

R2: Introduction to the Face-to-Face Intervention by Dr. Philipp Grunewald

We are now roughly 2 weeks into the process and we have engaged with each other and with some materials online and you have spent some time reflecting on your own research activities and the knowledge you have on different research methods.

So we are now moving into the space where we will soon be seeing each other in the workshops and I want to take this opportunity to give you a brief overview of what we will be doing in the 3 days we will spend with each other.

On the first day we will be revisiting some of the content that we have engaged with. Some of the fundamental knowledge around research methods. And we will also be looking on the 1st day, at the work you have done so far on your own research methodologies and projects designs.

So we will be doing quite a bit of that and quite a bit of activity where we are discussing with each other in a peer learning type style what your ideas on your project are and how you want to improve your methodologies. So that is the focus of the 1st day pretty much.

Then we'll be moving to the second day where the focus will shift slightly but will maintain a reflective process around your own research methodologies. So what we'll be doing on the second day is we'll look at 3rd party methodologies and we'll discuss those and have a peer discussion where we are looking at what are their strengths and weaknesses and what can we take away. So you can see that on the 2nd day, those diagrams you have created from the case study will be picked up in a discussion and where we are comparing our different understandings of those methodologies and where we'll be discussing what we perceive to be strengths and weaknesses of those.

That activity will then later on in the day make space for, an activity that I have outlined earlier where we will be looking at funding calls and we will be engaging with those and start the development of research proposals. So my expectation is to work with early career researchers as well as more senior researchers around those funding calls starting in the afternoon of the 2nd day where we look at the call and where we come up with responses to those calls that comply with ideas of academic rigour, validity etc. Coming from a researcher-led type of angle at developing those methodologies. So this will take up the entire afternoon of the 2nd day and will then continue on to the morning of the 3rd day where we have two main activities. One will be again, your individual reflection on your own methodology and how you're thinking has progressed and how you can envision improving your methodology and making it more rigorous and complying to academic type standards.

And then we'll be presenting in the groups that we have worked in the previous afternoon, the first ideas for methodologies that we have developed as responses to the research calls. So those presentations then, will enable us to feedback on each other's group work and each other's proposals and the calls that we will be responding to. So that type of activity will take up quite a while and the afternoon of the 3rd day will be still in discussion around those but also then will prepare us for the remainder of R2 which again as you will know move into its 3rd phase and is an online phase.

So the individual activity and the individual reflection around those activities will be continued beyond the face-to-face. And what also will be continued is the activity where you engage with your peers working on the research methodologies in response to the calls. So I'm looking forward to seeing you in your respective institutions very soon and I'm hoping this will give you an idea of what needs to be done before the face-to-face and what you'll be able to expect in the 3 days that we'll spend with each other. So looking forward to seeing you soon.