



Reflective Introduction to the Theory and Practice of Mixed Methods Research in Global Health

Date and Place

First date: 17 - 18 October, 2024; Venue: Heidelberg University

Second date: 28 -29 November 2024; Venue: LMU, Munich

Attendance of both dates is mandatory.

Aims

Our four-day training offer intends to introduce early career researchers to the theory and practice of Mixed Methods Research in Global Health (MMRGH). The use of the term “reflective” in our title indicates an explicit intention to structure the workshop as an active reflection of the participants’ research trajectories so far as well as their ongoing research projects. This is why the workshop addresses a community of early career researchers with at least some preliminary experience in mixed methods research in the health sector.

Adopting a competency-oriented approach, our specific objectives will enable workshop participants to: a. critically appraise the role and the specific contribution of different epistemological traditions as well as different methodological approaches to Global Health Research to situate the emergence of Mixed Methods Research and recognise need for it; b. identify which research questions and which situations require and benefit from the application of mixed methods research; c. recognize and distinguish the most common mixed methods research designs and approaches; d. recognise the complexity of engaging in mixed methods research and appreciate the emergent nature of mixed-methods designs; and e. reflect on opportunities and challenges related to writing up mixed methods studies.

Format

The training is purposely delivered over two separate sets of days, so that during the interim period of six weeks, participants can work independently and reflect on their own work. More specifically, participants will be asked to set three own learning objectives in relation to an own individual mixed methods project and work toward these objectives during the six-week period between the two workshops. During this period, participants will be able to access one individual tutoring section with the instructors as well as several guided peer review sessions, The workshop is exclusively face-to-face. Only the tutoring and peer-review sessions are delivered online.

Prior to the training, participants will be asked to complete some readings and possibly to attend a MOOC on Mixed Methods Research in Global Health (to be finalized by some of the instructors). These materials will be made available for free to all applicants at the latest by October 1st, 2024. At the end of the training, we plan to initiate an online platform to maintain exchange among a community of researchers with similar methodological interests.



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Registration and Logistics

Registration

The training is open to all GLOHRA early career researchers (doctoral students, post-docs, and young researchers engaged outside the academic setting) with at least some direct experience in Mixed Methods Research in the health sector. Given the highly interactive nature of the training, participation will be limited to 20 people.

Applicants need to send their filled [application](#) by email by May 30th, 2024 to Mr. Alfonso Hurtado (alfonso.valenzuela.hurtado@uni-heidelberg.de). They will be notified of acceptance by June 30th, 2024.

Costs

Participation is free of charge.

Accommodation

Costs for accommodation and lunches will be covered by GLOHRA. Participants will be responsible for dinners and their travels. A limited number of travel grants may also be available in case of need.

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