

Short Course / Summer School: June 16-23, 2024 in the Austrian Alps

Action Research Summer Camp

Participatory and community-based forms of social problem analysis are core elements of empowerment and change “from below” around the globe. Related processes and methodologies have proven effective in fighting social inequalities and finding useful and sustainable solutions leading towards progressive social transformation.

We use tailor-made methodologies to develop participants' knowledge of, and skills in, participatory research methods and expand their capacity for collaborative action research. Together with our social partner in Innsbruck, a community project for Roma, we learn about and reflect on participatory problem analysis and political action.

Certification Microcredential with Certificate of Attendance, 6 ECTS credits
Duration one in-person week plus 4 preparatory virtual meetings (2 hours each)
Form international short course / ERASMUS+ Blended Intensive Programme
Leaders Prof. Corey Dolgon (USA) & Prof. Eberhard Raithelhuber with European partners
Venue Waldhüttl community project in Innsbruck, Austria
Course Fee € 400 plus student union fee for independent applicants (all inclusive)
No course fee for students and staff from ERASMUS+ partner universities. Booking of catering for € 165 is recommended. Simple accommodation available for € 135.
Language English
Group Size 25 to 30 participants
Application and more details suttneruni.at/camp

Target Group

The Action Research Summer Camp invites students, activists, academics, unionists, community workers, members of non-government organizations and governmental entities alike. The program is open to those with varying degrees of experience in participatory processes and community engagement, as well as those who aspire to integrate community-based research into their work.

What makes the Camp special:

- Goal-oriented: Our teaching and learning activities center around your development interests, previous experience and project ideas.
- Student responsibility: We actively involve you in identifying expectations and planning activities.
- Teaching through real social projects: For one week, we turn a grassroots organization into a place for learning.
- Active learning: We build a community of practice and celebrate life.
- Our goal is inclusion: Costs are generally kept low. We encourage participation from the Global South and minorities.

How we work:

We use experiential methods and pedagogical means to go beyond traditional didactics:

- introduction to the history, practice and tools of participatory action research
- walking conversations and reflections in an Alpine environment
- journaling: writing research and reflection
- alternative tour through Innsbruck, together with local activists
- solidarity activities: group and community building, Theater of the Oppressed and other artistic exercises
- case-study units and plenary sessions with joint reflections
- support for the development of individual plans through small groups

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” The course is not just about meeting people you like, but more about a collective process that has transformed my understanding of politics, tools, science and struggle.

PhD student and
union activist

