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## **Doctoral Workshop: DIY digital research methods**

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The workshop will take place on the **15<sup>th</sup> of July, 2 pm onwards**. It will take approximately three hours.

### **Workshop structure:**

1. Ultra-short introduction to digital research methods:
  - a. Difference between remote and digital research,
  - b. An overview of methods available: when use what – a quick guide.
  - c. Practical downsides of doing research online/using digital methods.
  - d. Ethical challenges, and how to overcome them.
2. How to do participant observation online, and be ethical?
  - a. Short introduction,
  - b. Exercise.
3. How to do interviews online, and be ethical?
  - a. Short introduction,
  - b. Exercise.

### **Some of the question the convenor will be addressing during the workshop:**

- What do we need to take into account concerning ethics and safety when doing remote research?
- What are the implications of conducting digital field research for our (mental) health (perhaps compared to offline field research)?
- (How) can remote research be ethical?
- How can we assure the safety of participants or interviewees before, during and after meetings or interviews?
- How can we build up trust before interviews?
- How can we assure the safety of collaborators and research assistants, and is it ethical to have research assistants in the field when we are not there ourselves because of the pandemic or a country's security situation?

**If you would like to have any other issues raised during the workshop, do not hesitate to contact me at [maniagoralska@gmail.com](mailto:maniagoralska@gmail.com) !**

I have my own open access **repository of literature on digital methods** (please, do not circulate beyond workshop participants!), and it can be found [HERE](#).

### **Basic literature on the topic:**

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