Beyond Tales of Heroism –
A Workshop on Safety in Field Research

**Objective**

First, we provide a platform to engage with potential risks to researchers’ physical and emotional wellbeing at all stages of fieldwork.

Second, we offer participants reflection tools to develop easy-to-implement risk mitigation strategies tailored to their own research project.

**Description**

All fieldwork projects entail risks to researchers’ wellbeing. These risks are very individual for each project and depend, for instance, upon the researcher’s positionality, the social context, and the research methodology. Safety aspects should thus be considered at all stages of fieldwork and be treated as an integral part of research preparation, as well as of research practice.

In this workshop, we will:

- increase awareness of the importance of researcher safety throughout the research process,
- provide hands-on tools to identify and engage with risks relevant to each participant’s research project
- develop easy-to-implement risk-mitigation strategies, and
- provide room for reflection and a platform for exchange about methodological issues relating to safety.

**Methodology**

The workshop combines short input lectures with extensive group work based on realistic fieldwork scenarios.

It also invites participants to actively engage with safety aspects relating to their own research project. As each fieldwork context bears different risks, we will not provide safety guidelines but instead offer tools for individual reflection.

**Conditions**

Ideally, participants should be in the preparation phase of a research project that includes fieldwork. You can also participate if you are in the middle of such a project or consider conducting fieldwork in the future. Please be aware that the workshop addresses topics that might be emotionally challenging, including illnesses, injuries, (sexualized) violence, emotional unsafety, etc. Please contact the workshop organizers if you require more information.

**Organizational Information**

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