**Course Code & Title:** LISS001 Research Design & Project Evaluation

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**Institution:** King’s College London  
**Department:** LISS DTP

**Academic Year:** 2017-18  
**Term:** Autumn

**Number of Sessions:** 2 (3 for King’s students)  
**Length of Session(s):** 1 hour lecture + 2 hour workshop  
3 hour seminar (King’s students only)

**Dates:**  
12 October 2017  
+ 23 October 2017 (King’s students only)

**Time:**  
1500 – 1800  
10am-1pm (King’s students only)

**Room location:**  
1500-1600: 1.67 Franklin Wilkins Building  
1600-1800: Various rooms - tba on the day, in Franklin Wilkins Building, [King’s Waterloo campus](https://www.kcl.ac.uk/informationandservices/campusmap/)  
23 October session (King’s only): 2.40 Franklin Wilkins Building

**Enrolment Link:** [https://goo.gl/fPAFYQ](https://goo.gl/fPAFYQ) (You will need to log into SkillsForge)

**Course Description:** This course is part of LISS DTP’s five-part core training in social sciences, Methods in the Social Sciences programme, which is delivered across the LISS DTP partnership institutions and is open to all doctoral students working in social science disciplines. It is designed for first year doctoral students in the social sciences to improve your understanding of research design and to support you in applying the associated knowledge and skills to the development of your PhD and beyond. The course involves one lecture, followed by workshops delivered at Research Area (groups of related LISS DTP Pathways) level. These sessions will:

- Enhance your understanding of the general principles of research design, your ability to identify answerable research questions and your capacity to evaluate the research design of others

- Develop your understanding of major concepts in your own research to assist in thinking through their contested meanings and underlying normative aspects

**PLEASE NOTE:** In addition to attending these sessions, students are strongly encouraged to also attend training on research ethics procedures, open access publishing and data storage, protection and copyright within their own institution (as this training needs to be delivered in an institutionally-specific way). Such sessions will:

- Support you in securing the necessary research ethics and risk assessment approvals to conduct your PhD research and in conducting ethical research and presentation of your findings (also applicable to those who do not require ethical approval for their projects)
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- Outline your rights and responsibilities with regards to data storage, protection and copyright and open access publishing

*If you are a LISS DTP-funded student, undertaking this additional training is mandatory.*

**King’s College London students:** a bespoke training session will be held on 23 October 2017, 10am-1pm, in Franklin Wilkins Building 2.40.

If you cannot attend this session, King’s Library Services offers training sessions throughout the academic year, bookable on Skills Forge, for example: LIB842 Managing your research data, LIB841 Essentials of copyright: what researchers and academic staff should know.

More information on Open Access publishing and King’s policy on this can be found here: https://www.kcl.ac.uk/library/researchsupport/openaccess/index.aspx Email: openaccess@kcl.ac.uk

King’s Research Ethics team offers significant online advice (https://www.kcl.ac.uk/innovation/research/support/ethics/index.aspx ) and can be contacted directly through links from this webpage.

**Queen Mary students:** Queen Mary students can find more information on research data management, open access publishing and research ethics on the following pages: http://www.library.qmul.ac.uk/research/ & https://capd.qmul.ac.uk/what-we-offer/researcher-development/postgraduate-research-students/

**Imperial students:** Imperial students can book onto the College’s Ensuring Integrity training programme to cover these topics. Training dates and booking information can be accessed here: https://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/pg/graduate-school/professional-skills/doctoral/shortcourses/integrity/

**Course Outline:**

12 OCTOBER 2017, 3-4pm – Franklin-Wilkins Building 1.67

**LECTURE:** Research design in the social sciences

**Dr Jeff Garmany, Brazil Institute, King’s College London**

This session will introduce and consider the challenges related to 'research design' in the social sciences. In particular, it will focus upon developing strong research questions, preparing effective research designs, learning /training research methodologies, conducting fieldwork, and organising and reporting research findings. The session will emphasise qualitative methodologies, and examples will often drawn from participatory-observation-based research.

**Supplementary Reading**


If you are interested in the processes that monitor the PhD then consult the following documents:

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King’s College London regulations for PhDs: https://www.kcl.ac.uk/governancezone/Research/Regulations-A4-Regulations-for-Research-Degrees-2016-17.aspx

Queen Mary regulations for PhDs: http://www.arcs.qmul.ac.uk/research-degrees/research-degree-students/

Imperial regulations for PhDs: https://www.imperial.ac.uk/about/governance/academic-governance/ regulations/

12 OCTOBER 2017, 4-6pm – Various Waterloo Campus locations to be allocated on the day.

RESEARCH AREA WORKSHOPS: Research design in your area of study

Various Pathway Leads from each Research Area will be running these workshops

In these small break-out groups, students will have a chance for exercises and small group discussion to help identify more specifically what constitutes a good research question within their more specialised area of study.

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Supplementary Reading List:

- Guide to Creative Commons for Humanities and Social Science monograph authors http://open.uk.jiscebooks.org/ccguide/
she is an advocate for Open Access to research and encouraging others to consider OA over current models of scholarly publishing.

- **MANTRA** is a free online course designed for researchers or others who manage digital data as part of a research project. [http://datalib.edina.ac.uk/mantra/](http://datalib.edina.ac.uk/mantra/)
- Dyer, S. and D. Demerit 2009. Un-ethical review? Why it is wrong to apply the medical model of research governance to human geography. *Progress in Human Geography*. 33/1@46-64

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Useful resources

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- **Sage research methods online**: A useful database of research methods that contains a reference library plus tools for constructing your own methods map. [http://srmo.sagepub.com/publicstart?authRejection=true](http://srmo.sagepub.com/publicstart?authRejection=true)
- **Knowledge base for social research methods**: [http://www.socialresearchmethods.net/](http://www.socialresearchmethods.net/)
- For light relief, **Piled higher and deeper** (PhD comics) [http://www.phdcomics.com/](http://www.phdcomics.com/)