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EIMAS Guest Scholar Event  
***EIMAS Workshop in Applied Qualitative Methods***

**Dr Alžběta Šváblová & Dr Joh Sarre**

**5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022**  
**Bordeaux Montaigne University**

The workshop will build upon theoretical foundations laid during the EIMAS Spring School on Qualitative Methods held in April 2022 at the University of Bayreuth and focus on the application of different data collection methods in the framework of students' individual MA thesis projects. Under the guidance of the trainers, students will develop strategies of empirical data collection suitable for their research projects and prepare for practical aspects of the fieldwork, including potential challenges they could encounter.

Apart from the input from the instructors and group work activities, individual work and reflection will play a particularly important role.

**Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> December**

- Welcome and introduction, getting to know the students' MA projects
- Refresher on Methodology and fieldwork
- Planning the fieldwork: individual approaches

**Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December**

- Discussion of individual fieldwork plans
- Refresher on data collection methods: interviews, participant observation
- Creating/developing individual strategies, guiding questions for interviews, questionnaires, etc.



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### **Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> December**

- Positionality and ethical aspects in fieldwork applied
- Practicalities related to fieldwork
- Dealing with difficulties

### **Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> December**

- Wrapping up the fieldwork and planning/making the next steps
- Open Q&A for remaining issues
- Closing discussion and feedback

### **About the Scholars:**



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