PHD COLLOQUIUM

First year (running weekly for both terms): **DESIGNING AND LOCATING YOUR RESEARCH IN THE FIELD**

Topics covered: general info on PhD process; writing successful research proposals and effectively preparing literature surveys; networking strategies (conference participation, summer schools, membership in research networks, etc—things that will help students to strengthen their CVs over time); preparing for fieldwork and data collection, and locating secondary data. In addition, students are introduced to a range of theoretical paradigms and their empirical applications, as represented in the Department (through presentations by academic staff). Students are expected to present their research proposals for comments by the colloquium tutor and also by others in class.

**Written assignment**: PhD research proposal

Second year (running bi-weekly for both terms): **CONDUCTING AND COMMUNICATING YOUR RESEARCH**

Students commit themselves from the beginning of the year to present at a conference of their choice (beyond departmental venues) and work on the conference paper throughout the colloquium, including practice presentations and discussant roles for each other’s papers before the actual event. The colloquium also includes sessions on “research data management” and discussions of issues arising from students’ ongoing fieldwork and data collection, and locating.

**Written assignment**: Conference paper

Third year (running bi-weekly for both terms): **DISSEMINATING AND PUBLISHING YOUR RESEARCH**

Students commit themselves from the beginning of the year to write a paper to be submitted to a journal and work on writing the journal paper throughout the colloquium, including discussion of drafts in class, and students acting as manuscript reviewers for each other’s papers. The colloquium also includes sessions on forms and process of publishing (preparing book manuscripts and revising and resubmitting journal articles); post-doctoral funding sources and obtaining research grants, using ESRC /BA (or other relevant) templates as example; searching and preparing for academic jobs, job market talks, and interviews.

**Written assignment**: Paper for journal submission and peer review report