

## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

**Masterclass: Interviews as Method  
in the Social Sciences & Humanities**

9-14 July 2018

**Course description and programme:**

This one-week workshop is designed to foster the skillset of post-graduate students of the social sciences and the humanities to conduct and to analyse and interpret interviews. Introducing into methods in qualitative social research with a special focus on conducting and analysing two types of interviews this Master Class aims at two approaches to collecting data that promise much benefit to young researchers in Central Asia.

**July 9** | Introduction into qualitative methods social research (distinguishing it from quantitative methods); presentation of exemplary cases; further organisation of the workshop sessions

**July 10** | Rationale and realisation of biographical-narrative interviews

**July 11** | Analysis and interpretation of biographical-narrative interviews using materials from implemented research projects

**July 12** | Rationale and realisation of expert interviews

**July 13** | Analysis and interpretation of expert interviews using materials from past research

**Eligibility and conditions:** The call is open to interested applicants from all countries of Central Asia. Please **NOTE** that no travel costs can be reimbursed. Participants are entitled to a small daily allowance to support their participation in the workshop.

**Course instructors:**

**Dr. Barbara Christophe** – is a senior researcher based at the Georg-Eckert Institute, Leibniz Institute for International Textbook Research, where she coordinates the research forum on memory cultures. At GEI she has conducted several projects on memory practices in the classroom covering a broad range of topics from socialism, the Cold War, World War I to the October Revolution and Europe and focussing on different regions in the post-Soviet space, Central Eastern Europe and Germany.

**Dr. Christoph Kohl** –received his Ph.D. degree from the Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg in 2010. Following positions included Research Fellowship at the Institute of Sociology at Ludwig Maximilian University Munich, Germany (including six months of fieldwork on returned refugees in Angola) in 2011-12 and as Research Fellow in the Research Group ‘The Cultural Dynamics of Political Globalisation’ at the Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (PRIF), Germany, on 2012-2016. Since 2017 he is a research fellow at the GEI. He has also worked as a consultant (GTZ, Global Integrity etc.) and political analyst (Africa Confidential).

**Course Language:** English

**To apply interested students and graduates are asked to provide:**

- A curriculum vitae of no more than three pages (in English)
- A letter of motivation up to 400 words (in English)
- Material from own Interview-based research (protocol; transcript) and/or plans for ongoing or future research involving interviews (in English)

by e-mail **NO LATER** than **May 21, 2018** to Ms Svetlana Dzardanova, Research and Training Coordinator: [s.dzardanova@osce-academy.net](mailto:s.dzardanova@osce-academy.net) with “Masterclass: Interviews as Method in the Social Sciences & Humanities Application” in the subject line.

Successful candidates will be selected and contacted by **5 June 2018**.

Please **NOTE** that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

