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Interviewing Elites

Instructor: Professor Dr Stefanie Bailer, University of Basel

Date & Time: Friday, 08 November 2024, 09.00 a.m. - 05.00 p.m.

Place: BAGSS, Feldkirchenstraße 21, 96050 Bamberg, Room FG1/00.06

Registration: To register, please send an email to courses.bagss@uni-bamberg.de by 08 October 2024. Registration is mandatory. The number of participants is limited to 14.

Short Outline

This intensive one-day course is designed for PhD students to master elite interviewing in the social sciences. The course will equip students with skills to plan, conduct, analyze, and evaluate elite interviews effectively. In a first introductory session we will understand the value and applications of elite interviews and how to improve the quality of interviews. This is followed by a more practical sessions where we learn how to structure questionnaires, ask questions which improve response rates and data quality, and address challenges before and during interviews.

The workshop is mainly aimed at doctoral students of BAGSS. In case of any vacant places, it is open to anyone interested.

Prerequisites

Introductory Reading will be provided by the lecturer ahead of the session. Participants may reflect for which situations they are going to use elite interviews or evaluate their previous experience with interviews.

About the Trainer

Professor Stefanie Bailer of the University of Basel has extensively utilized elite interviews in her research on decision-making by parliamentarians and civil servants within the EU, various national legislatures (including the UK, Germany, Switzerland, and the Netherlands), as well as in EU and UN organizations. She is currently co-authoring an article focused on enhancing the quality of elite interviews, drawing from her experiences in the international research project POLPOP, which involved interviewing parliamentarians. This new work will expand upon the recommendations she previously outlined in her publication "Interviews and Surveys in Legislative Research" (2014) in the Oxford Handbook of Legislative Studies.