

London Interdisciplinary Social Science Doctoral Training Partnership Advanced Research Methods in Social Sciences

Course Code & Title	LISS361 Qualitative Digital Diary Methods				
Convenor(s)	Catherine McCombie				
Institution	King's College London		Department	Health Service and Population Research, Digital Humanities	
Academic Year	2023-2024		Term	Summer	
Number of sessions	2	Research Platform	Qualitative Research (QuL)	Length of Session(s)	3 hours
Dates			Start : End	Room Location	
Friday 31 st May 2024 Friday 7 th June 2024			13:30 : 16:30 13:30 : 16:30	Via Zoom	
Enrolment Links:	Available to book on SkillsForge from Tuesday 2 April 2024 . Click to log in and register: https://training.kcl.ac.uk/kcl/#he/dev/eventDetails,;em,providerCode=LISS,providerOrgAlias=kcl,number=361,; Questions? Visit our Training FAQ here: Frequently Asked Questions - LISS DTP (liss-dtp.ac.uk)				

Course Description:

This course will provide a grounding in how to design and conduct research using qualitative digital diary methods, including the wide variety of applications of this method. The sessions will cover when and how to use qualitative digital diaries, elements of study design and ethical issues, approaches to analysis, and potential challenges and solutions when using these methods. There will be a short task to complete between sessions to help participants apply learning to their own research, and the second session will be flexible to focus on topics and issues raised by participants.

Learning outcomes:

- Understand what qualitative digital diary methods are and when to use them
- Gain confidence in designing and conducting a qualitative digital diary study
- Recognise ethical issues around the use of diaries, and know how to address these in the research design
- Design an initial qualitative digital diary plan for your own project, drawing on examples discussed
- Understand ways of approaching diary analysis
- Understand how to write up and report a diary methods study.

Reading List:

There is no required reading, but reading this paper ahead of the course will give you an understanding of what a qualitative diary methods study might look like in practice, and suggestions as to what to think about ahead of the course for your own project:

• Voriadaki, T., Simic, M., Espie, J., & Eisler, I. (2015). Intensive multi-family therapy for adolescent anorexia nervosa: adolescents' and parents' day-to-day experiences. *Journal of Family Therapy*, *37*(1), 5-23. https://doi.org/10.1111/1467-6427.12067

Eligibility:



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This course will be of interest to anyone interested in gathering qualitative data at more than one time point. It will be most relevant to those in Pathways 1-3, 5-8. If you're not sure whether it will be relevant to you, feel free to contact LISS who can forward any queries to the course convenors.

Pre-course preparation:

Each participant will be asked to introduce themselves and their research – the course will be most valuable to those who have thought a little about what the role of digital diaries might be in their project, so that they can hone those plans over the two sessions. Elements of the course will be interactive and discussion based so participants are encouraged to turn their cameras and microphones on for discussions.

Number of students:

Minimum number required to run: 8

Maximum number of places available: 24