

Summer School for Early Career Researchers

Methodological Perspectives for Social Research on Energy and Environmental Issues

Organized by ESA RN12 Environment & Society, jointly with Energy & Society Network

22-23 September 2025 (in-person). Venue: Faculty of Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities,
Kaunas University of Technology, A. Mickevicius str. 37, 44244 Kaunas, Lithuania

22 Sept 9.00 – 9.20	Introduction and Welcome, Room 213 ESA RN12 coordinator Aleksandra Wagner; chair of local organizing team Audronė Telešienė; Summer School coordinator Antoine Dolcerocca	
9.20 – 10.00	Philosophical Foundations and Evolving Trends in Environmental Social Research Methodology, Room 213 Plenary presentation and discussion, Aistė Balžekienė, Kaunas University of Technology	
10.00-11.00	Round of introductions of Summer School participants, Room 213 Moderated by Audrone Telesiene	
STREAMS	I. SURVEY METHODOLOGY ^a	II. QUALITATIVE DATA ANALYSIS ^b
11.00-12.30	1.1. Open Access Survey Data on Environmental Topics. Aistė Balžekienė, Kaunas University of Technology Room 212	2.1. Social Media Data Analysis with MAXQDA. Vilma Sukackė, CESSDA ERIC project, Kaunas University of Technology, Room 210
12.30-13.30	Lunch	
13.30-15.00	1.2. Exploring ISSP Environment Combined Data. Markus Hadler, University of Graz Room 212	2.2. Application of MAXQDA Artificial Intelligence Assistant in Qualitative Data Analysis (1). Vilma Sukackė, CESSDA ERIC project, Kaunas University of Technology, Room 210
15.00-15.15	Coffee break	
15.15-16.45	1.3. Exploring ISSP Environment Combined Data. Markus Hadler, University of Graz Room 212	2.3. Application of MAXQDA Artificial Intelligence Assistant in Qualitative Data Analysis (2). Vilma Sukackė, CESSDA ERIC project, Kaunas University of Technology, Room 210
16.45-17.30	Opening Your Research Data in FAIR Way, Room 213 Plenary presentation and discussion, Vaidas Morkevičius, CESSDA ERIC project, Kaunas University of Technology	
17.30	Joint photo of the Summer School participants and trainers	
18.00	Social programme: Travel by public transport; guided tour at an atomic bunker; dinner	
23 Sept 9.00-10.00	Inspirational Research Talks: Room 213 Energizing the EU Seas. Sociotechnical Imaginaries of The Multi-Use Floating Energy Platforms, Aleksandra Wagner, Tadeusz Rudek, Jagiellonian University Co-Creating Change: How Participatory Action Research Drives Green Mobility Solutions, Jonė Vitkauskaitė-Ramanauskienė, Kaunas University of Technology	
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10.00-11.00	Summer School participants' presentations on the methodological design of their research: D1 Room 212; D2 Room 213; D3 Room 210	
11.00-12.30	1.4. Advanced methods for survey data analysis. Jose M. Echavarren, University of Pablo de Olavide, Room 212	2.4. Introduction to text mining and topic models. Vaidas Morkevičius, CESSDA ERIC project, Kaunas University of Technology, Room 210
12.30-13.30	Lunch	
13.30-15.00	1.5. Advanced methods for survey data analysis. Jose M. Echavarren, University of Pablo de Olavide, Room 212	2.5. Topic modelling with Python. Rimantas Rauleckas, Research project Large language models for social sciences, Kaunas University of Technology, Room 210
15.00-15.15	Coffee break	
15.15-16.15	Summer School participants' presentations on the methodological design of their research: D4 Room 212; D5 Room 213; D6 Room 210	
16.15-16.30	Coffee break	
16.30-17.30	Citizen Science for Building Resilience: Environmental Social Research Perspective, Room 213 Plenary presentation and discussion, Eglė Butkevičienė, CATALISI and RECONNECT projects, Kaunas University of Technology	
17.30	Closing of the Summer School ^c , Room 213	

^a Certificate on completion of the 8 academic hour course "Quantitative research data processing using SPSS"

^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