



UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI TORINO

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Visiting Professor Program Academic year 2019/2020

DEPARTMENT OF CULTURES, POLITICS AND SOCIETY

TEACHING COMMITMENT: 20 hours

The Visiting professor will teach in two different courses.

COURSE TITLE

International Cooperation for Development: Practices and Project Design

TEACHING PERIOD

2nd term

SCIENTIFIC AREA

Geography of development

LANGUAGE USED TO TEACH

English

The Degree Course is entirely taught in English

COURSE SUMMARY

This course contributes to the realization of the study curriculum by providing the students with the key conceptual and analytical tools for understanding the relevance of mobile and social media for research that is relevant in development studies, geography, social studies, anthropology, political science, and other related disciplines. This research methodology is often combined with action-research approaches, in mobility studies, sustainability studies and conservation programmes. Social media can be used for collecting data and information, from observation to mixed methods analysis (from statistical to content analysis, discourse analysis, and political interpretation), participative until co-production of research, dissemination of information or policy reforms etc. The instruction includes principles of information about the research and other ethical aspects of this type of research.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The students will learn how to plan and implement research using social media. The course will provide methodological guidance for making research projects, and will present cases of previous research. The course will include:

- introduction to mobile and social media tools
- ethical guidance using open access data or creating new data
- co-production of research projects
- data collection
- data processing: mixed methods
- archiving: creation and use of repositories
- visualization and dissemination
- policy making

OTHER ACTIVITIES BESIDES THE COURSE

Seminars and conferences addressed to PhD students and research fellows presenting research activities

and projects carried on by the professor

Dissemination conferences

ADDITIONAL COURSE

COURSE TITLE
Doing Research and Fieldwork in International Cooperation

TEACHING PERIOD

2nd term

SCIENTIFIC AREA

Geography of development; Anthropology of development

LANGUAGE USED TO TEACH

English

COURSE SUMMARY

The course concentrates on how to design and manage a research project in the global South. It focuses on:

- the definition of the research project (defining the research question, literature review, identifying the methodology, scheduling and managing times and activities, technical, ethical and logistic aspects, presenting the project and its contents);
- challenges and problems that may arise while carrying on fieldwork in the global South (expectations, cultural shock, reorganization of the research design, emotion and stress anagement, etc.);
- the use of qualitative research methods (questionnaire, interview, focus group, participant observation, visual search methods, etc.) in global South contexts. All this will be illustrated through role play games and classroom activities aimed at showing how to use these tools, and through presenting and discussing research experiences that will allow participants to observe the concrete application of the illustrated tools.

In the second part of the course students - divided into groups - are invited to present and discuss a concise field research project in the Global South paying attention to accurately identifying the research question, the chosen methodology and the organization of the activities.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The course aims to equip students to effectively address the task of carrying on fieldwork within development aid by applying the required skills (competent management in defining the research design, selection of the appropriate methodology, full awareness in carrying on research activities, communication skills, both written and oral).

OTHER ACTIVITIES BESIDES THE COURSE

Seminars and conferences addressed to PhD students and research fellows presenting qualitative methodologies used in projects and research activating by the professor
Dissemination conferences

VISITING PROFESSOR PROFILE

The visiting professor needs to hold:

- in depth experience in the field of development and post-development studies (documented by publications, the coordination of research projects and activities, and teaching experiences);
- in depth experience in the use of qualitative research methods within projects in the Global South (coordination and/or participation to national and international research projects and networks which made use of qualitative methodologies, publications concerning qualitative methodologies);
- in-depth experience in development research documented by publications, coordination of research projects and activities, and teaching experiences;
- in-depth experience in using mobile and social media in research projects in Global South areas;
- in-depth experience in teaching mixed methods in Academic programmes.

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