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Class hours: Monday 16:30 – 18:00

Social research methods

Objectives:

Using the coming four weeks, we will learn how to use: i) case studies, ii) ethnographic methods, iii) focus groups, and iv) surveys/secondary data sources. While each of them is suited to a particular type of research better than others, they can be combined in a single research. Students will be divided into four groups and each group will teach the rest of the class the assigned topic, relying on the relevant chapter from *A Handbook for Social Science Field Research*.

Chapter 2: Case Studies

Chapter 3: Ethnographic Methods

Chapter 5: Focus Groups

Chapter 6: Surveys and Secondary Data Sources

Required reading:

Perecman, E. and S. R. Curran, eds. 2006. *A Handbook for Social Science Field Research: Essays & Bibliographic Sources on Research Design and Methods*.

Thousand Oaks: Sage Publications