

International Summer School in Community Research

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Methods for community research, action and change

Mixed methods and concept mapping



Trainers



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The Italian Society of Community Psychology (Sipco) organizes the second edition of the international Summer School on research, , focusing on the theme "methods for community research, action and change".

The Summer School aims to providing students with a theoretical outline on Community Research Methods, as well as practical tools to conduct community research. There are two modules: the first will provide an exploration of **mixed methods**, while the second will be dedicated to the exploration of the **concept mapping** methodology.

Mixed methods for community research and action

Community-based researchers are often challenged to produce research data that is both empirically rigorous as well as thickly representative of the life experiences of their ipants. The summer school will provide an overview of the many research methods available, when to use them, and how to combine the resulting data to tell a more full story of the lived experiences of the community. The first module will provide an exploration of mixed methods, which combine qualitative and quantitative methods within the same study or project, can be very useful for this purpose. Participants will do individual and group activities to demonstrate mixed method techniques to simulate how they could be implemented and to evaluate interventions in the community.

Our goal is to end the session with a better understanding of complicated person-environment systems and how to use mixed methods to analyze change within our communities.

Concept Mapping methodology

The second module will be dedicated to the exploration of the Concept Mapping, a mixed research approach that combines qualitative and quantitative methods of data collection through the brainstorming intersection, card sorting and rating with multivariate statistical techniques of multidimensional scaling and cluster analysis, to create a representation visual thoughts or ideas of a group led by the data. The Concept Mapping method is particularly suitable for conducting research in a community within a framework of participatory research. This Summer School session will aim to familiarize students with the methodology by providing a complete introduction to elucidate the instrument, design, manage and facilitate a project that provides for the use of concept mapping.



Arrangement

The Summer School will take place in Florence from 12 to 15 July 2017. Classes will be held at the Department of Education and Psychology, on the following dates:

July 12 to 14, 9:00 to 13:00 and 14:00 to 18:00, Via di San Salvi 12

July 15 9:00 to 13:00, via Laura 48

Tutors will be present in the courtroom.



Requirements and language

The Summer School in Methods for Community Research, Action and Change is addressed to Ph.D. students, young researchers and early professionals.

A maximum of 30 participants will be admitted in the Summer School, which will start if a minimum of 20 participants will enroll. The language of the course is English.



Eligibility

Participants will be considered by their CV, qualifications and by their personal statement In addition, a good knowledge of the English language is required (B2 level), as well as a previous knowledge or experience of community research.



Fee

SIPCO and ECPA members' fee: € 300,00

Standard fee: € 400,00

Grants are also provided.

For additional information contact us at info@sipco.it or visit the SIPCO website (<http://www.sipco.it/formazione.php>).

APPLICATION FORM TO THE SUMMER SCHOOL

Personal Information

Name and Surname: _____

Nationality: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Gender: _____

Current address: _____

Email: _____

Special requirements: (i.e. disability / medical condition / food allergy)

Previous Education

University: _____

Degree: _____

Final grade: _____

Current Academic Affiliation / Organization

University: _____

PhD: _____

Organization: _____

Other research/professional experiences

Statement of Motivation (here or in a separate file, as you please)
providing additional evidence of your intellectual and creative achievement

[NB print, fill and scan this document under "Your surname_Application Summer School SIPCO"]

Curriculum Vitae and copy of an ID

Don't forget to attach your CV as a separate PDF saved as *Your Surname_CV*, and a copy of your ID or passport, saved as *Your Surname_ID*.

Submission

Please submit your CV [*Your Surname_CV*], your ID [*Your Surname_ID*] and your application [*Your Surname_Application Summer School SIPCO*] to **info@sipco.it** until **May 31, 2017**.

In submitting your application please add under Subject "*Your Surname_Application Summer School SIPCO*".