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Syllabus

PNG0019 Modern Research Methods II, 3.5 credits

Syllabus approved

2008-08-18

Subjects

Other Social Science

Education cycle

Third cycle

Grading scale

Pass / Failed

The requirements for attaining different grades are described in the course assessment criteria which are contained in a supplement to the course syllabus. Current information on assessment criteria shall be made available at the start of the course.

Language

English

Prior knowledge

To have been accepted as a post graduate student at a university department.

Objective, including learning outcomes

This course will provide Ph.D-students with skills on how to conduct research on issues that are relevant to urban and rural development and natural resource management. The course will cover practical and ethical issues related to qualitative and

quantitative methods for data collection. The course will focus on the relationship between research questions and the criteria for the choice of the methods. Upon completion of the course, the Ph.D-students shall:

- be able to evaluate and critically discuss strengths and weaknesses of different research methods;
- be able to demonstrate practical knowledge in the use of different research methods to establish relevant empirical material in relation to the analysis of specific research questions;
- be able to account for methods and problems of the process of transforming fieldnotes during research to academic text;
- be able to analyze various aspects of the roles the researcher possesses during and after fieldwork;
- be able to account for ethical aspects and problems of fieldwork and publishing and how to act in accordance to these aspects and problems.

Content

The course will consist of a series of lecture focused on the process of transforming fieldnotes into academic text, on the roles of the researcher in the field and on ethical issues regarding fieldwork and writing. Students will demonstrate their understanding of these different aspects by performing practical exercises and by presenting a paper at the end of the course. The experiences from the exercises will provide the necessary feedback during seminar discussions.

Requirements for examination

Written and/or oral exam, presentations and exercises.

For successful completion of the course the Ph.D-student must pass: approved examinations, participate in lectures and other compulsory sessions in the course.

Additional information

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