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Kurzbeschreibung

Vom 16. – 22. Juli 2023 fand an der Universität Basel die «Summer School for Women in Political Methodology» statt. Die Sommerschule wurde 2017 an der Universität Zürich gegründet und zwischen 2017 und 2019 jährlich an der Universität Zürich durchgeführt. Sie ist Teil einer langfristigen Initiative, welche zum Ziel hat, die Karrieren von Frauen in der quantitativen Forschung zu fördern. Das Programm zielt speziell darauf ab, jungen Wissenschaftlerinnen in Politikwissenschaft und verwandten Disziplinen Ausbildung, Mentoring und Netzwerkmöglichkeiten zu bieten, um ihre Karriereaussichten in der Wissenschaft und darüber hinaus zu verbessern.

Die Hauptorganisatorin der diesjährigen Summer School war Prof. Dr. Denise Traber (Universität Basel). Zum Organisationsteam gehörten ebenfalls Prof. Theresa Gessler (European University Viadrina), Prof. Sophia Hunger (Universität Bremen) und Jana Boukemia (Universität Basel). Die Summer School richtete sich an Doktorandinnen, sowie Postdocs und Nachwuchswissenschaftlerinnen, die im Bereich der Politikwissenschaften (und verwandten Disziplinen) an Universitäten tätig sind. Die angebotenen Kurse sind für Sozialwissenschaftlerinnen relevant, deren Forschung sich auf computerwissenschaftliche Methoden stützt, darunter: Politikwissenschaft, Psychologie, Soziologie, Kommunikationswissenschaft und Internationale Beziehungen.

Die Ausschreibung erfolgte via Webseite und bekannte Newsletter. 22 ausgewählte Teilnehmerinnen aus ganz Europa (u.a. Universitäten Amsterdam, Oxford, Uppsala, Humboldt Universität Berlin und ETH Zürich) haben an der diesjährigen Summer School teilgenommen (ausgewählt von den Organisatorinnen, basierend auf der Bewerbung, Forschungsprofil und Berücksichtigung unterschiedlicher Regionen, Nationalitäten und Universitäten). In alle Jahren seit 2017 bewarben sich Teilnehmerinnen aus unterschiedlichsten Ländern Europas, den USA, Asien und Lateinamerika und die Anzahl Bewerbungen lag jeweils bei knapp 300 bis 500 (2023: 288 Bewerbungen).

Eine breite Finanzierung von Seiten der Universität Basel (Berufungskredit Prof. Traber, Fachbereich Politikwissenschaft, Fachbereich Soziologie) und der FAG (Freiwillige Akademische Gesellschaft) hat es ermöglichte, dass alle Frauen teilnehmen konnten. Finanziert wurde die Unterkunft in 2-er Zimmern während der Woche (für Teilnehmerinnen ausserhalb der Schweiz), einen Teil der Reisekosten (250CHF), Mittagessen an fünf Tagen und zwei Abendessen.

Programm

Das 7-tägige Programm bat neben einer Keynote-Speech von Prof. Dr. Vera Troeger (Universität Hamburg, Editorin *Journal of Politics*) verschiedene Networking-Events, und eine Reihe von Kursen in fortgeschrittenen quantitativen und computergestützten Methoden, welche von sieben weiblichen Dozentinnen angeboten wurden. Am letzten Tag erhielten die Teilnehmerinnen die Gelegenheit in einem Workshop unter der Leitung der Organisatorinnen ihre eigenen Projekte weiterzuentwickeln.

Date	Morning (9.00 – 12.30)	Lunch (12.30-13.30)	Afternoon (13.30-17.00)	Evening (17.30 onwards)
<i>Sun, 16.07.</i>			Sign-In and Keynote (16.00) Prof. Dr. Vera Troeger	Drinks and Dinner
<i>Mon, 17.07.</i>	Functions and Programming in R Dr. Nena Oana	Lunch	Advanced Visualization in R Dr. Laura Bronner	Dinner (self-organized)
<i>Tues, 18.07.</i>	Web-Scraping and creating Datasets Prof. Dr. Theresa Gessler	Lunch	Web Scraping and creating Datasets Prof. Dr. Theresa Gessler Prof. Dr. Sophia Hunger	Dinner (self-organized)
<i>Wed, 19.07.</i>	Introduction to Text Analysis Prof. Dr. Theresa Gessler Prof. Dr. Sophia Hunger	Lunch	Unleashing the Power of Word Embeddings Prof. Dr. Lisa Lechner	Dinner (self-organized)
<i>Thu, 20.07.</i>	Free morning with self-organized lunch		Automated Image Analysis Dr. Felicia Löcherbach	Dinner (self-organized)
<i>Fri, 21.07.</i>	Automated Image Analysis Dr. Felicia Löcherbach	Lunch	Automated Image Analysis Dr. Felicia Löcherbach	Dinner
<i>Sat., 22.07.</i>	Project Workshop	Lunch	Project Workshop (until 14.30)	

