

## Mixing Methods (Qual & Quant)

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### Dates and schedule:

Monday 07 April @ Badia Fiesolana, Seminar Room 2 (BF156) from 10:00 until 13:00  
Tuesday 08 April @ Badia Fiesolana, Seminar Room 2 (BF156) from 09:00 until 13:00  
Wednesday 09 April @ Badia Fiesolana, Seminar Room 2 (BF156) from 10:00 until 13:00

Credits: 10

### Outline

This workshop offers an introduction to mixed methods frameworks in the social sciences. After reviewing the established literature (e.g. explanatory/ exploratory sequential designs), a large part of the course will be dedicated to the questions: when does mixing methods result in added value? How do we make qualitative and quantitative evidence speak to each other? And in what ways should we think of writing up and publishing mixed methods designs?

The course will draw on current examples from the fields of sociology, political science, and public policy to animate this discussion, taking more recent methodological trends on board (e.g. causal inference or ethnography in MM frameworks) and aiming to create a hands-on understanding of the plural ways in which, and ends to which, mixed methods are currently being employed in the social sciences.

Participants are invited to bring a real or hypothetical research question and to sketch out a mixed methods design during several brief workshop sessions embedded in the course. As a part of this, advice will be offered to researchers who use MM research in their thesis.

The workshop may last but not least include a roundtable of EUI resident academics presenting on mixed methods designs they have used (TBC).

## Participation and Requirements

Participants are asked to:

- (1) Prepare a real or hypothetical research question to be answered by a mixed-methods design and to bring it on the first course day. Ideally, this 'practice RQ' should be close as possible to participants' own thesis research.
- (2) Sketch out a mixed-methods design to treat this RQ during workshop sessions embedded in the course (one 1hr session per day).
- (3) Read one research article or book chapter in preparation for each workshop day.

Moreover, participants will be asked to answer a brief survey about their background and interests before the course starts in order to adapt the program to their needs where possible.

Requirement for course validation is 80% attendance and active participation in discussions as well as the workshop sessions.

Auditing the course without validation is allowed if confirmed with the instructor (please contact [Liga.Livena@eui.eu](mailto:Liga.Livena@eui.eu)).

Participation of non-SPS researchers is allowed, however subject to participant numbers. Moreover, requirements are: prior experience doing social scientific research and solid basic knowledge of social scientific methodology (research design + either qualitative or quantitative methods).