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### **WHY SAFETY AND SECURITY?**

Researchers, research participants and collaborators face a wide range of risks that can affect their safety and security and the quality of the research process itself. The risks range from criminality, illness, and engagement with authoritarian authorities, to cybersecurity threats and disasters.



Duration: 3 Day Workshop

Costs: free for members, 300€ for non-members

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### **WHAT DOES THE COURSE OFFER?**

This course is designed to assist researchers in complex, remote or hazardous environments, both for those working within their home country and for foreigners.

The content is organised into three main groups:

- (a) The main frameworks and theories of research safety and security focusing on risk assessment and research ethics;
- (b) a review of specific fieldwork-related risks and actions designed to preventative measures;
- (c) on preparedness and contingency planning so the researcher knows what to do if the risks manifest.

# **SAFETY & SECURITY**

**FOR FIELDWORK  
RESEARCH**

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### **DELIVERABLES**

Participants will be equipped with tools to prepare themselves before and during fieldwork. These tools combine safety and security considerations with research methodologies to support knowledge production. Participants will also understand the relevance of safety and security considerations in research, understand major fieldwork risks, and key preparations before, during and after in-situ research.