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: