8th GESIS Summer School in Survey Methodology
01-23 August 2019
Cologne, Germany

About Cologne
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The GESIS Summer School in Survey Methodology will take place from 05-09 August 2019. Join us – and participates from all over the world and from different scientific fields that come to Cologne to take part in Europe’s leading summer school in survey methodology, research design, and data analysis since 1981.

Why attend the GESIS Summer School?
ATTEND GESIS Summer School if you:
- receive high-quality training in state-of-the-art techniques and methods of survey research
- wish to attend a broad overview of survey methods and courses on special topics in survey research
- wish to attend courses on design, data collection, and analysis, and courses on how to properly analyze survey data
- meet new people from different scientific fields and from all over the world
- wish to meet new people and local partners
- have an exciting time in Cologne!

Who should attend?
The GESIS Summer School is made for you if you are a graduate or PhD student, a post-doc, junior researcher, or survey professional from any country of the world and from different scientific fields that come to Cologne to take part in Europe’s leading summer school in survey methodology, research design, and data analysis since 1981.

Scientific Evening Talks in 2019

Week 1: 05-09 August

May 6: Prof. Dr. Michael Greenacre: "Data Visualization: The Wonderful Singular"
Week 2: 12-16 August

Prof. Dr. Oleg Nenadic: "Mixed-Mode and Mixed-Device Surveys"

Prof. Dr. Florian Meinfelder: "Research Designs and Causal Inference"

Week 3: 19-23 August

Dr. Oleg Nenadic: "Factorial Survey Design"

Dr. Kathrin Busch: "Improving Web Surveys through Visual Design and Usability"

Course Schedule

Short courses are one-day courses aimed at updating participants’ skills. In order to better fulfill the entrance requirements of some one-week courses or at providing instruction in a specialized area. Short courses consist of about six hours of teaching per day including tutorials or labs or exercises.

The online registration form will give you an overview of the course descriptions. Given the daily workload, participants can register for one course per week only. To ensure high course quality, the number of places is limited to 20-25 participants. We therefore recommend early registration.

Summer School Program 2019 (01-23 August)

Week 1 (05-09 August)

Course 1: Introduction to Structural Equation Modeling: A Refresher (Prof. Dr. Marek Fuchs)
Course 2: Introduction to Structural Equation Modeling: Application (Prof. Dr. Angelina Hammon)
Course 3: Statistical Analysis of Incomplete Data (Prof. Dr. Thomas Klatsky)
Course 4: Computer-aided Data Analysis (Prof. Dr. Philipp Kopp, Michael Kossow)
Course 5: Introductory Course to R with Applications from Data Analysis (Dr. Jan Willem Holzmann, Prof. Dr. Vera Toepoel)
Course 6: Mixed-Mode and Mixed-Device Surveys (Prof. Dr. Oleg Nenadic, Prof. Dr. Vera Toepoel, Dr. Thomas Klatzky)

Week 2 (12-16 August)

Course 7: Statistical Analysis of Incomplete Data (Dr. Tariq Al-Baghlal, Dr. Alexandru Cernat)
Course 8: Design and Implementation of Longitudinal Surveys (Dr. Tarek Al-Baghal, Dr. Aleixandra Aparicio)
Course 9: Questionnaires for Cross Cultural Surveys (Asst. Prof. Dr. Bella Struminskaya; Dr. Ulrich Krieger)
Course 10: Sampling, Weighting, and Estimation (Stephanie Eckman, PhD)
Course 11: Pretesting (Prof. Dr. Katrin Auspurg; Dr. Carsten Sauer)
Course 12: Factorial Survey Design (Asst. Prof. Dr. Katharina Meitinger; Emily Geisen)
Course 13: Introduction to Data Analysis Using Stata (Dr. Sebastian Netscher; Dr. Anja Perry)
Course 14: Research Designs and Causal Inference (Prof. Dr. Stefanie Eifler; Dr. Heinz Leitgöb)
Course 15: Short Course B: Research Designs and Causal Inference (Dr. Matthias Bluemke; Dr. Ai Miyamoto; Dr. Clemens Lechner)
Course 16: Quality and Usability (Prof. Dr. Edith de Leeuw; Asst. Prof. Dr. Vera Toepoel; Dr. Thomas Klatzky)

Week 3 (19-23 August)

Course 17: Introductory Course to PATH Applications for Code Analysis (Dr. Bram Ploeg, Alexander Reinecke)
Course 18: Client Update Course
Course 19: Communication Tools for Social Scientists: A Refresher Course with R (Dr. Sebastian Netscher; Dr. Oleg Nenadic)

Week 0 (01-02 August)

Course 1: Introduction to Mixed-Mode and Mixed-Device Surveys (Prof. Dr. Oleg Nenadic, Prof. Dr. Vera Toepoel, Dr. Thomas Klatzky)
Course 2: Introductory Course to R with Applications from Data Analysis (Dr. Jan Willem Holzmann, Prof. Dr. Vera Toepoel)
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Course and Registration

The GESIS Summer School provides partial to full bursary scholarships to full-time students in social sciences. Anybody registered in a regular course of the 8th GESIS Summer School may apply for one of five available scholarships funded by the European Survey Research Association (ESRA) or the German Academic Exchange Service. Anybody registered can also apply for a partial or full study-related scholarship (DAAD-AR). For general information on payments, please refer to our web site.

Please do not forget to upload your proof of status in the respective field of research (student status, academic/non-academic) as soon as a place is available.

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Summer School Scholarships

If you are interested in participating in the Summer School but are in need of funding, we’ve got you covered!

Please note that you can apply only for either ESRA or DAAD-funded scholarships.

If a course you would like to register for is already fully booked, you can register for another course you are interested in as an alternative to the one you are waiting for. If a place on the waiting list of the fully-booked course. We will contact you as soon as a place on a similar course is available.