

Graduate Academy

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Introduction to Experimental Methods in Social Sciences

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<i>Language</i>	English
<i>Content</i>	<p>In recent years, the number of experiments conducted in the social sciences has rapidly increased. Researchers have used experiments in numerous situations and have become increasingly creative in their experimental design.</p> <p>This workshop will provide an introduction to experiments in political and social sciences (the focus will be mostly on survey and field experiments).</p> <p>Students will learn how experiments are used in political science and sociology, about recent trends when it comes to using experiments, they will get to know different experimental methodologies, and will learn to critically evaluate the use of experiments, looking at their advantages and disadvantages. One part of the course, will also discuss the question of research ethics that often arises when planning experiments with human subject.</p> <p>The main objective is to show students that carefully designed experiments can offer valuable answers to certain research questions. No prior knowledge of experimental methods is required.</p>
<i>Notes</i>	<p>This Graduate Academy offering is directed at researchers, post-docs and doctoral students at the university of Lucerne and its partner institution and is for these persons offered free of charge. Course fees for other doctoral students: CHF 150/day. ECTS-Points 2.</p>