The course fees for Essex Human Rights Summer School are as follows:

- **Human Rights Research Methods (3 – 7 July)**
  - External participants – £900 (£810 with early bird discount)
  - University of Essex postgraduate students, staff and alumni - £775 (£697.50 with early bird discount)

Bookings made before or on Sunday 21 May 2017 will be eligible for a 10% early bird discount. (Please note that accommodation is not included in this fee)

Accommodation is available at our Colchester campus in en-suite single student bedrooms with shared kitchen facilities at £50 per night on a bed and breakfast basis. Accommodation is available for the duration of the summer school only.

To book accommodation, please go to https://kx.essex.ac.uk/BnB/ and type in the promotional code HRC2017 to ensure you receive the discounted rate applicable to Human Rights Summer School participants.

For further information on the Essex Human Rights Summer School, including details of how to book a place and terms and conditions, please visit www.essex.ac.uk/hrc/summerschool or email hrcsummerschool@essex.ac.uk

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Overview

The Human Rights Centre is pleased to announce the 2017 programme of its pioneering summer school on Human Rights Research Methods.

Now in its fourth consecutive year, the motivation for the summer school remains the same: to increase the attention given to methodology in human rights research. Methodological rigor greatly enhances the strength, persuasiveness and legitimacy of research findings and, in turn, the ability of such findings to influence policy and practice.

Run over 5 days, the programme provides the core methods and skills needed to carry out human rights research whether for academic scholarship, bids for large research projects or reports for NGOs, governments and international organisations.

The summer school not only focuses on documenting human rights violations using qualitative and quantitative research methods but it also addresses questions of how to measure the impact and effectiveness of policies and practices based on human rights. It is an essential course for postgraduate students, academics, lawyers and human rights professionals working in NGOs, national human rights institutions, government and international organisations.

In taking this course, participants will:
- Acquire a strong understanding of the key methods used in human rights research and the way in which they can be used on their own or in combination (mixed methods);
- Learn to design research projects with a strong methodology, including for grant applications and to have optimal impact on policy and practice;
- Attain a strong understanding of how to ensure that the research meets ethical standards including in NGOs without ethics committees;
- Gain a strong appreciation of qualitative interviewing techniques including issues involved with interviewing victims and affected communities and carrying out research on sensitive human rights topics;
- Learn how to interpret data gained through interviews;
- Become ‘literate’ in carrying out quantitative research and collecting, processing and using data;
- Understand how to do research in different countries and researching in closed and challenging societies;
- Learn how to design and carry out comparative country research; and
- Understand how to measure the impact of policies and practices based on human rights.

Learning Outcomes

Teaching Faculty

The summer school will be taught by a combination of Essex and external human rights academics and practitioners. The team includes:

- **Judith Bueno de Mesquita**, School of Law and Deputy Director, Human Rights Centre Clinic;
- **Professor Başak Çağ**, Hertie School of Governance, Berlin, and Director of the Center for Global Public Law at Koç University, Istanbul;
- **Dr Cosette Creamer**, Benjamin E. Lippincott Chair in Political Economy and Assistant Professor of Political Science, Department of Political Science and School of Law, University of Minnesota;
- **Barbora Cernusaková**, Researcher at Amnesty International and University of Manchester;
- **Dr Nicholas Fasel** - TBC, Chief Statistician, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Geneva;
- **Dr Carla Ferstman**, Director, REDRESS;
- **Dr Anita Gohdes**, Assistant Professor of International Relations, Center for Comparative and International Studies, University of Zurich and Human Rights Data Analysis Group;
- **Professor Paul Hunt**, Human Rights Centre and School of Law, University of Essex and former Senior Human Rights Advisor to the World Health Organisation Assistant Director-General; UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Health and Rapporteur of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights;
- **Esther Major**, Consultant for WHO and former Researcher/Adviser at Amnesty International;
- **Professor Lorna McGregor**, School of Law, Director Human Rights Centre and Co-Director, Human Rights, Big Data and Technology Project. Member, Equality and Human Rights Commission;
- **Jo Pettit**, Lead Researcher, Freedom from Torture;
- **Dr Róisín Ryan-Flood**, Department of Sociology, University of Essex;
- **Dr Clara Sandoval**, Acting Director, Human Rights Centre, Director, Essex Transitional Justice Network, and Senior Lecturer, School of Law, University of Essex;
- **Dr Ahmed Shaheed**, Human Rights Centre and School of Law, University of Essex. UN Special Rapporteur on the Freedom of Religion or Belief (2016-19); and
- **Dr Gary Williams**, Research Development Manager, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Essex.

Sessions

The following topics will be covered:

- Qualitative Data Analysis
- Interviewing Survivors of Human Rights Violations
- Single and Comparative Case Studies
- The Use of Focus Groups
- Conducting In-Country Research
- Human Rights Indicators
- The Role of Databases
- Socio-Economic and Administrative Statistics
- Surveys
- Counting Rights Violations
- Experiments
- Measuring the Impact of the Right to Health
- Documenting Harm and Claiming Reparations
- Choosing between Quantitative and Qualitative Methods
- One-on-One Clinics