PhD course in qualitative methods for Human geographers
7,5 p, Uppsala, Lund, Malmö Spring 2018

Registration: 15th November 2017 to Carina Listerborn (carina.listerborn@mah.se)

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Aim of the course
The course aims to provide a detailed presentation of current qualitative methods, each within its correspondent theoretical frame. The PhD-students will have the opportunity of practicing with the different techniques and methods discussed during the course, and to relate to the whole process of research, i.e. from the selection of the method/s in relation to the question/s formulated for the research, to the treatment of the research information and the presentation of the results. A special focus will be put on ethnographic methods and the geographies of everyday life. Ethic aspects are going to be considered during all the blocks of the course. Active participation will be crucial for the structure of the course.

The Contents of the Course
The course starts with an introduction to qualitative methods and methodologies including the theoretical foundations for each kind of method particularly referring to the discipline of Human Geography. Afterwards the course is going to be structured in seminars in which the discussion of the papers provided by the participants as well as the literature for each section will be the basic components. Both national and international guests are going to participate with lectures and discussions. In all lectures and seminars, the whole process of research and associated reflections and decision making, will be addressed. The question why selecting each particular method, the way/s of collecting the data, the organisation and the analysis of the data, the presentation of the results, as well as ethical considerations attached to the chosen methods are important aspects contained in the course.

A collected data base can consist on both written and visual or audio-visual representations, which means that both texts (daybooks, interviews, articles, books, etc.), pictures, photos, maps, films and sound will be discussed as research material in the course. Even “live material” such as the environment that surround us and the ways in which people perceive it and each other in public and private spaces can be considered as “researchable”.

The course is organised in three blocks, one at each university. Minor field works attached to the course will be included in all three blocks.

1 An updating of this syllabus will also be made available at www.kultgeog.uu.se
**Entry Requirements**

The participant must be admitted to the PhD program in a university department. The participant will send an abstract of her/his project to carina.listerborn@mah.se by the 15th of November 2017, together with the application to the course. Decision of participation will be announced by the 10th of December 2017. The accepted participant will send a document of 8 - 10 pages to the administrators explaining the dissertation plan with emphasis on methodological issues, by the 28th of January 2018.

**Examination and evaluation**

Participation in all blocks is required. A course PM will be delivered at the end of the course, at latest the 30th of April 2018. A course evaluation will be conducted verbally at the last session of the course. The organisers will deliver an evaluation document to the National Courses administration.

**Preliminary schedule**

**First block (8-9 februari 2018/Uppsala)** International and national guest and fieldwork to be confirmed

**8th of February**
- 11.15 Course introduction – Aida Aragao-Lagergren & Irene Molina
- 12.30 Lunch
- 13.30 Ethnographic studies from a feminist perspective
- 15.00 Break
- 15.30 Rural Ethnographies

**9th of February**
- 9.00 Ethnographies of children
- 10.00 Studying Gentrification (Participative Action Research; Postcolonial and feminist perspectives; Ethics) – field trip in Uppsala
- 12.30 Lunch
- 13.30 Abstracts discussion
- 15.30 Break
- 16.00 Rounding the sessions

**Second block (21-22 mars 2018/Malmö)** International and national guest and fieldwork to be confirmed

**21st of March**
- 11.15 Introduction: Critical Discourse Analysis
- 12.30 Lunch
- 13.30 Critical Discourse Analysis – examples of studies
- 15.00 Break
- 15.30 Critical Discourse Analysis – examples of studies

**22nd of March**
- 9.00 Introduction – Place observations as a method
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10.00 Field trip in Malmö (place observations from a gender perspectives)
12.30 Lunch
13.30 Group work on site
15.30 Break
16.00 Discussion

Third block (7-8 maj/Lund 2018) International and national guest and fieldwork to be confirmed

7th of May
11.15 Introduction: Critical visual methodologies
12.30 Lunch
13.30 Using video and film as method (Speaker: TBA)
15.00 Break
15.30 Cultural resistance and mapping methods (Louise Fabian, Aarhus University)

8th of May
c. 9 train to Copenhagen - Field work in Christiania
10.00 Introduction to group work: mapping and visualizing urban geographies
10.30 Group work on site
12.30 Lunch
13.30 Group work on site
15.00 Group presentations
18.00 End of official program

Bibliography


Books


Articles