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@denisetraber

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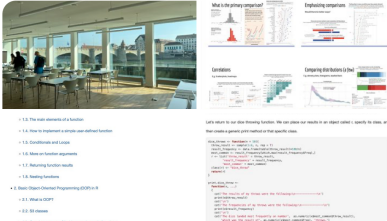
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Fantastic first day with an excellent intro to Functions and Programming in R by @NenaOana and a great course on Advanced Visualisations taught by @Laurabronner



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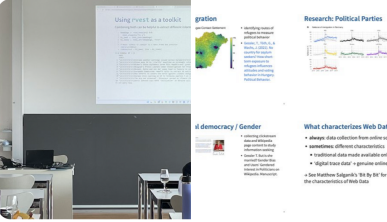
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Day #3 with beautiful weather and an exciting academic program: morning: Intro to Text Analysis by the fabulous @SophiaHunger and @th_ges - afternoon: a course on Word Embeddings taught by the brilliant @_lisalechner_ later: 🍷🍹🍽️



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Day #4 and day #5 are dedicated to the core module: This year, @fe_loe gave a fantastic intro to Images as Data! 🌟 Tonight: dinner and drinks 🍷🍹



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 **Denise Traber** @denisetraber · 22.07.23

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 **Vera E. Troeger** @VETroeger · 17.07.23

Thank you so much for inviting me! What a great initiative! Have a great week! @denisetraber @th_ges @SophiaHunger @JBoukemia

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Rückmeldungen

Der Anlass war jedes Jahr ein Erfolg, was sich nicht zuletzt darin zeigt, dass ein grosser Teil der Alumnae mittlerweile auf Professuren berufen wurde – so auch alle Organisatorinnen. Die Netzwerke und Freundschaften blieben über den Anlass hinaus bestehen, und ehemalige Teilnehmerinnen treffen sich jeweils an Tagungen und Workshops oder arbeiten an gemeinsamen Projekten.

Auch dieses Jahr waren die Rückmeldungen ausgesprochen positiv. Wir zeigen nachfolgend einige Rückmeldungen von Teilnehmerinnen aus X (Twitter) und aus der Evaluations-Umfrage.

Rückmeldungen 2023

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Larissa Böckmann @larboe

Had such an intriguing time at the Summer School for Women in Political Methodology. Thank you so much @denisetraber @th_ges @SophiaHunger @JBoukemia for organizing this very special event!

Denise Traber @denisetraber · 17.07.23

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Belén Abdala @beluabdata

What a week at the Summer School for Women in Political Methodology! Brilliant people, exciting topics and inspiring conversations. Thanks so much to @denisetraber @th_ges @SophiaHunger @JBoukemia @VETroeger @NenaOana @laurabronner @_lisalechner_ @fe_loe for this amazing week!

Denise Traber @denisetraber · 22.07.23

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Başak @basakbozkurto

Massive shoutout to the absolutely amazing lecturers and organisers of the Summer School for Women in Political Methodology @denisetraber @th_ges @SophiaHunger @JBoukemia You all made this experience super inclusive and inspiring.

Denise Traber @denisetraber · 22.07.23

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Damla Keşkekci @damlakeskekci

It was a fantastic week in Basel at the Summer School for Women in Political Methodology! I feel so lucky and inspired to meet and learn so much from this amazing group of women. Thank you @denisetraber, @JBoukemia, @SophiaHunger, @th_ges for your hard work that made it possible!

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Alice Iannantuoni @aliceiannntn

It might look like I was taking a quick nap during these pics... but don't sleep on these incredible scholars!

