

Researching Contemporary Cosmologies Module

HPCA 7016

2026 Timetable

WEDNESDAYS 4-6 pm GMT/BST

Week	Seminar Date	Topic	Schedule
1	Seminar 1: Wednesday 4th February	Introduction & Orientation Introduction to RCC Introduction to qualitative research Assignments 1 and 2	4pm - Introductions. 4.30 - Overview of module, etc. 5.00 – Introducing the 4 research papers. 5.30 - Discussion, Questions, Themes from pre-recorded lectures.
2	Seminar 2: Wednesday 11th February	Ethics & Designing a Research Project Discussion of analyzing papers - Analysing a Paper - Structure of a Paper (assignment 1) Ethics & the E1 Form Assignment 2: choosing your project	4pm - Designing a research project discussion. Introduction of Group Presentations and allocation of students to papers. 4.30 - Modelling Presenting a Paper – 3 themes - Structure 4.45 - The Ethics (E1) form 5.30 – Any questions, discuss student research project ideas
3	Seminar 3: Wednesday 18th February	Questionnaires Introduction to questionnaires Analysing a Paper - Research Methodology Discussion of the Bennet paper (assignment 1) How to set up electronic questionnaires Assignment 2 (research project) discussion time	4pm - Discussion of questionnaires. 4.30 – Modelling Presenting a Paper – 3 themes - Research Methodology 4.45 - Discussion of Bennet paper (Student Presentation + discussion). 5.15 - How to design and set up electronic questionnaires. 5.45 - Research project discussion time.

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4	Seminar 4: Wednesday 25th February	Interviews and Mixed Methods Interviews - aims, designs, practicalities Mixed methods review - combining interviews and questionnaires Analysing a Paper - ethical considerations Discussion of the Brink paper (assignment 1) Assignment 2 (research project) discussion time	4pm - Designing a project. 4.30 – Mixed-methods discussion. 4.45 - Modelling Presenting a Paper – 3 themes - Ethical Considerations 5pm - Discussion of Brink paper (Student Presentation + discussion). 5.30 - Research project discussion.
	4th March Reading Week	NO SEMINAR	
5	Seminar 5: Wednesday 11th March First draft of your E1 form to be submitted to the module tutor by Monday 9th March.	Insider/Outsider and the Question of Reflexivity Phenomenology Discussion of the Walter & Waterhouse paper (assignment 1) Discussion of the (assignment 1) and writing a compare & contrast essay Assignment 2 (research project) discussion time - E1 Forms	4pm - Phenomenology discussion. 4.45 - Insider/Outsider discussion. 5.00 - Discussion of Walter & Waterhouse (Student Presentation + discussion). 5.30 - Research project discussion, focus on E1 forms.
	Assignment 1 must be submitted by Midnight BST, Tuesday 17th March 2026		
6	Seminar 6: Wednesday 18th March	Ethnography & Auto-Ethnography Discussion of the Blain paper Diversifying and decolonising methodologies Assignment 2 (research project) discussion time	4pm - Ethnography and Autoethnography discussion. 4.30. Discussion of Blain (Student Presentation + discussion). 5.00 - Diversifying and Decolonising Methods.

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		Research Discussion - Review of E1 forms - questions/issues	5.30 - Research discussion.
7	Seminar 7: Wednesday 25th March	In the Field Overview of fieldwork methods Observation as a qualitative method Grounded Theory & Case Studies Assignment 2 (research project) discussion time: guidance on issues in the field	4pm - Fieldwork methods discussion. 4.30 - Discussion experiences of fieldwork. 5.00 - Discussion of grounded theory. 5.30 - Questions, Fieldwork issues discussion, etc.
8	Seminar 8: Wednesday 1st April	Writing Up Qualitative Research Guidance on writing up your project Assignment 2 (research project) discussion time: focus on writing up	4pm - Writing up qualitative research. 4.30 - Guidance on writing up research. 5.00 - More writing up tips. 5.30 - Research project discussion, writing up focus.
Assignment 2 must be submitted by Midnight BST, Tuesday 30th April 2026			

Assignment Due Dates:

You should aim to complete the assignment a week before the official submission date, to leave time for editing and polishing. Final submission dates are:

- * Assignment 1 must be submitted by: Midnight BST, **Tuesday 17th March 2026.**
- * Assignment 2 must be submitted by: Midnight BST, **Thursday 30th April 2026.**

Ethics E1 Form

In order to complete any qualitative work for your Assignment 2, you must have your project accepted and critically your ethic E1 form approved by the university.

You should submit a draft of your E1 form to the Module Lead Tutor (Jack Hunter) by **Monday 9th March 2026**, to give time for checking and editing before final submission. Please be aware submitting your E1 form after this date may well jeopardise your ability to do your field work. This form is submitted directly to your tutor.