

DOCTORAL PROGRAMME IN TERRITORY, RISK AND PUBLIC POLICIES

Research Seminar (6 ECTS)

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Objectives

The Research Seminar intends to explain the thesis elaboration process and writing techniques, based on intertextuality practice and analysis. It will promote the cross-reading, analysis and discussion of scientific texts, which students must elaborate at the end of the semester (thesis projects).

Programmatic Contents

The curricular unit produces a joint reflection on the progress of the students' thesis projects. Simultaneously, it guides students towards some technical and instrumental aspects of scientific writing and structuring of scientific works. Besides the presentation of the evolution of doctoral projects, students will also analyse and discuss a selection of theses with their authors. A special attention is given to the independent self-reflection ability during the research project.

Some of the subjects to be approached are the following: thesis structure; bibliographic critical revision; conceptual and methodological analysis; the function of cartography; quantitative and qualitative methods and corresponding epistemological assumptions; analytical innovation in science and scientific paradigms.

Main Bibliography

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Ayala-Carcedo, Francisco; Cantos, Jorge (2002), Riesgos naturales. Barcelona: Ariel.

Denscombe, Martyn (2008) The Good Research Guide for small-scale social research projects.
Maidenhead: Open University Press.

Oliver, Paul, 2008, Writing your Thesis. London, Sage.

Several Authors, Selected Doctoral thesis