Many thanks to @denisetraber @th_ges @SophiaHunger @JBoukemia @VETroeger @NenaOana @laurabronner @_lisalechner_ @fe_loe @StefanieBailer for this truly special week 🙏

Denise Traber @denisetraber · 22.07.23

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Victoria Andrea Haerter @victoriahaerter

Last week I was lucky enough to attend the Summer School for Women in Political Methodology -2023. During the week I met many amazing co-researchers and had many inspiring talks! Thank you @denisetraber, @JBoukemia, @th_ges, @SophiaHunger for this amazing week!

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Rückmeldungen aus Kursevaluation 2023

“The main strength of the Summer School lies in the combination of the women-only environment and the programme covering a diverse set of methods. Each course has something new and challenging in it for everybody - no matter their previous skill level - and offers just the right mixture of theoretical foundations, nitty-gritty implementation in R and hands-on exercises. Truth be told, I have never before attended a methods course taught by a female instructor - not because I only selected into courses taught by male instructors, but because there was no female methods instructor employed at my university. I think it cannot be stressed enough how important it is for female students like myself to be taught by female instructors who are so passionate about methods. In this environment I felt so inspired and encouraged to learn more, and to challenge myself to think about my own research in new ways.”

“Great community, learning without 'intimidation' or teaching without 'arrogance,' it felt good to ask even 'stupid' questions, exchange about common problems in academia, very low/ non-existing hierarchies (at least perceived), perfect balance between learning/ social events, and time left alone to process and recharge”

“Thank you very much for this great opportunity. I benefited a lot methodically and the exchange with other researchers was very motivating and inspiring. And thank you for your super hospitality and all your efforts around food and allergies.”

“It was a really amazing week! Would love to join again, and will recommend it to everyone. Wished there would be more spaces just for women in academia.”

“..cutting edge methods presenting in a way that still useful for more experience researchers while accessible enough for new comers - makes it more approachable for women and creates a community of women in computations methods - network and career advice that aims to foster cohort long term relations and support”

“The Summer School was super supportive in terms of engagement, collaboration and personal growth, making it a perfect place to learn and make new friends. I get to meet some amazing people with inspiring ideas. And not to forget, the whole event is so well-organised, making it a smooth and enjoyable experience for everyone. The content is super enriching too, giving us practical knowledge and skills that'll stick with us. With all these strengths and its potential for positive impact, it's definitely worth applying for larger grants to host future events!”

“Thank you to everyone who organized this Summer School - Denise, Theresa, Sophia, Jana! Thank you for your effort in making this such a pleasant experience for everyone attending!”

“This unique summer school offers an equitable, dedicated environment for female early career researchers to gain valuable technical skills. It is important that we have a space free from judgment where we can ask questions, share our ideas and develop new collaborations without the self-consciousness of mixed, formal academic settings. This summer school provides this empowering environment to enable a new generation of female and female-presenting researchers to progress in the field of political methodology.”

“The inspiring environment and the people you get to meet. All the lecturers and organisers were very down to earth, which made it an amazing environment where you weren't afraid to ask questions because you knew no one would talk down to you.”

"I am applying some of the methods learnt in the summer school in a paper, which has significantly improved my work and clarified some of my questions. I am also more motivated to continue working on my project and included in a network of women in political methodology."

"The Summer School widened my horizon both personally and methodologically. The skills I acquired and the network I have become part of helped me build my confidence in my ability as young female researcher to tackle ambitious questions requiring advanced methods. It really was an amazing week full of good laughs and conversations. I thoroughly enjoyed exchanging ideas and experiences about being a young female researcher with other participants over coffee and lunch. I hope to meet them again in the near future."

"The Summer School offered valuable and relevant content, fostering a deeper understanding of the computational methods and equipping participants with practical knowledge and skills. I had an incredible learning experience and the support provided was truly exceptional. I had the opportunity to meet amazing individuals with inspiring ideas. A heartfelt thank you to all in organising this event. It was a memorable experience."

"Thanks to the very open nature from the guests, I got a deep insight into the different career steps and the challenges that specifically women face in research."

"...Technical skills in a safe and supportive place, amazing network among early career researches and stellar scholars"

"Great network of PhDs but also lecturers, new ideas, inspiration"

"It motivated me a lot in my work and gave me new ideas about what I could do during my PhD. It was also a great environment where I felt 100% comfortable."

"thanks a lot for organizing, it was fun and productive week"