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Virtual Winter School Highlights

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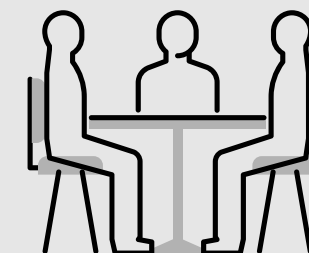
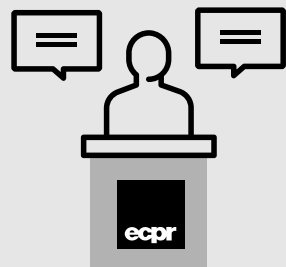
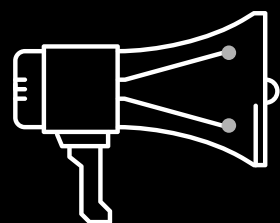
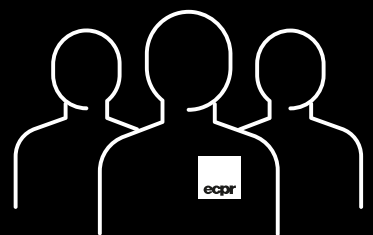
Virtual Winter School in numbers



Participants

Programme

Reach



483

participants

84%

rated course 'very good' or 'excellent'

28

cutting-edge courses

10

days of intense learning

1

new learning platform, Canvas

29+

countries

63%

PhD researchers

92%

found their course useful

15

duplicated due to high demand

5

course types

2

lunchtime debates

53

ECPR member institutions

35

Event grants awarded

9/10

would recommend their course

41

Instructors and TAs

10+

hours of live class per course

2

sandwich socials

15

disciplines, including political science

**Why you've
chosen
our Virtual
Winter School**



Accessibility



'I needed the training as soon as possible. Besides, I think, an online format is quite fitting for this particular course.'

'It was the possibility to attend – I wouldn't have the chance to meet in person because of childcaring.'

'I'm not in Europe but it's easy for me to attend an online course.'

'A week online course is just feasible for me (tight schedule).'

Reputation



'I heard great things about the methodological quality of the classes and was excited about the possibility to connect with other (junior) researchers'

'It was recommended as a very strong and solid methods school.'

'I have heard good things about the courses from peers.'

'People had pointed to the quality of the ECPR Winter School. So I was curious.'

'The course offer, quality and the fact that you can gain ECTS are very good.'

'Known for quality, and good offer of methodology courses.'

'It looked like a comprehensive short course on a method I needed to learn, and since it was online I could join even from remote location. I had trouble to find a relevant course on this method elsewhere.'

'Good intro in a topic not really well covered by other schools.'

Course offer



'I have attended previous ECPR Winter Schools and found them to be of a high level.'

'I am an ECPR regular, it is the second online course too.'

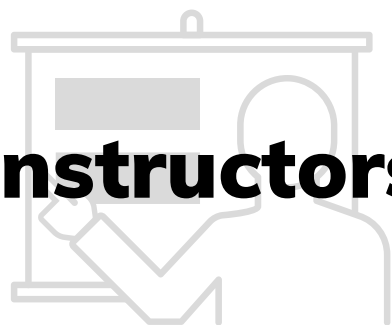
'I have attended the Winter School in Bamberg before, and I have a very high opinion of the Methods School'

'I had very good experiences with the ECPR Virtual Summer School, and I was certain I would get high quality, even though it was online.'

Previous experience



Instructors



'The course offered was very useful for my thesis and the well-known excellent was professor teaching the course'

'Due strong background of teachers who are doing live lectures and not pre-recorded videos only.'

'Good teachers and the course was just what I needed.'

'Both the ECPR and the Instructors have high reputation.'

And more!



'Institutional membership, interesting course list.'

'It was suggested by the academic supervisor of my programme.'

'One of the only options for QCA right now! But I'm glad I chose it.'

'It was on the approved list of courses at the KU Leuven, I wanted to learn more about interpretive methods, and I the research background of the teacher was interesting for my research.'

What you told us about your experience



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Thanks for arranging this Winter School! It was very well structured and accessible.

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I really like the online format of the school.

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An engaging, stimulating and super useful course! Thank you to course Instructors, participants and the ECPR for making the Virtual [Methods] School happen during the pandemic!



I enjoyed the event and its organisation was stellar – thank you.

A well organised course and well delivered online!



Despite feeling challenged the whole week by the details of applying the [social network analysis] method, I left the course feeling like I had new skills and resources, and I am excited to tackle my own research again.



This course is a must for any qualitative researcher in this new era of Covid!

What you told us about our courses





**Qualitative Data Analysis,
taught by Marie-Hélène Paré**

'This was an excellent introduction to QDA by Marie-Hélène, who with her presence, knowledge, and management of the course, facilitated deep learning. The large range of additional resources she provided will ensure that what was learnt about the method and the software NVivo will be put into practice. It was a privilege to learn from a true 'maestra' of both the material and the medium.

– Janine Campbell, University of Stavanger



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

'I've rarely got so much helpful information out from a single course. The instructor is genuinely interested in the topic and ready to help and explain everything regarding quantitative (and qualitative!) text analysis. The course opened new possibilities for my research project, and I'll definitely continue playing around with R!

– Jon Järvineniemi, University of Helsinki

**Structural Equation Modelling:
An Introduction, taught by
Bart Meuleman**

'I found the introduction to structural equation modelling very challenging but also very interesting. Especially keeping in mind that this was an online course, Bart Meulemann was able to create a great working atmosphere within the group. I really enjoyed the practical parts. Highly recommended!

**– L. Constantin Wurthmann,
Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf**



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

'In her introduction to Social Network Analysis, Silvia managed to provide both solid foundations of a vast topic and support to early-stage researchers. Thanks to a wide range of resources, private consultations and interactive material, the course is highly recommended to students and scholars eager to discover a research tool endowed of huge explanatory power.'

– Filippo Silano, University of Hamburg



**Multivariate Statistical Techniques
for Comparing Countries,
taught by Bruno Cautrès**

'This course offered valuable insights on theoretical and practical issues concerning statistical techniques and their applications when dealing with cross-national datasets. Bruno and Hyungsoo provided students with in-depth learning sessions, yet at the same time encouraging participation and discussion on substantive topics in quantitative political analysis. I highly recommend it!

– Marco Improta, LUISS University



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