This course will review current methodologies & theories concerning research practices in the social sciences. Beginning with a critical examination of research as a process of construction of knowledge we will study a wide variety of methods & practices employed by social scientists research in the planning & implementation of research.

Requirements:
Students are required to attend classes each week and participate in discussion. Excessive absences will result in a failing grade.

Students will submit a one-page response to the reading on specified weeks by Sunday evening. The weeks during which responses are required: 22/11; 29/11; 13/12; 20/12; 27/12; 3/1; 10/1
These reading responses should reflect each student’s critical engagement with the reading. Students may respond to theoretical or methodological aspects of the reading. Possible questions to consider: What are the strengths and weaknesses of the approach? What have you learned from the reading? What questions do you have for the author? What criticisms do you have? How might you be able to apply the arguments or methods to your own work? Reading responses must be submitted even if students are not able to attend class.

Second semester, students will experiment with several research methods, such as interviewing, ethnography, and discourse analysis. Students will submit 2-3 page reports summarizing and analyzing their experiences with each method.

Grading: Grades will be based on the following:
10% - Active Class participation based on weekly readings
30% - Reading responses first semester according to instructions above
Second Semester Assignments:
10% - Assignment on the Literature Review
10% - Assignment on the Personal Interview
10% - Assignment on the Group Interview
10% - Assignment on Ethnography
10% - Assignment on an Archive Visit
10% - Assignment on Visual Sources

Please note: The use of laptops and cell phones is forbidden in class. Please place all electronics in your bags for the duration of the class.

8/11 Introduction

15/11 Paradigms and Methods: An Overview
Paradגמים ו metodoות: סקירה כללית


22/11 Reflexivity
רפלקסיביות


29/11 Positionality
позициональность


6/12 REFWORKS

13/12 Creativity
יצירתיות
20/12 Ethics

27/12 Responsibility

3/1 Reliability and accountability

10/1 Roadblocks, Obstacles, Difficulties

17/1 סמינר מחקר: המחקלה הלימודית ממר הזווית
לון שלר, "היחסים של חכ מבעדה אפרירקה הפוסט-קולוניאלית: דו במחקרים נוספים והבניאית העבירה".

24/1 Research Beyond Academia
Guest Lecturer, Noga Dagan Buzaglo, Adva Organization.

1/11 אתנאקה

2/12 אתראית

3/1 אמיןות

10/1 מצפה המתודים הקשים