

School of GeoSciences

Innovative Learning Week - Postgraduate Programme Schedule

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Please note the following activities are available to Ecological Economics students only due to limited space.

Monday, 20th February 2012

Times and location (KB) to be confirmed

Workshop on the Qualitative Approach to Social Research

This workshop is designed for Master's Students who are considering using qualitative social research methods as part of their dissertation. It provides a simple guide to social research so that students can choose the method or combination of methods most appropriate to their research problem.

The workshop will be held in two sessions on 20 February from 09.30 to 16.30 and will allow time for all students attending to be able to work on their own dissertation topic.

Part 1 from 9.30 to 12.30 starts with a 40 minute presentation covering:

- An overview of the research process and problem definition
- Aspects of the problem which influence the choice of method, including qualitative and quantitative approaches
- Evaluation techniques

Students will then work in groups to consider their research problem and an appropriate approach to use in developing their dissertation topics.

Part 2 from 13.30 to 16.30 starts with a second presentation covering:

- The value of devising an analytical framework early in the research process
- Sampling
- Interviewing
- Questionnaire design

During a series of further exercises, students will then consider question wording, data collection and analysis to be used in their dissertation before a concluding review and discussion rounds off the day.

Students should attend both workshops.

Tuesday, 21st February 2012

Time and Location to be confirmed

Ecological Economics Dissertations: topics, supervisors, logistics

Wednesday, 22nd February 2012

Time and Location to be confirmed

MSc Study Tour: Learning outcomes and Skype discussion with Koros WWF

