



1st Virtual Methods School Highlights

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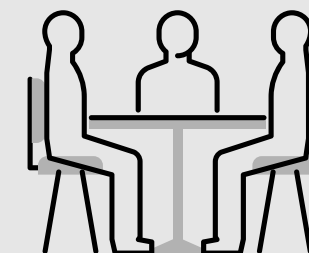
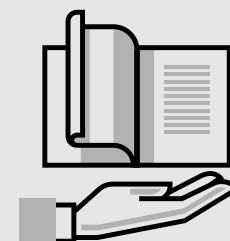
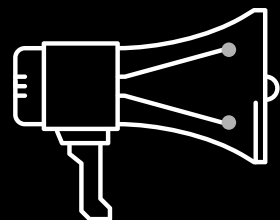
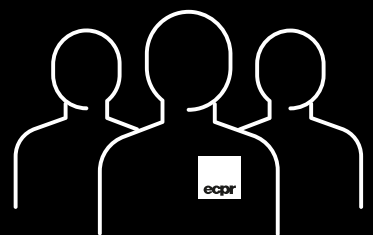
1st Virtual Methods School in numbers



Participants

Programme

Reach



493

participants

88%

rated their course
'very good' or
'excellent'

26

courses

3

weeks

3

lunchtime
debates

30+

countries

61%

PhD
researchers

9/10

would recommend
their course

80%

fully booked

5

course types

3

academic
networking
sessions

212

institutions

40

Instructors
and TAs

81%

would attend
another Virtual
Methods School

20

duplicated

10+

hours of live
class per course

3

sandwich
socials

1.4M

Twitter
impressions

What you told us about your experience



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ECPR Methods Schools
deliver as always. Great
teachers, real experts.
A lot of hands-on practice!

Big thanks
for our
inspiring
week!





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I learnt a lot from the insights and tremendous knowledge base of the instructor while being able to clearly picture how I could apply these in my own research project.



Ending the most intense and amazing teaching experience at #ecprvms20.



Clear lectures, very useful practical tasks.



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I had a really great experience with this course. The set up and the mix of material (practical and theoretical), as well as the feedback, the help, the challenging us to think about multiple implications and ask ourselves about the potential contribution of this research were amazing.

The course was structured incredibly well between the readings, videos, live lectures, breakout sessions, and chat time.





What you told us about the courses



**Comparative Research Designs,
taught by Benoît Rihoux**

"Benoît provided an intense training and a great number of useful resources. Live sessions and seminar-style discussions gave me the chance to engage in my research project while interacting with fellow participants and receiving guidance from Benoît. The course enabled me to construct a solid CRD by covering key topics which constitute the core building blocks of it."

– **Federica Nunziata, University of Naples**



**Quantitative Text Analysis,
taught by Kostas Gemenis**

"It was a challenging and interesting experience that taught me about the potential of new quantitative methods. The Instructor explained the topic very clearly encouraging us to explore the world of quantitative text analysis further. I highly recommend this great experience!"

– **Anna Napoletano, University of Bologna**



**Critical Discourse Analysis,
taught by Michał Krzyżanowski**

"It was a pleasure attending Michał's classes: demanding coursework, but a good balance between theory and practice, giving you a taste of what working with CDA really means."

– **Giulia Sciorati, School of International Studies, University of Trento**



**Social Network Analysis,
taught by Silvia Fierăscu**

"This introduction to Social Network Analysis was the most useful methods course I could have wished for. In just one week full of excellent pre-recorded lectures, online exercises and loads of additional materials, Silvia ensured that we grasped a different way of thinking in Social Network Analysis."

– **Heidi Maurer, University of Bristol**



**Ethnographic Field
Research Methods: Issues
and Interpretations,
taught by Cai Wilkinson**

"The course was very informative and helped me reflect upon my own work and research. Even if held virtually, it was very interactive and a good mix of time online and offline."

– **Samantha Ruppel, Goethe University Frankfurt**



**Qualitative Comparative Analysis,
taught by Ioana-Elena Oana &
Carsten Q. Schneider**

"If you are interested in applying QCA to your own research, I would suggest you participate in this course. You can learn about the latest methodological and theoretical developments in QCA and a new standard for analysis from Carsten and Nena. After this intensive training week, you will feel more confident than ever in performing QCA with the relevant R software packages."

– **Naoki Nishida, The University of Tokyo**



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