

Summer School for Early Career Researchers, ESA RN12

Methodological Perspectives for Social Research on Energy and Environmental Issues

22-23 September 2025 (in-person)

Kaunas University of Technology, Kaunas, Lithuania

22 Sept 9.00 – 9.20	<i>Introduction and Welcome</i> ESA RN12 coordinator Aleksandra Wagner; chair of local organizing team Audronė; Summer School coordinators Antoine and Florian	
9.20 – 10.00	Plenary presentation and discussion, Aistė Balžekienė <i>Philosophical Foundations and Evolving Trends in Social Research Methodology</i>	
10.00-11.00	Round of introductions of Summer School participants	
STREAMS	I. SURVEY METHODOLOGY ^a	II. QUALITATIVE DATA ANALYSIS ^b
11.00-12.30	1.1. Harnessing Open Access Survey Data for Research, Aistė Balžekienė	2.1. Application of MAXQDA Artificial Intelligence Assistant in Qualitative Data Analysis (1), Vilma Sukackė (certificate)
12.30-13.30	Lunch	
13.30-15.00	1.2. Exploring ISSP Environment Combined Data, Markus Hadler	2.2. Application of MAXQDA Artificial Intelligence Assistant in Qualitative Data Analysis (2), Vilma Sukackė (certificate)
15.00-15.15	Coffee break	
15.15-16.45	1.3. Exploring ISSP Environment Combined Data, Markus Hadler	2.3. Social Media Data Analysis with MAXQDA, Vilma Sukackė
16.45-17.30	Plenary presentation and discussion, Vaidas Morkevičius <i>Opening Your Research Data in FAIR Way</i>	
17.30	Joint photo of the Summer School participants and trainers	
18.00	Social programme	
23 Sept 9.00-10.00	Inspirational Research Talks: <i>Leveraging GIS Data in Environmental Social Research: Uncovering Spatial Dimensions of Human-Environment Interactions</i> , Paulina Budrytė <i>Co-Creating Change: How Participatory Action Research Drives Green Mobility Solutions</i> , Jonė Vitkauskaitė-Ramanauskienė	
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10.00-11.00	Summer School participants' presentations on the methodological design of their research: QUANT or MIXED (list of discussants)	Summer School participants' presentations on the methodological design of their research: QUAL or MIXED (list of discussants)
11.00-12.30	1.4. Advanced methods for survey data analysis, Jose Echavarren	2.4. Introduction to text mining and topic models, Vaidas Morkevičius
12.30-13.30	Lunch	
13.30-15.00	1.5. Advanced methods for survey data analysis, Jose Echavarren	2.5. Topic modelling with Python, Rimantas Rauleckas
15.00-15.15	Coffee break	
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16.15-16.30	Coffee break	
16.30-17.30	Plenary presentation and discussion, Eglė Butkevičienė <i>Citizen Science Approaches for Environmental Social Research</i>	
17.30	Closing of the Summer School ^c	

^a Certificate on completion of the 8 academic hour course "Secondary Analysis of Quantitative Data"

^b Certificate on completion of the 4 academic hour course "Application of MAXQDA Artificial Intelligence Assistant in Qualitative Data Analysis" and 4 academic hour course "Social Media Data Analysis with MAXQDA"

^c Certificate of participation in the Summer School