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## Institute for Lifecourse and Society - ILAS *International Research Training Series*

# Doing Discourse Analysis: Research Strategies and Applications

### Speakers:

**Prof. David Horwath**, University of Essex

**Dr Konstantinos Roussos**, University of Essex

**Jimena Vazquez Garcia**, University of Essex

This course provides the conceptual and methodological means to use discourse analysis in the conduct of empirical and theoretical research, where the aims of the approach are to understand, characterize, explain, and criticize problematized social phenomena.

It serves as a forum to discuss research strategies that are consonant with the field of poststructuralist discourse theory and outlines an approach that can be employed in the analysis of concrete discourses.

**DATE: Thur, 25 April & Fri, 26th April 2024**

**TIME: 09:00-17:00**

**VENUE: G006, ILAS Building, University of Galway**

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### Description:

The course examines the philosophical underpinnings of a poststructuralist approach to social and political analysis and grapples with their operationalisation through a range of empirical cases to illustrate broad methodological and theoretical points. This focus also includes general considerations regarding qualitative methods appropriate to poststructuralist discourse theory, as well as more focused considerations of participatory and ethnographic research techniques. Participants are expected to present and discuss in an engaging form their own research work or proposals, as well as jointly discuss topics and perspectives raised in the seminars.

INVITATION



# Speakers



**Prof. David Howarth** of. David Howarth is Professor of Political Theory in the Department of Government at the University of Essex, and Co-Director of the Centre for Ideology and Discourse Analysis. His many publications include *Discourse*, Buckingham: Open University Press, 2000; *Poststructuralism and After*, London: Palgrave, 2013; *Logics of Critical Explanation in Social and Political Theory*, London: Routledge, 2007 (with Jason Glynos) (London: Routledge, 2007); *The Politics of Sustainable Aviation*, Manchester: Manchester University Press, 2013 (with Steven Griggs); *Ernesto Laclau: Post-Marxism, Populism and Critique* (Routledge, 2014, and *Contesting Aviation Expansion: Depoliticisation, Technologies of Government and Post-Aviation Futures*, Bristol: Bristol University Press, 2023 (with Steven Griggs). He has published numerous articles on political theory, social movements, public policy, and environmental protest in journals including the *British Journal of Politics and International Relations*, *Critical Discourse Studies*, *Environment and Planning C: Politics and Space*, *Journal of Political Ideologies*, *Journal of Urban Affairs*, *Mobilization*, *Parliamentary Affairs*, *Political Geography*, *Political Quarterly*, and *Political Studies*.

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**Dr. Konstantinos Roussos** is a Lecturer at the School of Health and Social Care (Social Work and Social Justice Division), and founding member of the Centre for Ideology and Discourse Analysis at the Department of Government at the University of Essex. He holds a PhD in Government from the University of Essex. His research, articles and blogs focus primarily on political and social theory (with emphasis on post-structuralist and post-Marxist theory), social movement studies, the commons, and radical democratic theory and practice. His current research explores discourses and practices in grassroots welfare provisioning and community development. For more details please see here: <https://www.essex.ac.uk/people/rouss97802/konstantinos-roussos>

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**Jimena Vazquez Garcia** is a lecturer in the Government Department at the University of Essex. Previously, she was post-doctoral researcher at Anglia Ruskin University. She holds a PhD in Ideology and Discourse Analysis from the University of Essex and is a member of the Centre for Ideology and Discourse Analysis. Her research focuses on theories of political subjectivation and critique in Michel Foucault's thought. Her current interests revolve around ideas of care, digital subjectivities and counter-hegemonic practices.

# Schedule

Time	Details	Speaker
<b>Thursday, 25th April 2024</b>		
09:00 – 09:10	Welcome & Introductions <i>Kieran Walsh, Director, Institute for Lifecourse &amp; Society</i>	
09:10 – 10:20	Session 1: <b>Poststructuralist Discourse Theory and Problematisation</b>	
10:20 – 10:50	Questions	
10:50 – 11:10	BREAK	
11:10 – 12:40	Group activities and discussion	
12:40 – 13:30	LUNCH	
13:30 – 14:40	Session 2: <b>Logics of Critical Explanation</b>	
14:40 – 15:10	Questions	
15:10 – 15:30	BREAK	
15:30 – 17:00	Group activities and discussion	
<b>Friday, 26th April 2024</b>		
09:00 – 10:10	Session 3: <b>Articulation and Research Design</b>	
10:10 – 10:40	Questions	
10:40 – 11:00	BREAK	
11:00 – 12:30	Group activities and discussion	
12:30 – 13:30	LUNCH	
13:30 – 14:40	Session 4: <b>Critique and Normative</b>	
14:40 – 15:10	Questions	
15:10 – 15:30	BREAK	
15:30 – 17:00	Group activities and discussion	
17:00	Finish	

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