



Online-Workshop “Considering Ethics and Safety in Field Research in the Global South”

07.-08.12.2020 (half-days), zoom conference

In this workshop, we aim to focus on ethics and safety during field research from both researcher's and interlocutors' perspectives. With participants' active participation and bringing in their own inquiries, we aim to critically assess our role as researchers in conducting research in the Global South. We will discuss and reflect issues on power, identity and positionality in the field and thereby focus on two main aspects: 1) Ethics: How do I see myself and how am I seen? How should I deal with unequal power relations in non-Western and post-colonial contexts? 2) Safety: How do I guarantee my own safety? How do I protect my research partners? How are research ethics and safety related? The online-workshop will take place virtually via Microsoft Teams/Zoom and will feature two keynote speakers followed by Q&A as well as participant presentations focusing on individual research projects and inquiries that can be discussed in a safe environment amongst peers.

Keynote Speakers:

- ❖ [Prof. Dr. Timothy Williams](#) (Bundeswehr University Munich) “Research Ethics in Field Research in the Global South”
- ❖ [Ilyas Saliba](#) (WZB/GPPI): “Safer Field Research in the Social Sciences”

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Preliminary Program

Day 1 – Ethics 07.12. 2020	9:00 – 9:15am	Welcome & Introduction (Hosts/Organizers)
	09:15 – 10:30am	Keynote 1: “Research ethics in Field Research in the Global South” Prof. Dr. Timothy Williams (Bundeswehr University Munich) (ca. 45 minutes) Q & A (ca. 30 minutes)
	10:30 – 11:00am	Virtual Coffee Break
	11:00 – 13:00am	Participants’ Presentations (ca. 30 minutes): Presentation A Presentation B Presentation C Discussion (90 minutes)
Day 2 – Safety 08.12.2020	09:00 – 10:15am	Short Welcome and Wrap-up Keynote 2: “Safer Field Research in the Social Sciences” Ilyas Saliba (WZB/GPPI) (ca. 45 minutes) Q & A (ca. 30 minutes)
	10:15 – 10:45am	Virtual Coffee Break
	10:45 – 12:45am	Participants Presentations (ca. 30 minutes): Presentation A Presentation B Discussion (90 minutes)
	12:45am – 01:00pm	Wrap-Up / Closing (Hosts/Organizers)

Keynote Speakers

Timothy Williams is a junior professor of insecurity and social order at the Universität der Bundeswehr München in Munich, Germany. Previously, he was a postdoctoral fellow at the Centre for Conflict Studies at the University of Marburg, where he also concluded his PhD in 2017 (*summa cum laude*) that has since been acknowledged with two awards, one by the university of Marburg, the other by the German Peace Psychologist Association. His research deals with violence, focussing on its dynamics, particularly at the micro-level, as well as its consequences for post-conflict societies and the politics of memory these evoke. He has conducted extensive field research in Cambodia and Rwanda and has been awarded the Emerging Scholar Prize of the International Association of Genocide Scholars in 2017. Timothy has published in *Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding*, *Terrorism and Political Violence*, *International Peacekeeping*, *Genocide Studies and Prevention*, *Transitional Justice Review*, among others, has co-edited a volume on perpetrators (with Susanne Buckley-Zistel, 2018, Routledge) and has authored the forthcoming book *The Complexity of Evil. Perpetration and Genocide* (2020, Rutgers University Press).

Ilyas Saliba is a political scientist, PhD researcher, human rights defender, political analysis and journalist. Trained at Hamburg University, University of Gothenburg, Free University Berlin and ETH Zürich, he also joined the European University Institute, Nuffield College at Oxford University and the American University in Cairo as a guest researcher. He gained experience with advocacy, teaching, research, editing and communication experience through employments & projects at respected organizations & universities, such as Amnesty International, the Global Public Policy Institute, WZB Social Science Research Center Berlin. Generally, in his research he focuses on Human Rights in the MENA Region, Democratization & Authoritarian Regimes & Political Violence. More precisely, he co-edited and -authored the volume “Safer Field Research in the Social Sciences. A Guide to Human and Digital Security in Hostile Environments” (2020 Sage UK) and contributed an Index to Monitor Academic Freedom to the “Varieties of Democracy”-Dataset, together with Janika Spannagel and Katrin Kinzelbach. He has furthered published on academic freedom for example in the journal “Interdisciplinary Political Studies” and the *Mediterranean Yearbook* (2018).

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