

Researching Contemporary Cosmologies Module

HPCA 7016

2024 Timetable

THURSDAYS 4-6 pm GMT/BST

Week	Seminar Date	Topic
1	Seminar 1: Thursday 8th February	Introduction & Orientation Introduction to RCC Introduction to qualitative research Assignments 1 and 2
2	Seminar 2: Thursday 15th February	Ethics & Designing a Research Project Discussion of the Bennet paper (assignment 1) Ethics & the E1 Form Assignment 2: choosing your project
3	Seminar 3: Thursday 22nd February	Questionnaires Introducing questionnaires Discussion of the Brink paper (assignment 1) Assignment 2 (research project) discussion time
4	Seminar 4: Thursday 29th February	Interviews and Mixed Methods Interviews - aims, designs, practicalities Discussion of the Walter and Waterhouse paper (assignment 1) Mixed methods - combining interviews and questionnaires Assignment 2 (research project) discussion time

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5	Seminar 5: Thursday 7th March First draft of your E1 form to be submitted to your tu- tor by Sunday 12th March.	Insider/Outsider and the Question of Reflexivity Phenomenology Discussion of the Blain paper (assignment 1) Discussion of the (assignment 1) and writing a compare & contrast essay The Insider/Outsider issue and Reflexivity Assignment 2 (research project) discussion time
6	Seminar 6: Thursday 14 March	Ethnography & Auto-Ethnography Assignment 2 (research project) discussion time Review of E1 forms - questions/issues Diversifying and decolonising methodologies
7	Seminar 7: Thursday 21st 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
8	Seminar 8: Thursday 28th March	Writing Up Qualitative Research Guidance on writing up your project Assignment 2 (research project) discussion time: focus on writing up

TUTOR GROUPS: tutor group sessions will take place in the after the final seminar.

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, **Friday 15th March 2024.**

* Assignment 2 must be submitted by: Midnight BST, **Friday 3rd May 2024.**

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 your Tutor Group tutor by Sunday 17th March 2024, to give time for checking and editing before final submission.

* Final date for submitting your draft E1 form is: Sunday 7th April 2024. 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.