



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













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.

PROGRAMME

Module 1 - Innovation in human rights research and practice

Monday 12

10:00 - 10:30

Salutations and short introduction Gabriella Salviulo and Paolo De Stefani, University of Padova

10:30 - 12:30

Laura Nota, University of Padova

Toward societies based on inclusion, human rights, and social and environmental justice: the role of research and universities

Damien Short, SAS, University of London

Researching human rights: recent debates and challenges

15:00 - 17:30

Introduction of the participants and of their ongoing research projects

Tuesday 13

10:00 - 12:30

Workshop: What is innovation?Discussion based on the analysis of ongoing research projects



Module 2 - Producing, analysing, and communicating data in human rights studies

Wednesday 14

10:00 - 12:30

Arrigo Opocher, University of Padova

Economic disadvantage: definitions, measures, empirics

Maria Grazia Giammarinaro, NU Galway

HR monitoring trends: evolutionary interpretation, intersectional approach and fact-finding methodologies

15:00 - 17:30

Nicoletta Zappile, UPR Info, Geneva (online); Barbara Maculan, Equality; Cinzia Bragagnolo, Veneto Region, N.A.V.I.G.A.Re project

Collecting and processing data for human rights-related research and advocacy: Practitioners' perspectives Panel discussion

Thursday 15

10:00 - 12:30

Workshop: How to work with data? Discussion based on the analysis of ongoing research projects
With Sara Santilli, University of Padova (Research, inclusion and quali/quantitative methods) and Francesca Cimino, PhD in Human Rights, Society and Multilevel Governance

Friday 16

10:00 - 12:30

Data visualisation and infographic design: theory, methods, tools
A workshop run by Save the Children Italy

15:00 - 17:00

Individual/team reports on lessons learned and skills acquired With Maria Castiglioni, University of Padova

17:30

Closing of the school and diploma award

Summer School Coordinator: Paolo De Stefani, University of Padova



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 24. 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

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

This event is part of the initiatives to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Human Rights Centre of the University of Padova, founded in 1982 by Professor Antonio Papisca.

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