a brief overview of the various methods that are commonly in use. The focus will be on the logic of inquiry in the social sciences in general, while the details of the various specific methods one can apply will be discussed in separate courses, on qualitative methods and on quantitative methods.

Many of the topics discussed in this course are controversial practitioners of social science research disagree on fundamental issues of research methods, design, interpretation, inferences, etc. The course will stimulate a critical view towards methods and you are encouraged to be critical in your writings for the course and your participation during the course meetings. While the assignments can be written from different points of view and while debate is encouraged, the course does provide a somewhat more positivist perspective on social science.

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What will I learn?

Learning Outcomes:

<p>- Formulation of independent views and arguments in discussion and in writing.

- Knowledge of the central themes and problems in the philosophy of social science and research design.

- Understanding of the mechanics and underlying assumptions of descriptive and causal inference in social science.

- Ability to independently develop a design of a research project.

- Preparation and delivery of an in-class research presentation and engagement with questions from the audience.

- Ability to engage critically with different positions in the philosophy of social science and to assess different methodological approaches from a philosophical point of view.</p>

How will I learn?

Student Effort Hours:

Student Effort Type	Hours
Seminar (or Webinar)	24
Autonomous Student Learning	225
Total	249

Am I eligible to take this module?

<div class="subHeadCB">Requirements, Exclusions and Recommendations</div>

<p>Not applicable to this module.</p>

<div class="subHeadCB">Module Requisites and Incompatibles</div>

Equivalents:

(CSSL40050), Social Science Methodology (GSHS50080)

How will I be assessed?

Description	% of Final Grade	Timing
Essay: Article review	40	Coursework (End of Trimester)
Continuous Assessment: Grant proposal	30	Week 6
Continuous Assessment: Proposal feedback essays	20	Week 9
Presentation: Research presentation	10	Varies over the Trimester

What happens if I fail?

Compensation

This module is not passable by compensation

Resit Opportunities

In-semester assessment

Remediation

If you fail this module you may repeat, resit or substitute where permissible.

Reading List

Associated Staff

Name	Role
Dr Markus Schlosser	Lecturer / Co-Lecturer

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<dd>Graduate School SS&L</dd>
<dt>College:</dt>
<dd>Social Sciences & Law</dd>
<dt>School:</dt>
<dd>Social Sciences and Law</dd>
<dt>Level:</dt>
<dd>5 (Doctoral)</dd>
<dt>Credits:</dt>
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<dt>Semester:</dt>
<dd>Semester Two</dd>
<dt>Module Coordinator:</dt>
<dd>Dr Martijn Schoonvelde</dd>
<dt>Mode of Delivery:</dt>
<dd>N/A</dd>

<dt>How will I be graded?</dt>
<dd>40% </dd>

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