



**Centre for Identity and Intergroup Relations
School of Psychology
Postgraduate Workshop**

Conducting Research in Conflict Settings: Navigating Practical and Ethical Challenges

**Dr Rezarta Bilali, NYU Steinhardt
Monday June 26, 2017, 9:00am – 12pm
Riddell Hall, Queen's University Belfast**

We are pleased to invite you to an interdisciplinary postgraduate workshop held by Dr Rezarta Bilali, an assistant professor of psychology and social intervention at NYU Steinhardt. Dr Bilali is a renowned researcher with extensive practical experience of conducting research in conflict societies.

Conducting field research in societies characterized by conflict is integral to better understanding the problems surrounding conflict and to developing strategies that will help with peacebuilding. This is often fraught with challenges, however. Field research – especially in societies that have current and past intergroup and intragroup tensions and conflict – is difficult to design and conduct, often met with challenges beyond the researcher's control at the level normally encountered in the lab, and can be met with hostility at different stages, from official bodies to civilians.

This interdisciplinary workshop, which is a pre-cursor to the European Association of Social Psychology (EASP) Medium Sized Group Meeting hosted by the Centre for Identity and Intergroup Relations (CIIR) in the School of Psychology, aims to provide postgraduate students with practical and experiential teaching on running different types of field research studies. These include quasi (field) experiments, interventions, longitudinal research and incorporating the use of mixed methods approaches where appropriate. Postgraduate students hoping to increase their knowledge and skills in running field research in conflict societies will benefit from attending this workshop ahead of the conference. They will receive first-hand teaching on practicalities of designing and conducting field research of different types, including the challenges and dilemmas to be aware of. They will also have the chance to gain skills knowledge and experiential/vicarious opportunities, through designing a field study and/or taking part in a simulation field study.

This is an interdisciplinary event, and PhD students from all disciplines are welcome! It is free to attend, but you need to register: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/research-in-societies-of-conflict-the-practicalities-of-conducting-research-in-the-field-tickets-33429482482?ref=estw>

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Any questions, please contact us: ciir2017@gmail.com

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