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Schedule

Preliminary workshop

6-7 August 2026 Introduction to R and Rstudio (online)	P. Gruber
6-7 August 2026 Introduction to STATA (online)	O. Lipps & U. Kuhn
6-8 August 2026 Statistics with SPSS for Social Scientists (online)	E. Horber

Week 1 Workshops
10-14 August 2026

Ethnographic Methods	D. Conway
Discourse Theory and Analysis	V. Mottier
Crafting On-line Surveys and AI Survey Assistance	M. Callegaro
Large Language Models for Social Science Research	G. Colavizza
Introduction to Structural Equation Modelling (SEM) (online)	E. Davidov & P. Schmidt
Causal Analysis with Observational Data	M. Grätz
Using Social Network Analysis to Understand Data	T. Hills
Multivariate Methods for Social Researchers	E. Horber
Working with Large Online Datasets for Social Science Research (using R)	L. Walasek
Time Series Analysis for the Social Sciences	C. Wang
Mixed Methods	M. Bergman
Artificial Intelligence for Innovation Assessment (AI4IA)	D. Foray, C. Ayoubi & O. Ballester
Design Thinking for Research	S. Kernbach
Academic Witing in the Age of GenAI	B. Lepori & R. Palmieri
Advanced Analytic Techniques for Theorizing from Qualitative Research	T. Köhler & M. Gibbert

Week 2 Workshops
17-21 August 2026

Building Insights from Qualitative Data Through Multiple Grounded Theory Approaches	L. Balachandran Nair
Qualitative Analysis of Interview Data	J. Drzewiecka
Mastering the Research Designs for your Qualitative Case Study: More an Art than a Science?	M. Gibbert
Integrating AI in the Qualitative Research Workflow Appropriately	C. Silver
Content Analysis and Natural Language Processing	T. Hills
Designing Experiments in the Social Sciences	B. Kittel
Longitudinal Analysis with Panel Data	O. Lipps & U. Kuhn
An Introduction to Bayesian Methods for the Social Sciences	A. Mira & F. Denti
Survey Design and Implementation	M. Ochsner & A. Pollien
Creating Groups from Data. Cluster Analysis and Latent Class Analysis	R. Samuel & H. Bulut
Practical Machine Learning for Surveys, Panels, and Experiments	M. Steenbergen
Design Your Academic Future	S. Kernbach
Methods for building better theories	D. Beach
Visual Data and Visual Methods in Social Sciences	K. Lobinger & P. Prieto-Blanco
Exploring Causal Complexity with Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA)	P. Mello