INNOVATION AND DATA-DRIVEN RESEARCH IN HUMAN RIGHTS STUDIES: FACTS, MYTHS, CHALLENGES

San Marco Institute, Monteortone - Abano Terme (Padova)
12-16 September 2022

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 25TH JULY
AVAILABLE PLACES: 25
The third edition of the residential summer school on “Normativity and Reality of Human Rights” is organised by the Human Rights Centre “Antonio Papisca” of the University of Padova and the Human Rights Consortium of the SAS at the University of London.

Human rights studies have entered a phase in which many of their epistemic tenants are critically questioned and even contested. Indeed, the expression “human rights” denotes socio-factual phenomena and the normative framework. Ontological and epistemic transformations mediated by the digitalisation of nature and societies have arguably shattered all components of the human rights field. Two issues have emerged as particularly relevant: the call for “innovation”, loosely referred to as the need to incorporate technology in any research design, and the correlated imperative of producing “data-driven” research.

The summer school aims to address these issues critically, assess their practical implications, and discuss their potential impact on a research project’s theoretical frame and methodological design.

Prospective students
The Summer School is addressed to current and prospective PhD candidates and postgraduate students, early-career academics, practitioners and scholars interested in human rights studies. The programme encourages the participation of researchers with an interdisciplinary approach. In selecting participants, efforts are made to guarantee diversity in gender, geo-cultural backgrounds, disciplines of study, and age. The maximum number of participants is 25. Places are reserved for students from the Doctorate in Human Rights, Society and Multi-level Governance at the University of Padova.

Academic quality and credits
Lectures and workshops are held by scholars from the University of Padova and other partner universities.

The programme includes formal and non-formal learning activities. Full participation entitles to the awarding of 6 ECTS credits. The Human Rights Centre of the University of Padova can produce a certificate of participation at request.
PROGRAMME

Module 1
Innovation in human rights research and practice

Monday 12
10:00 – 12:30
What is “innovation” in human rights? Key lectures and discussion

15:00 – 17:30
"Being “innovative” in human rights research and practice. Panel discussion with academics and challenge providers

Tuesday 13
9:00 – 12:30 / Workshop
What is innovation? Discussion based on the analysis of ongoing research projects
Afternoon: Excursion

Module 2
Producing, analysing, and visualising data in human rights studies

Wednesday 14
10:00 – 12:30
Data-driven research in human rights. Key lectures and discussion

15:00 – 17:00 / Panel discussion with academics and challenge providers
Collecting and processing data for human rights research and advocacy

Thursday 15
9:00 – 12:30 / Workshop
Working with data. Discussion based on ongoing research and advocacy projects
Free afternoon (individual study or teamwork)

Friday 16
9:00–12:30 / Workshop
Data visualisation and infographic design: theory, methods, and tools.

15:00–17:30
Team reports on lessons learned and skills acquired

18:00
Conclusion and diploma awarding
There are no tuition fees.

Accommodation and accommodation cost waiver
The Summer School is residential.
Participants are expected to find full-board accommodation on-site, where rooms have been booked at a set price. Please contact/visit: https://www.termesalesiani.it/sanmarco.

The Programme will cover the accommodation costs of up to 12 participants. Cost waivers will be granted based on academic merit.

Website: https://bit.ly/humanrights_summerschool22