

Introduction to Grounded Theory

Objective

This workshop's focal point is the introduction to theory and practice of Grounded Theory. It provides an overview of essential features, techniques, and strategies of this methodological approach. By working on participants' own projects, the workshop illustrates common challenges and seeks ways to overcome them.

Description

Besides a general introduction to Grounded Theory, a special emphasis will be put on different coding procedures, in particular on open, axial and selective coding. The theoretical considerations and discussions of coding procedures will be accompanied by work on material provided by the participants to further develop it in a practical manner. Coding in a group and reflecting on existing categories and conceptualizations will sensitize the participants for potential challenges they might face in their own research endeavors.

Pragmatic and technical issues which arise when adopting a Grounded Theory approach, will also be addressed.

Coding sessions will be based on data and (preliminary) codes, categories and conceptualizations submitted by participants.

Participants will therefore be invited to submit material prior to the workshop. More detailed information will be made available when the registration process is completed.

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Research interests:

- Qualitative methods
- Culture
- Identity
- Climate change
- Mobility

Organizational Information

Language / Format	English / On campus
Target group	Doctoral Candidates at all stages and Postdocs (R2/R3) from the Humanities and Social Sciences
Date	Thursday-Friday, 21-22 May 2026, 10:00 – 16:00
Registration	Click here for registration