

<i>Title and Code of Course:</i> Qualitative research: fieldwork methodology ERPB-BSZOC 9119			
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Credit Point Value: 6	Number of Lessons per Week: 2	Type of Course: <u>Seminar</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Lecture <input type="checkbox"/>	Method of Evaluation: Oral Examination <input type="checkbox"/> <u>In-Class Presentation</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Course Description:</p> <p>The course on qualitative methods aims to provide a basic background for the students on empirical research in Sociology and Anthropology, enabling them to underpin their theoretical knowledge and to analyse and to interpret the research data they gathered.</p> <p>As a starting point, in order to form a theoretical basis, we shall review the basic definitions and fields of Anthropology.</p> <p>In course of the semester we shall touch upon ethical problems, barriers, difficulties related to field work, as well as we shall analyse fundamentals as objectivity and value neutrality.</p> <p>We shall encounter the necessary preparatory steps needed for a research, we shall review the possible breakdown of a research plan (aim of research, target group etc), we shall study different research tools as well as possible data analysis and data evaluation methods: consequently, students will learn how a research can be planned, and thereafter carried out on the field.</p> <p>The course could mean a starting point for a researcher to launch a data gathering, and then to select an adequate research method based on different aspects, background knowledge as well as information sources. Moreover, the aims of the course also include to enhance ability of systematic and critical thinking, and to encourage detecting interdependence of facts and drawing conclusions.</p> <p>Through passing the course, one becomes able to independently plan, conduct and evaluate the results of a field research.</p>			
<p>Bibliography:</p> <p>Bernard, H. R.: <i>Research Methods in Anthropology: Qualitative and Quantitative Approaches</i>. Rowman Altamira, 2006.</p> <p>Kawulich, B. B. (2005). Participant Observation as a Data Collection Method. <i>Qualitative Social Research</i>, 6(2), 1-28.</p> <p>Li, J. (2008). Ethical Challenges in Participant Observation: A Reflection on Ethnographic Fieldwork. <i>The Qualitative Report</i>, 13(1), 100-115.</p>			