



<b>Course Code &amp; Title</b>	<b>High-Risk Fieldwork: A Practical Guide</b>				
<b>Convenor(s)</b>	Dr John Heathershaw (University of Exeter), Dr Craig Larkin (KCL), Dr Nicola Palmer (KCL), Dr Anastasia Shesterinina (University of Sheffield), Ms Maureen Freed (University of Oxford)				
<b>Institution</b>	Multiple	<b>Department</b>		LISS DTP	
<b>Academic Year</b>	2021-22	<b>Term</b>		Autumn	
<b>Number of sessions</b>	2	<b>Research Platform</b>	Qualitative Research (QuL)	<b>Length of Course</b>	2 full days
<b>Day, Date</b>		<b>Start : End</b>		<b>Room Location</b>	
Wednesday 6 October 2021		9:30-15:30 (incl breaks)		<a href="#">WATERLOO WBW 4.14</a>	
Thursday 7 October 2021		9:30-17:45 (incl breaks)			
<b>Enrolment Links:</b>	<b>Available to book on <a href="#">Skillsforge</a> from 28<sup>th</sup> September (click to log in and register)</b> Questions? Please write to <a href="mailto:liss-dtp@kcl.ac.uk">liss-dtp@kcl.ac.uk</a>				

#### Course Description:

The workshop prepares PhD students for high-risk fieldwork through the experiences of senior researchers conducting fieldwork in problematic or difficult circumstances. The aim is to provide a practical guide on themes that include but are not limited to interviewing, ethics, safety, community entry, field notes and mental health. An open and honest discussion about concerns between those who have already undertaken such fieldwork and those preparing to begin conducting fieldwork. This is vital to facilitate the translation of the often general and abstract ethics review requirements to case-specific needs and concerns of PhD researchers. This relates to the challenges of operating in various cultural and geographic environments with consequences for community entry, observation in the field and personal safety. These are affected by factors like gender, sexuality, race and class. The format is a two-day workshop.

#### Tentative Schedule:

##### *6<sup>th</sup> October 2021 (Wednesday)*

**9.30 – 10.00** Welcome and coffee break

**10.00 – 12.30** Session I. – Dr Craig Larkin, King’s College London. Field experience: Lebanon, Syria

- Interviews (prep, conducting)

**12.30 – 13.00** Lunch break

**13.00 – 15.30** Session II. – Dr John Heathershaw, University of Exeter. Field experience: Central Asia

- Ethics before, during and after fieldwork
- How to prepare for ethics review
- Site selection, community entry and observation in the field (gatekeepers, pros and cons)



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*7<sup>th</sup> of October (Thursday)*

**9.30 – 10.00** Welcome and coffee break

**10.00 – 12.30** Session I. – Dr Nicola Palmer, King's College London. Field experience: Rwanda

- Lost in translation? Foreign language communication and translation related issues
- How to do field notes (taking, digitising & archiving practices)
- Interviews (pre-, during- and post-interview dos and don'ts – prioritising security: metacommunication and how to judge it), focus groups and surveys in the field
- Coding (+ how to store my data)
- Collaborative Research

**12.30 – 13.00** Lunch break

**13.00 – 15.30** Session II. – Dr Anastasia Shesterinina, University of Sheffield. Field experience: Russia, South Caucasus, Colombia.

- The research process pre to post fieldwork
- Empathy and fear in the field
- Interviewing

**15.30 – 15.45** Break

**15.45 – 17.45** Trauma workshop - Ms Maureen Freed, psychotherapeutic counsellor, University of Oxford

#### **Reading List:**

None

#### **Eligibility:**

Open to all PhD students at King's College London, Queen Mary University and Imperial College using social science methodologies. PhD students that have not registered with the LISS DTP must do so [here](#).

#### **Pre-course preparation:**

No

#### **Number of students:**

Maximum number of places available: 20