Teaching for international courses
Visiting Professors
Academic year 2018/2019

2nd term
COURSE TITLE
QUALITATIVE METHODS IN GLOBAL SOUTH STUDIES
Scientific area
International Cooperation/ Development Studies
Department of Cultures, Politics and Society
Language used to teach
English
Teaching Commitment: 36 hours

Course summary
The course concentrates on how to design and manage a research project in the global South. It focuses on:

- the definition of the research project (defining the research question, literature review, identifying the methodology, scheduling and managing times and activities, technical, ethical and logistic aspects, presenting the project and its contents);
- challenges and problems that may arise while carrying on fieldwork in the global South (expectations, cultural shock, reorganization of the research design, emotion and stress management, etc.);
- the use of qualitative research methods (questionnaire, interview, focus group, participant observation, visual search methods, etc.) in global South contexts. All this will be illustrated through role play games and classroom activities aimed at showing how to use these tools, and through presenting and discussing research experiences that will allow participants to observe the concrete application of the illustrated tools.

In the second part of the course students - divided into groups - are invited to present and discuss a concise field research project in the global South paying attention to accurately identifying the research question, the chosen methodology and the organization of the activities.

Learning objectives
The course aims to equip students to effectively address the task of carrying on fieldwork within development aid by applying the required skills (competent management in defining the research design, selection of the appropriate methodology, full awareness in carrying on research activities, communication skills, both written and oral).
Other activities besides the course: i.e. seminars and conferences addressed to PhD students and research fellows, dissemination conferences

Seminars and conferences addressed to PhD students and research fellows presenting qualitative methodologies used in projects and research activating by the professor

Dissemination conferences.

Visiting Professor Profile
The visiting professor needs to hold:
- in depth experience in the field of development and post-development studies (documented by publications, the coordination of research projects and activities, and teaching experiences);
- in depth experience in the use of qualitative research methods within projects in the Global South (coordination and/or participation to national and international research projects and networks which made use of qualitative methodologies, publications concerning qualitative methodologies)
- in depth experience in teaching qualitative methods in University courses.

The above research experience in the field of development studies and qualitative research methods in Global South studies must be substantiated by relevant publications in international journals.

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