SGSSS Summer School

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q1. Can I participate in the Summer School?

Any social science PhD student studying at one of our partner institutions is eligible to participate in the SGSSS Summer School. Places are available on a first-come first-served basis. You can find a list of SGSSS partner institutions here.

Q2. What if I can no longer attend the session I have booked?

If you can no longer attend your SGSSS Summer School session, we absolutely understand that plans change. However, we ask that you un-register as soon as you realise the conflict in your schedule so that those on the waiting list get as much notice as possible. You can un-register by clicking this link https://social.sgsss.ac.uk/my-events . Beside each session you are registered for there will be an "un-register" button. In addition, a link to unregister will be included in any of the confirmation emails you receive from Social.

Q3. How does the waiting list work?

The waiting list also operates on a first come first served basis. Those with confirmed bookings are asked to un-register if they can no longer attend. Social will automatically register the first person on the waiting list for the event. That person will in turn receive an email notifying them of their placement. A link to un-register will be included should they no longer have the availability to attend. Registration will close two days before the event to ensure that the SGSSS team has enough time to update the Social groups with new members from the waiting list.

Q4. What is Social and how do I use it?

Social is a new online networking platform from SGSSS. Once you have created an account you will have access to an online space that will allow you to create a profile for you and your research, to connect with other researchers, to join and create groups, to post and read blogs, and to register for and attend training. Once you have registered (https://social.sgsss.ac.uk/) head over to the Getting Started forum for guidance on how to find your way around.

Q5. How do I access the online sessions?

Once the sessions are available for registration you can book your place or add yourself to the waiting list for that session. Each workshop will have its own Social group where the links to the Zoom/Teams sessions and any other relevant material will be posted here prior to the training.

Q6. What video conferencing tool will be used?

Each facilitator will decide which platform works best for them but Zoom and Teams are the ones most likely to be used. In many of the sessions, participation is encouraged or required and as such a camera/mic access is important. Please check the tags in the description to get a better idea of what level of engagement is expected.

Q7. How do I access the online-repository mentioned on the Summer School webpage?

The repository of training materials is available on Social, [here](#).

Q8. Who do I contact if I have technical issues?

If you have any technical issues during the Summer School, please email team@sgsss.ac.uk. The SGSSS team will be on hand to answer your questions throughout the event.

Q9. What support will be provided during the Summer School?

We are keen to ensure that all students are supported during the Summer School. If you have any additional support needs, please disclose them when registering for the events so we can ensure the right support is provided. If you would like to discuss the suitability of the sessions before registering, please contact team@sgsss.ac.uk.

Q10. When will I receive the pre-recorded materials?

Any pre-recorded materials will be shared with you by the 14th of June via the event group on Social. You will receive an email notification when the materials are available to view.

Q11. Will there be any social events/networking opportunities?

Definitely! We will be hosting a quiz on Wednesday evening, 16th of June. Prizes will be up for grabs and the SGSSS team will contact all Summer School participants in advance to share joining details.

There will also be a number of discussion boards set up within the Summer School group. We would encourage you to engage with these and pose topics for discussion.

Q12. Will I receive a certificate of attendance?

Due to the number of students attending a wide range of workshops, it will not be possible to provide attendance certificates.

If you have any other questions, please email team@sgsss.ac.uk.