



Netherlands Network for Human Rights Research

Annual PhD Training 2021/2022

Maastricht University

Part II (19th and 20th May 2022)

In the first training, we introduced different research methodologies and interdisciplinary human rights research methods and discussed how to plan and balance your PhD life. The second training aims to equip our participants with knowledge and skills to conduct their PhD research. Our objective is to introduce specific research methods and their applications in human rights research. We will also provide suggestions for participants to refine their research proposals and increase research visibility.

First Day – 19th May (Thursday)

11:00 Welcome and opening remarks

11:15-12:30 Interview in qualitative research (45 mins for Q&A, same below for all sessions)

- Speaker: Dr Marieke Hopman and/or Dr Roland Moerland (Maastricht Centre for Human Rights)

This section will go over the use of the interview method in qualitative research. Dr Marieke Hopman and/or Dr Roland Moerland go in depth over the theory and practice of using interviews as a research tool. They will cover how to relate interviews to a theoretical framework, how to draw inferences from interviews, the selection of candidates and navigating ethical issues in interviewing.



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12:30-13:30 *Lunch Break*

13:30-15:00 **Data analysis in qualitative research**

- Speaker: Dr Cristina Mancigotti (UNU-MERIT, Maastricht University)

This section will discuss the practical dimension of handling qualitative data. Dr Cristina Mancigotti will give participants an introduction to qualitative coding using Atlas.ti.

15:00-15:15 *Tea Break*

15:15-17:15 **Skill workshop: refine your research proposal**

In this session, participants will be divided into groups to discuss their prepared summary of research proposal with peers and senior researchers.

- Facilitators: TBC

18:30 **Dinner and social event**

Second Day – 20th May

09:00-10:30 **Qualitative comparative analysis**

- Speaker: Dr Pui-hang Wong (Maastricht School of Governance)

In this session, Dr Pui-hang Wong will introduce qualitative comparative analysis (QCA) as a tool for traditional and empirical legal research.

10:30-10:45 *Tea Break*



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10:45-12:15 Using human rights indicators and measurement

- Speaker: Dr Bart Kleine Deters (CINOBE-ECBO, Dutch Centre for Expertise on Vocational Education)

In this session, Dr Bart Kleine Deters will explain how to use human rights indicators to measure human rights policies, processes and outcomes.

12:15-13:15 Lunch Break

13:30-15:00 Comparative law method

- Speaker: Dr Agustin Parise (Faculty of Law, Maastricht University)

In this session, Dr Agustin Parise will explore challenges in the methodology of comparative law. He will discuss the selection of countries for comparison, difficulties of translation, legal transplants and the historical dimension of comparative law.

15:00-16:30 Research and communication

- Speaker (TBC): Sarah Thin and Dr Fabián Raimondo (Faculty of Law, Maastricht University)

In this roundtable session, speakers will discuss their experience of using social media platforms, including podcast and academic blogging, to present and communicate human rights research with peers and the public.

16:30 Closing

Participants will be informed of reading materials closer to the workshop date.