

Research Tools: Weekly plan (1st term): October-December 2021

Week	Date	Content	
0	23/9	Practical session (1)	IT and library resources at UPF
		TBA	UPF Library Staff
	28 Sep	Practical session (2)	Post-graduate studies at DCPIS
	11:00-13:30	M. José González	Welcome and Presentation of the PhD Programme, by the coordinator of the PhD programme
	29 Sep	Practical session (3)	Funding opportunities for PhD students
	10:30-12:00	Josep Niubò & Núria Núñez	Research Office Universitat Pompeu Fabra
1	4 Oct	Taught Session 1	Research Problems, Aims, and Contributions
	15-18 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion • Lecture 	Firebaugh, G. (2008): <i>Seven Rules for Social Research</i> . Chapter 1. Princeton University Press
	6 Oct	Talk 1	The place of applied political theory in the social sciences: beyond philosophy and metaphysics
	15-17 pm	Ricard Zapata	Full Professor of Political Science. Department of Political & Social Sciences Universitat Pompeu Fabra
	8 Oct	Taught Session 2	Theories and Backgrounds Causal, descriptive & explanatory arguments
	15-18 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion • Lecture 	Shapiro, I. (2002). Problems, methods, and theories in the study of politics, or what's wrong with political science and what to do about it. <i>Political theory</i> , 30(4), 596-619. [recommended] Carlile, P. R., & Christensen, C. M. (2005). <i>The cycles of theory building in management research</i> . Division of Research, Harvard Business School.
2	11 Oct	Taught Session 3	Objectives and Hypotheses Confirmatory, probable & plausible hypotheses
	15-18 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion • Lecture 	Pettit, P. (2002). "Three aspects of rational explanation", in Pettit P.: <i>Rules, reasons, and norms. Selected Essays</i> . Clarendon Pres. [recommended] Walton, D. (2001). Abductive, presumptive and plausible arguments. <i>Informal Logic</i> , 21(2).
	13 Oct	Talk 2	Research methods in Political Philosophy
	15-17 pm	TBA	TBA
	15 Oct	Taught Session 4	Concepts & Measurement
	15-18 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion • Lecture 	Mair, P. (2008). Concepts and concept formation. In Della Porta, D., & Keating, M. (Eds.). <i>Approaches and methodologies in the social sciences: A pluralist perspective</i> . Cambridge University Press.

3	18 15-18 pm	Taught Session 5	Data and Sampling Strategies
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students' presentations 	Gobo, G. (2008). Re-conceptualizing generalization: Old issues in a new frame. <i>The Sage handbook of social research methods</i> , 193-213.
	20 Oct	Talk 3	The logic and utility of longitudinal models
		Pau Baizán	ICREA Professor, Departament of Political and Social Sciences, Universitat Pompeu Fabra
	22 15-18 pm	Taught Session 6	Research Designs (1): Confirmatory Methods (The experimental logic)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion Lecture 	Jackson, M., & Cox, D. R. (2013). The principles of experimental design and their application in sociology. <i>Annual Review of Sociology</i> , 39, 27-49.
4	25 15-18 pm	Taught Session 7	Research Designs (2): Quasi-experimental designs
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion Lecture 	Glass, T. A., Goodman, S. N., Hernán, M. A., & Samet, J. M. (2013). Causal inference in public health. <i>Annual review of public health</i> , 34, 61-75. [recommended] Winship, C., & Morgan, S. L. (1999). The estimation of causal effects from observational data. <i>Annual review of sociology</i> , 25(1), 659-706.
	27 Oct	Talk 4	The role of life histories in qualitative research. The biography of a Latin King.
	15-17 pm	Carles Feixa	Full Professor of Social Anthropology ICREA Academia, ERC Advanced Grant. Universitat Pompeu Fabra
	29 15-18 pm	Taught Session 8	Research Designs (5): Exploratory Methods (Ethnographies, Narratives & Case Studies)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion Lecture 	Munck, G. L. (2004). Tools for qualitative research. Rethinking social inquiry: Diverse tools, shared standards, 105-121.
5	2 Nov 15-18 pm	Taught Session 9	Research Designs (4): The comparative method (Necessary and Sufficient Conditions)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion Lecture 	Ragin, C. C. (2004). Turning the tables: How case-oriented research challenges. Rethinking social inquiry: Diverse tools, shared standards, 123.
	3 Nov	Talk 5	The basics of historical-comparative research
	15-17 pm	Stephen Jacobson	Associate Professor of History, Director of the Institut d'Història Jaume Vicens Vives, Dept. of Humanities, Universitat Pompeu Fabra
	5 Nov 15-18 pm	Taught Session 10	Research Designs (3): Descriptive Methods (Surveys & Cross-examinations)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion 			

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lecture 	<p>Healy, K., & Moody, J. (2014). Data visualization in sociology. <i>Annual review of sociology</i>, 40, 105-128.</p> <p>[recommended] Lazer, D., & Radford, J. (2017). Data ex machina: introduction to big data. <i>Annual Review of Sociology</i>, 43, 19-39.</p>
6	8 Nov	Taught Session 11	Ethical Issues: Exclusions, Manipulations, & Intrusions
	15-18 pm	• Discussion	Fujii, L. A. (2012). Research ethics 101: Dilemmas and responsibilities. <i>PS: Political Science & Politics</i> , 45(4), 717-723.
		• Lecture	
	10 Nov	Talk 6	How to carry out responsible research and innovation
	15-17 pm	Gema Revuelta	Professor, Health and Life Sciences Department, Universitat Pompeu Fabra
	12 Nov	Taught Session 12	Putting it all together: The Research Proposal
15-18 pm	• Discussion	Recommended readings: TBA	
	• Lecture		