

**LSE-UCT July School**  
**Cape Town, 30 June -11 July 2014**

The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) and the University of Cape Town (UCT) are pleased to offer the second LSE-UCT July School in July 2014. This innovative two-week programme provides students, graduates and professionals from across the globe an exciting new opportunity to study important social sciences issues relevant to Africa today. The programme is taught by outstanding faculty from the University of Cape Town and LSE, two of the world's leading institutions for teaching and research.

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**PhD Partnering Workshop:**

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This workshop is intended as a forum for the exchange of experiences, knowledge, best practice and ideas for doctoral training. In the context of a newly defined structure for research council funded doctoral training in the UK, namely the UK Economic and Social Research Centre (ESRC) funded Doctoral Training Centres, LSE is one of many universities across the UK currently reviewing and reshaping its approach to PhD training.

The Department of Methodology at the LSE plays a key role in designing and delivering training in research methods and data analysis, to students across the School (and for advanced training, also beyond the School). To provide a basis for the discussions in this workshop, members of the Department of Methodology will deliver a series of 'taster' sessions covering a range of its courses that are offered to postgraduate students. In addition, they will outline the overall arrangements in place for PhD training at LSE, including the additional support offered by LSE's Teaching and Learning Centre.

We hope to welcome two PhD students and one PhD supervisor or PhD programme director from each consortium university.

The anticipated benefits for PhD programme directors will be to provide a setting for:

- Gaining a shared knowledge of PhD training arrangements in place (and/or planned) in consortium partner universities,
- Generating a forum for exchange of ideas and potential future collaborative training initiatives.

The anticipated benefits for PhD students will be to provide:

- An overview of some key topics in research methods and data analysis, both qualitative and quantitative, which they may wish to pursue for their PhD research
- A forum for exchange of ideas and perhaps future collaboration with PhD students in consortium partner universities.

The prerequisites for the workshop are rather general: we would welcome anyone who wishes to participate. However: although we will begin the quantitative analysis sessions with an outline of our introductory level course, we anticipate that students with no background at all in quantitative analysis may find the subsequent sessions challenging. So we would recommend the workshop to students with basic understanding of quantitative methods, near the beginning, planning stage of their PhD (first year or perhaps second year), who would benefit from an overview of a range of research methods topics.

<b>Day and time slot</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Session leader(s)</b>
<b>Wednesday 2 July</b>		
09:00 – 09:30	Registration	
09:30 – 10:00	Welcome and introduction	Mark Maloney
10:00 – 11:00	LSE’s doctoral training within the ESRC landscape	Dr Sally Stares, Dr Aude Bicquelet
11:00 – 11:15	<i>Break</i>	
11:15 – 12:30	LSE’s academic and professional development training for doctoral students	Dr Sally Stares, Dr Aude Bicquelet
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>	
13:30 – 15:00	Discussion: mapping characteristics of doctoral training structures across the consortium; best practices and challenges	
15:00 – 15:15	<i>Break</i>	
15:15 – 16:30	Discussion: aims and objectives for the workshop week	
<b>Thursday 3 July</b>		
09:30 – 10:30	Presentation: Introduction to Quantitative Analysis	Dr Sally Stares
10:30 – 11:30	Class examples: Introduction to Quantitative Analysis	Dr Sally Stares
11:30 – 11:45	<i>Break</i>	
11:45 – 12:05	Presentation: PhD life at LSE	Ioanna Gouseti, Dr Aude Bicquelet Dr Sally Stares
12:05 – 13:00	Discussion: PhD supervision styles, experiences of academics and students, challenges, best practices	
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>	
14:00 – 15:00	Presentation: Introduction to Qualitative Methods	Dr Aude Bicquelet
15:00 – 16:00	Class examples: Introduction to Qualitative Methods	Dr Aude Bicquelet

16:00 – 16:15	<i>Break</i>	
16:15 – 17:15	Discussion: [TBC]	
<b>Friday 4 July</b>		
09:30 – 10:30	Presentation: Applied Regression Analysis	Dr Sally Stares
10:30 – 11:30	Class examples: Applied Regression Analysis	Dr Sally Stares
11:30 – 11:45	<i>Break</i>	
11:45 – 13:00	Discussion: variations across disciplines in methods training; pros and cons of shared and bespoke training	
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>	
14:00 – 15:00	Presentation: Observation and Elicitation Techniques in Qualitative Research	Dr Aude Bicquelet
15:00 – 16:00	Class examples: Observation and Elicitation Techniques in Qualitative Research	Dr Aude Bicquelet
16:00 – 16:15	<i>Break</i>	
16:15 – 17:15	Discussion: [TBC]	
<b>Monday 7 July</b>		
09:30 – 10:30	Presentation: Multivariate Analysis and Measurement	Dr Sally Stares
10:30 – 11:30	Class examples: Multivariate Analysis and Measurement	Dr Sally Stares
11:00 – 11:45	<i>Break</i>	
11:45 – 13:00	Discussion: [TBC]	
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>	
14:00 – 15:00	Presentation: Thematic and Content Analysis	Dr Aude Bicquelet
15:00 – 16:00	Class examples: Thematic and Content Analysis	Dr Aude Bicquelet
16:00 – 16:15	<i>Break</i>	
16:15 – 17:15	Presentations from consortium faculty members: reflections on best practices and future planning	
<b>Tuesday 8 July</b>		
09:30 – 10:30	Presentation: Survey Methods	Dr Sally Stares
10:30 – 11:30	Seminar examples: Survey Methods	Dr Sally Stares
11:00 – 11:45	<i>Break</i>	
11:45 – 13:00	Discussion: supply and demand for qualitative and quantitative methods training across the consortium	
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>	
14:00 – 15:00	Presentation: Structural and Critical Approaches	Dr Aude Bicquelet
15:00 – 16:00	Class examples: Structural and Critical Approaches	Dr Aude Bicquelet
16:00 – 16:15	<i>Break</i>	
16:15 – 17:15	Presentations from consortium PhD students: the ideal PhD experience	

**Wednesday 9 July**

09:30 – 10:30	Presentation: The state of the art in quantitative research	Dr Sally Stares
10:30 – 11:30	Discussion: The state of the art in quantitative research	Dr Sally Stares
11:00 – 11:45	Break	
11:45 – 13:00	Discussion: [TBC]	
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 – 15:00	Presentation: Contemporary debates in Qualitative Research	Dr Aude Biquelet
15:00 – 16:00	Class examples: Contemporary debates in Qualitative Research	Dr Aude Biquelet
16:00 – 16:15	<i>Break</i>	
16:15 – 17:15	Discussion: closing session: next steps	