# Call for Contributions

# Methods Northwest Seminar Series 2022-23:

# Who are we?

Methods North West (MNW) is an academic network that exists to promote the depth and breadth of methodological expertise in the social sciences across the North West Social Sciences Doctoral Training Partnership (NWSSDTP)’s partner institutions and beyond. The partner Universities of Manchester, Liverpool, Lancaster, and Keele promote and facilitate methodological excellence, innovation, and interdisciplinary collaboration through the respective work of links@keele, methods@lancaster, engage@liverpool, and methods@manchester. Through these primary links, MNW connects with other regional and national doctoral training initiatives.

# Methods Northwest Seminar Series

Since 2020, Methods North West (MNW), has been running a highly popular series of short online postgraduate [Methods Sessions](https://nwssdtp.ac.uk/about/methods-north-west/methods-sessions/methods-sessions-2020-archive/) on methodological innovations in the social sciences. This series creates a platform for postgraduate and academic researchers across the partner universities (and beyond) to discuss innovations in the use of research methods in the social sciences in general. Contributions are welcome on new innovative methods, new ways of using existing methods or revisiting some of the traditional social science methods.

# Call for Session Presenters 2022/23 Academic Year

During the academic year 2022-23 Methods North West welcomes contributions or offers of a seminar on social science methods including (but not exclusively) qualitative, quantitative, digital/computational, investigative, creative/arts and interdisciplinary methods, mixed methods, sessions on adapting methods and on writing methods for publication. Methods sessions with a thematic focus (for example sustainability, inequality, gender, etc) are also welcome. We encourage sessions dealing with novel or new methodological developments in all of the NWSSDTP’s disciplinary areas.

We realise that potential presenters remain time constrained and sought to design the sessions in ways which minimise the work those presenting have to do in advance. The sessions which run on **Thursday afternoons from 2pm – 3pm** can be presentations with q&a or have a more conversational or interactive character. In the past contributors have asked those attending to read or watch something in advance. All sessions will be promoted by the NWSSDTP and the methods initiatives in the partners as well as by MNW and other external bodies where relevant.

If you would like to offer a Methods North West Seminar Session and are based at any of the partner institutions, please discuss with the Methods Lead at your institution before completing the online form [**here**](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1SKbOd8kdfnfXm6pm1RE8zHzMQlVCrO1HIsRgAZGkfwI/edit#gid=296728780). The key contacts ***are listed below***. They would normally be the person to chair your session. NWSSDTP will arrange the Eventbrite registration and share a zoom link with you and all participants.

# Institutional Contacts

Keele University: Anita Hayes, [links@keele.ac.uk](mailto:links@keele.ac.uk)

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University of Manchester: Emma Banister, [methods@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:methods@manchester.ac.uk)

For those not based at any of the partner institutions listed above, please contact [admos.chimhowu@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:admos.chimhowu@manchester.ac.uk) with your proposal so an appropriate chair for your session can be arranged.

We ask that you circulate this information to colleagues, including ECRs and advanced PhD students who you think may be willing to contribute.

The Convenor of Social Sciences Methods Lab Sessions for 2022/23 academic year is: Admos Chimhowu. You can contact him at [Admos.Chimhowu@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:Admos.Chimhowu@manchester.ac.uk) copying in [godfred.amankwaa@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:godfred.amankwaa@manchester.ac.uk) for any queries.