

# Research Ethics in Qualitative Health Research

International Spring School

March 21-25, 2022

Institute for Medical Ethics and History of Medicine

Ruhr University Bochum

Applications by January 9, 2022

Qualitative health research has gained relevance in recent years. The ethical review of qualitative health research poses various ethical and practical challenges for qualitative researchers and members of ethics committees, and this has stirred up a lively international debate. Legal regulations, ethical codes and research ethical infrastructures differ from country to country, even if the fundamental ethical questions are the same.

The aim of this international spring school is to bring together early-career (PhDs and postdocs) and senior researchers from various disciplines to critically examine ethical issues in qualitative health research.

## Subtopics:

- principles of research ethics
- international ethical guidelines and national discipline-specific ethical codes
- legal regulations and research ethical infrastructures
- ethical review practices
- procedural ethics and ethics of practice
- informed consent and competence to consent
- risk-benefit assessment
- data protection and anonymization
- relationship between researchers and research participants
- vulnerability

## Confirmed speakers:

- **Hella von Unger**, Professor of Sociology at the Ludwig-Maximilian University, Germany and chairperson of the ethics committee of the faculty of Social Sciences
- **Michael Schönhuth**, Professor of Social Anthropology at the University of Trier, Germany
- **Kristin Margrete Heggen**, Professor of Health Science at the University of Oslo, Norway

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- **Henrika Jormfeldt**, Professor of Nursing at the University of Halmstad, Sweden

The spring school will take place at the Institute for Medical Ethics and History of Medicine of the Ruhr University Bochum ([www.rub.de/malakow/index.html.en](http://www.rub.de/malakow/index.html.en)).

Participants with a background in health science, nursing science, social science, social anthropology, medical ethics or psychology preferably from Germany, Norway and Sweden are invited to present their research at the workshop.

Applicants are asked to send an abstract in English on any of the subtopics (300-400 words) along with a short CV to [sarah.potthoff@rub.de](mailto:sarah.potthoff@rub.de).

**Submit your application by January 9, 2022.**

Accepted participants will give a presentation of 25 minutes, followed by a 30-minutes discussion. The conference language is English. All participants are invited to prepare a manuscript and to submit it for publication in a special issue.

**Reimbursement:**

Travel expenses and costs for accommodation will be reimbursed. Breakfast, lunch and dinner is included. Participants will receive a remuneration of € 300 for preparing a manuscript that is ready for submission to the special issue.

**Organizers:**

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Matthé Scholten

Christin Hempeler

Jochen Vollmann

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