

Outdoor Education Research

Transcending borders with a sound mix of methods. A Summer School for PhD-Students

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Call for Papers

This summer school will bring together PhD-students and some of their supervisors from various disciplines in the field of outdoor-/environmental-/health education.

The program is designed to account for a maximal student engagement at the highest academic standard. We aim for a mix of brief key-notes, extensive workshops with students' data, reflection and transfer rounds, recreation-time in the outdoors, and social activities.

We chose the conference location according to these aims and prefer a self-catering house to a full-service accommodation, since it suits the spirit of outdoor education, where communal living serves as a splendid experiential tool for networking.

VolkswagenStiftung and *Studienhaus-Stiftung* generously support this summer school, so that the seminar including accommodation can be offered without tuition, and travel grants are available for national and international students and supervisors.

PhD-Students please apply using the [online application form](#).

Supervisors directly contact Ulrich Dettweiler at ud@tum.de for further details.

Deadline: March 11, 2016.

Program

Monday, May 2	
	Individual arrivals at Munich
14:00	Welcome Address by TUM representative at Vorhoelzer Forum (Arcisstraße 21, Munich, TUM Headquarters) and light refreshments served
15:00	Transfer of the whole group to the Studienhaus (60km south of Munich) with a hired coach
16:30	Arrival and official start of the program
17:00	Introduction to the program by the organizers and of the participants (brief outdoor session)
18:30	Dinner (catered)
20:00	Key-note: Between understanding and generalization: Introducing hierarchical mixed methods modelling (Ulrich Dettweiler, TUM)
Tuesday, May 3	
7:30	Preparing and having breakfast together, doing the dishes
9:00	Key-note: A brief overview over latest trends in methods of empirical educational research with special focus to Large-Scale Assessment (Ali Ünlü, TUM)
10:00	<i>Workshop "Student Project 1": Presentation and determination of problem, working on the problem in split groups (including short break)</i>
12:30	Preparing and having lunch together, doing the dishes and discussing the virulent topics
14:00	<i>Workshop "Student Project 1" continued</i>
15:30	Short coffee break
16:00	Brief summary and reflection. Discussion of transfer-possibilities to other projects
17:00	Outdoor Activity
18:30	Preparing and having lunch together, doing the dishes and discussing the virulent topics
20:30	Key-Note: Sound instruments and epistemological considerations in empirical educational research (Barbara Hanfstingl, Klagenfurt)
Wednesday, May 4	
7:30	Preparing and having breakfast together, doing the dishes and discussing the emerging topics
9:00	<i>Workshop "Student Project 2": Presentation and determination of problem, working on the problem in split groups (including short break)</i>
12:30	Preparing and having lunch together, doing the dishes and discussing the emerging topics
14:00	<i>Workshop "Student Project 3": Presentation and determination of problem, working on the problem in split groups (including short break)</i>
17:30	Outdoor Activity
18:30	Preparing and having lunch together, doing the dishes and discussing the emerging topics
20:30	Brief summary and reflection. Discussion of transfer-possibilities to other projects
Thursday, May 5	
7:30	Preparing and having breakfast together, doing the dishes and discussing whatever needs to be discussed
9:00	Key-Note: Qualitative research perspectives (Hella von Unger, LMU München)
10:00	<i>Marked place: facilitated exchange of "haves and wants" in the group of all participants</i>
12:30	Preparing and having lunch together, doing the dishes and discussing the virulent topics
14:00	Key-note: Enduring the hideous work of mixed methods research: Some cheerful remarks a decade after the PhD thesis (Beth Christie, Edinburgh)
15:00	Outdoor Activities
19:00	Catered Banquet
Friday, May 6	
7:30	Preparing and having breakfast together, doing the dishes and discussing whatever needs to be discussed
9:00	Facilitated workshop: Summing up and lessons learned (Erik Mygind, Copenhagen and Simon Beames, Edinburgh)
12:00	End of Summer School, transfer of the whole group to Munich

Terms and Conditions

At this seminar, we want to keep things easy. However, we need to define some terms and conditions.

Seminar Costs

The VolkswagenStiftung will cover all costs related to the seminar. So there is no tuition fee.

Moreover, VolkswagenStiftung will also cover costs for food and accommodation for students and supervisors. Accommodation will be in shared bedrooms. A limited number of single rooms are available and if you need a single room, please specify the “why” in the application form.

All transports within the seminar are also for free.

Travel Stipends

For each of the participants accepted, a travel stipend from VolkswagenStiftung is available.

- Max. 700 Euro for students from overseas
- Max. 300 Euro for European students
- Max. 150 Euro for German students (excluding TUM/Munich based students)

Please select the type of stipend you want to apply for in the online form. Please note that we will only reimburse the actual costs up to the maximum amount.

The money will only be transferred electronically after the (full) seminar attendance and upon **two physical copies of original receipts**, which you may bring to the seminar (pdf's won't make do). Please bring also your full bank information (Name, address, BIC, IBAN) to the seminar.

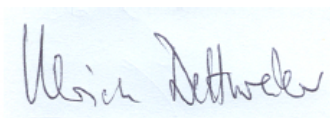
If you cancel the seminar at any time for any reason, there will be no refunds for any potentially booked flights. It is in your responsibility to take care of insurances etc. Those, however, will not be reimbursed.

For further inquiries, please contact the seminar manager

Lotta Müller at summerschool@sg.tum.de.

We are looking forward to receiving your applications and potentially see you in Munich at TUM!

On behalf of the organizing consortium,



Dr. Ulrich Dettweiler