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SPS Prospectus Workshop

27 November 2020 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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This workshop will be delivered online by Zoom

*Workshop participants are divided up into groups of 5 from the start of the workshop for activities, to be conducted in breakout rooms. Screen breaks to be included if on Zoom.

- 10-10.45 Session 1:** Introduction to the Prospectus: what it is, what it is for, outline of the structure
- Activity in being concise: 1-minute elevator pitch of your research topic (prepared before the workshop).
- 10.45-11.15 Session 2:** Articulating a research question
- Activity: If you ask this question, what kinds of things do you think you will find? Brainstorm for 10 mins, discuss in small groups.
- 11.15-11.45 Session 3:** Doing a literature review
- What a literature review should look like; how to group literature; being able to articulate a contribution within the literature.
- 11.45-12.15 Session 4:** Selection of research methods and data sources
- Activity: Brainstorm 3 different methods you could use in addressing your question. How do you justify your choice? Discuss in small groups.
- 13.30-14.00 Session 5:** Ethical considerations
- Activity: Brainstorm on the ethical challenges of your research project. Discuss in small groups.
- 14.00-14.30 Session 6:** Safety and risk: researchers, research participants and data protection
- Activity: Brainstorm the issues of safety and risk that relate to your research project. Discuss in small groups.
- 14.30-15.00 Session 7:** Realistic timetables for data collection and writing.



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15.00-16.00 **Session 8:** Questions and discussion (joined by several 2nd/3rd years for their input)