

Workshop

“Understanding Scientific Method in Social Sciences”

Programme

Date, Venue, Attendees

Thursday, 25th March and Friday 26th March 2010

- 9.00 – 15.00
- Würzburger Str. 35, 01187 Dresden, DLGS: Room 210
- 10 doctoral candidates of DLGS 2, Dr. Schiappacasse

Aims of the Workshop

This two-day workshop is designed as a comprehensive introduction for first year doctoral candidates of DLGS. It provides an introduction to science and the scientific method (wissenschaftliches Arbeiten), a key component of the DLGS doctoral programme. Following last developments in philosophy of scientific research (Wissenschaftstheorie), the workshop stresses the validity of different methodological approaches for acquiring knowledge with an emphasis on the position of the researcher and its importance in the overall research design. Besides this, the workshop provides for practical skills for designing a doctoral proposal.

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25th March		
Time	Content	Comment
9.00 – 10.00	What is science? Approaches to knowledge (authoritarian, mystical)	
10.00 – 11.00	Exercise 1 – The allegory of the cave	Video
11.00 – 11.15	Break	
11.15 – 12.00	Approaches to knowledge (rationalism/constructivism)	Video

12.00 – 13.00	Lunch break	
13.00 – 14.00	Exercise 2 – How values can affect your research?	
14.00 – 15.00	View of philosophers of science Exercise 3 – Where are you in the spectrum?	Video
26th March		
Time	Content	Comment
9.00 – 10.30	The scientific method. Induction - deduction Exercise 4 – Your research idea	Video
10.30 – 10.45	Break	
10.45 – 12.00	What's a doctoral dissertation? Factors affecting the completion of doctoral theses DLGS understanding - essential components of a doctoral procedure	
12.00 – 13.00	Lunch break	
13.00 – 15.00	Learning from others Exercise 5 – Analysing thesis/articles	