

## methods@manchester

Your summary of methods news

### November 2025

Welcome to the November edition of Methods News.

Methods News is the regular newsletter from methods@manchester, providing a summary of our events and activities.

This month we share details of the new Lost and Found in Translation network and news of their upcoming activities. We've also published a blog on a recent event exploring how to include non-speaking people in research.

Interested in innovative techniques for data visualisation? Then see our new video featuring Dr Simon Rudkin and the Topological Data Analysis Ball Mapper method.

If you are organising a methods-related event or activity, please send us brief details by Wednesday 3rd December to be included in next month's issue.

*Emma and Jordan*

Prof. Emma Banister (Director of methods@manchester)  
Jordan Chaplin (Administrator for methods@manchester)

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### methods@manchester Events and Activities

#### Lost and Found in Translation - save the date

The Lost & Found in Translation (L&FIT) Network is a collaboration of PGRs/ECRs based in all five Methods North West Institutes. The network explores the ethics & methodologies of qualitative and interview-based research carried out in and across different languages.

Next term, L&FIT will be running a series of workshops culminating in a conference. Keep an eye on future newsletters for registration links.

**Minding the Gap: to what extent can translation studies help us navigate the realities of cross-language research?**, Thursday 5 February, Manchester

**Technologies of Translation: planning, processing, analysing cross-language data**, Thursday 9 April, Liverpool

**The Ethics of Multi-Lingual Research: the (many) positionalities of the cross-language researcher (Methods@Manchester Methods Fair)**, Wednesday 27 May, Manchester

**Lost and Found in Translation Conference**, Wednesday 10 June, Manchester

[Sign up to the L&FIT Network](#)

### **Methods Blog - Innovating Inclusion**

Last week saw twenty practitioners and researchers visit University of Manchester for a session focused on researching with non-speaking neurodiverse people.

The session was hosted by SEED PGR Freddie Jones and funded by Methods North West who have just released this year's call for Methods Labs and Catalyst Grants.

[Read our blog](#)

### **Methods Videos – Dr Simon Rudkin's Seminar**

We recently released our recording of Simon Rudkin's introductory seminar on Topological Data Analysis Ball Mapper, a method to visualise multivariate data without losing information. This video explores the method and explains why we all need to place data visualisation at the core of our empirical analyses.

This seminar was part of the Methods North West Lunchtime Seminar Series.

[Watch now on YouTube](#)

### **artsmethods@manchester**

Are you a University of Manchester PGR with an interest in arts and humanities? artsmethods@manchester is an academic programme of talks, workshops, training and events which explore approaches to arts research methods and their dissemination.

All workshops can be booked via the Training Calendar. Upcoming events include:

### [Researching Human Rights](#)

Monday, 24 November – C.1.18 Ellen Wilkinson Building

### [Discourse Analysis](#)

Monday, 1 December – A4 Sam Alex Building

### [Discourse Analysis and Language](#)

Monday, 8 December – C.1.18 Ellen Wilkinson Building

[artsmethods Events](#)

## Methods North West

Methods North West brings together the collective strength, depth, and breadth of methodological expertise across the North West Social Science Doctoral Training Partnership (NWSSDTP) consisting of the Universities of Manchester, Liverpool, Lancaster, Keele, and Lancashire.

[Methods North West website](#)

### Lunchtime Sessions

The Methods North West online lunchtime seminar series runs on Thursdays 12-1pm, and features methods-related work and discussion across, and beyond, the partnership.

### [PGR Social Media Methods Network](#)

**Thursday, 27 November, 12-1pm**

**Nadine Shanahan (Liverpool), Holly Dean (Lancaster), Allysa Czerwinsky (Manchester)**

This session brings together social media methods researchers and analysts of digital culture with the aim of designing an event for PGRs in the Northwest region.

### [Writing and Researching Differently through Fictocriticism](#)

**Thursday, 4 December, 12-1pm, Dr Mark Gatto (Northumbria University)**

In this seminar Dr Gatto will discuss how he explores gender, work & care through dystopian fictocriticism to challenge patriarchal norms and inspire inclusive change.

### [Using Mixed Methods in Logistics and Supply Chain Management Research: Current State and Future Directions](#)

**Thursday, 11 December, 12-1pm, Dr Witold Bahr (Keele University)**

This session reviews mixed methods research across ten years in LSCM to determine their usage, identify benefits and inhibitors, and provide suggestions for LSCM researchers to realise the benefits from using mixed methods.

### **Contribute to the Lunchtime Seminar Programme**

If you are a researcher (including experienced PGRs) who would like to contribute to the lunchtime seminar series, please see our [Call for Contributions](#).

Methods NW Lunchtime Sessions

## **More Events at Manchester**

### **Draw your Research**

Every other Tuesday, 2:00-500pm

A bi-weekly, cross-university, informal group of academics and students interested in exploring what drawing can bring to our research practice. Brooks Resource Centre, Manchester Metropolitan University.

Dates and locations

## **National Centre for Research Methods**

The National Centre for Research Methods delivers training and resources at core and advanced levels, covering quantitative, qualitative, digital, creative, visual, mixed and multimodal methods.

### **Upcoming Events include:**

[Exploring Digital Life, Technology Change and Attitudes to AI through National Datasets Webinar](#)

Wednesday, 19 November, online

Athina Vlachantoni, Roshni Modhvadia, Mark Elliot, Data Resources Training Network

[Getting started: An introduction to four British cohort studies](#)

Thursday, 27 November, online

Prof. Morag Henderson, Dr. Vanessa Moulton, Prof. Richard Silverwood, UCL

Upcoming NCRM Events

## **PGR Community Space**

*This month we meet Brogan Pritchard, a second year SOSS PhD researcher who is also the PGR representative for Criminology.*

My research explores experiences of reproductive health in women's prisons, with a focus on menstruation. Theoretically, I'm taking a phenomenological approach, hoping to contextualise women's experiences of menstruation within historical and politicised discourses on gender, 'menstrunormativity', and criminality. My research draws particular attention to embodied experiences, looking to investigate bodily distress, objectification, concealment, discipline, and resistance.

My methodological interests are broadly in co-productive, embodied, arts-based methods of inquiry. My PhD will utilise interviews, alongside a novel creative tool named body-mapping. Body-mapping is a cartographic process that involves tracing around the body, then drawing inside and outside of the silhouette to illustrate bodily and social experiences. This particular approach of combining the body and the external environment helps contextualise health experiences within the social and political domain. Through my work, I hope to encourage the use of creative and embodied approaches within Criminology.

[Connect with Brogan.](#)

### **Are you ready to share your innovative work?**

Methods News would love to draw attention to the innovative work that is taking place within our PGR community; providing a regular flexible space for methods-related pieces or profiles. Fill in the form below and we can support you with this.

[PGR Community Submission Form](#)

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