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Exploring **Methods for Multicultural Social Science** Research in the Contemporary Era

»Exploring methods for multicultural social science research in the contemporary era« is a comprehensive one-week summer school that offers an in-depth exploration of essential research methods in today's culturally diverse and globally interconnected world. The summer school is aimed at students from a range of social science disciplines and covers both quantitative and qualitative methods, statistical analyses, cross-cultural competencies and ethical considerations in research. Within these five topics, led by experts in their respective fields, various aspects of research methodology will be addressed to equip students with the practical skills and knowledge required to conduct research in the modern global era, and to develop ethically informed and culturally sensitive researchers ready to engage with the complex issues of our time..

LANGUAGE: English

ECTS: 3

Max. participants: 20

Within the course, students will be introduced to five topic areas, each designed to deepen their understanding and skills in different aspects of research.

The topic areas are:

1. Mastering quantitative research
2. Exploring qualitative research
3. Statistical analysis: basic
4. Cross-cultural research
5. Ethical considerations in research

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**BSC, MSC and PhD
students from
various social science
disciplines**



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**Mastering quantitative research,
Assoc. Prof. Sabina Ličen and Prof. Boštjan Žvanut**

This topic focuses on the principles and practises of quantitative research and teaches students how to effectively design, conduct, and evaluate surveys.

**Exploring qualitative research,
Assoc. Prof. Mirko Prosen and Assoc. Prof. Sabina Ličen**

Students will explore qualitative methods and learn how to conduct in-depth interviews, focus groups, and ethnographic studies to gather comprehensive data.

**Statistical analysis,
Prof. Boštjan Žvanut and Assoc. Prof. Sabina Ličen**

This section will cover essential statistical concepts and techniques for analysing research data so that students have the skills necessary to correctly interpret and present their findings.

**Cross-cultural research,
Assoc. Prof. Mirko Prosen and Assoc. Prof. Sabina Ličen**

Recognising the importance of cultural context in research, this topic provides students with the knowledge to conduct research in multicultural settings, taking into account both the challenges and opportunities this presents.

**Ethical considerations in research,
Assoc. Prof. Maša Černelič Bizjak**

This important topic addresses the ethical dimensions of research, ensuring that students are aware of the moral complexities of their work and how to deal with them (voluntary participation, informed consent, anonymity, confidentiality, potential for harm, and results communication...).

During the lectures, students are divided into small groups. Within these small teams, students collaboratively select their desired research design, either quantitative or qualitative, which will serve as the basis for their final project. This collaborative approach not only allows students to focus on an area of research that interests them, but also fosters a dynamic learning environment in which they can share findings, challenge assumptions, and develop a deeper understanding through interaction with other students.

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**Assoc. Prof. Dr.
Maša Černelič Bizjak**

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Maša Černelič-Bizjak, Doctor of Psychological Sciences, completed her master's degree and doctorate in clinical psychology at the Faculty of Psychology in Ljubljana. She acquired her first psychotherapeutic knowledge in the field of cognitive behavioural psychotherapy and has a diploma in transactional analysis and medical hypnosis. For 18 years she has been teaching courses in the field of health psychology, mental health and communication at the University of Primorska, Faculty of Health Sciences in Slovenia, in various study programmes and at all three levels of education. She has supervised more than 75 students' theses, is involved in various national and international research projects, and has been a visiting professor at universities in Spain and Greece. She is a member of the European Association of Personality Psychology, and a reviewer for various internationally scientific journals.



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Sabina Ličen is Associate Professor of Nursing and Senior Research Associate at the Faculty of Health Sciences at the University of Primorska. Her research includes innovative methods in nursing education, transcultural nursing and global health as well as professional competences of nurses. She has authored numerous scientific and professional publications. In 2020, the project team of which she was a member was honoured with the International e-Learning Award for the project »The Designing, Delivering and Evaluating Online Study Units Course« from the International E-Learning Association. She is actively involved in several international and national research projects. She is a member of the Nurses and Midwives Association of Slovenia, Sigma Theta Tau International Honour Society of Nursing and the European Transcultural Nursing Association.



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**Assoc. Prof. Dr.
Mirko Prosen**

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Mirko Prosen is a university teacher and researcher at the Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Primorska. His research primarily focuses on the sociology of health and illness. He was the pioneer in introducing the concept of transcultural nursing into the curriculum for undergraduate and postgraduate nursing students in Slovenia and has also explored this area from a pedagogical perspective. He contributed to the establishment of similar curricula in Croatia and Turkey. Dr. Prosen is the author of numerous scientific publications in the field of transcultural education and serves as a country representative in the European Transcultural Nursing Association. He has received several national and international awards for his work, including the highest national award in the field of education in 2022 for outstanding achievements, particularly in the development of cross-cultural competences in higher education. In 2023, he was awarded the highest professional qualification in the profession: "Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery."



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Boštjan Žvanut is full professor at the Faculty of Health Science, University of Primorska, Izola, Slovenia, and a guest professor at the Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek, Medical Faculty, Croatia. He received his PhD from the Faculty of Computer and Information Sciences, University of Ljubljana, in 2009. His research area is healthcare informatics, e-learning, methodology and statistics. Currently, he is a country representative in the International Medical Informatics Association, Nursing Informatics interest group.



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