



Training on quantitative and qualitative methods

18th – 21st of May 2015, IfL Leipzig

Course description

With a four-days training event on quantitative and qualitative methods the project partners of the Marie Curie Initial Training Network RegPol² aim at providing an introduction to the use of quantitative and qualitative methods to pursue research on issues of regional polarisation and peripheralisation in Europe and beyond. As a precondition participants of the event have already achieved basic knowledge in qualitative and quantitative methods in the social sciences. With a mix of keynote lectures, seminars, open and interactive sessions the event provides a platform to discuss and further advance the use of methods in the individual PhD-projects of all participants. Topics will be linked to transnational comparative (case study) research, the use of statistical methods to map processes of polarisation and peripheralisation, qualitative interviews, group discussions and participant observation. The event is part of a three-year international training programme organised in the framework of the RegPol²-project. Target group are PhD-students in the early phase of their own research beginning to conceptualise their methodological proceeding for year two of their PhD-project. Lecturers are from IfL (Leipzig, Germany), CERS-HAS (Békéscsaba, Hungary), University of Szeged (Szeged, Hungary), Eurofutures (Finland), Babes-Bolyai University (Cluj-Napoca, Romania).

Monday 18/05/2015

Venue: IfL (Schongauerstr. 9, 04328 Leipzig)

09:00 – 09:30	Welcome and registration – <i>Thilo Lang, Franziska Görmar</i>
09:30 – 10:30	Keynote lecture: The relation between empirical research and theory – <i>Judith Miggelbrink</i>
10:30 – 11:00	Break
11:00 – 12:30h	Training: Comparative assumptions in regional and urban research – A critical consideration – <i>Karin Wiest</i>
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 15:00	Training: Introduction to qualitative research (qualitative interviews & group discussion) – <i>Kristine Müller</i>
15:00 – 15:30	Break
15:30 – 19:00	Training: Monitoring indicators in European regional and territorial development and cooperation programmes – <i>Tomas Hanell</i>
19:30	Dinner (self-paid)

Tuesday 19/05/2015

Venue : Galeriehotel Leipziger Hof (Hedwigstr. 1-3, 04315 Leipzig)

09:00 – 10:30	Keynote lecture: Regionalisation and regionalisms in a bigger Europe: The issues in an East-West comparison – <i>Catherine Perron</i>
10:30 – 11:00	Break
11:00 – 12:30	Seminar: Comparative case study research – <i>Thilo Lang</i>
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch



13:30 – 15:45	Training: Market of methods - <i>Ibolya Török, Thilo Lang, Egon Nagy, Catherine Perron, Cyril Blondel</i>
15:45 – 16:00	Break
16:00 – 16:30	Training: Market of methods (Wrap up) – <i>Franziska Görmar</i>
16:30 – 19:00	Excursion: Leipzig East
19:00	Dinner (self-paid)

Wednesday 20/05/2015

Venue: Social Impact Lab (Weißenfels Str. 65H, 04229 Leipzig)

09:00 – 10:30	Training: Mental maps – <i>Robert Nadler, Wladimir Sgibnev</i>
10:30 – 11:00	Break
11:00 – 12:30	Training: Comparative territorial analysis on border region – <i>Egon Nagy</i>
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 14:30	Training: Introduction to participant observation - <i>Judit Timár, Lajos Boros</i>
14:30 – 17:00	Training: Participant observation and impact of researcher involvement (Practical part) – <i>ESRs, ERs, Judit Timár, Lajos Boros</i>
17:00 – 17:15	Break
17:15 – 18:15	Junior researcher meeting/PMG meeting (only RegPol ² members)
18:30 – 19:45	Boat trip: Leipzig West excursion (only RegPol ² members)
20:00	Dinner (only RegPol ² members)

Thursday 21/05/2015

Venue: IfL (Schongauerstr. 9, 04328 Leipzig)

09:00 – 10:30	Training/ Discussion: Participant observation and impact of researcher involvement - <i>Judit Timár, Lajos Boros</i>
10:30 – 11:00	Break
11:00 – 14:00	optional: ER individual training: Proposal writing II - <i>Cordula Antrack</i>
11:00 – 15:30	Training (including Lunch break): 1) Qualitative methods training – <i>Judith Miggelbrink, Kristine Müller, Alena Pfoser, Kathrin Hörschelmann</i> 2) How to deal with large sets of quantitative data? – <i>Tim Leibert</i>
15:30 – 16:00	Break
16:00 – 17:30	Open space session - <i>Franziska Görmar</i>
17:30 – 17:45	Break
17:45 – 18:30	Wrap-up of Open space session, Feedback and Outlook – <i>Thilo Lang, Franziska Görmar</i>
19:00	Barbecue & Good-bye