

Seminar: "Ethical Challenges in Psychological Research: Balancing Scientific Rigor and Participant Wellbeing"

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Ethics in psychological research is a fundamental aspect that requires careful consideration. This seminar is designed to provide Ph.D. students with a comprehensive understanding of the ethical dimensions of research, focusing on the balance between advancing scientific knowledge and safeguarding participant well-being.

The first part of the seminar will explore how international ethical frameworks—such as the Code of Human Research by the British Psychological Society, the Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct by the American Psychological Association, and the Declaration of Helsinki—shape and guide each stage of the research process. This includes examining their impact on formulating study objectives, choosing appropriate methodologies, implementing data collection procedures, and considering the broader societal implications of research outcomes.

The second part of the seminar will shift to a national perspective, focusing on the ethical guidelines outlined by the Associazione Italiana di Psicologia (AIP). This section will examine how the AIP's ethical code aligns with broader ethical principles and complies with relevant legislation, such as the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

The third part of the seminar will provide practical guidance for Ph.D. students on how to navigate the application process for the Bologna Bioethics Committee, providing the essential knowledge to fill in the request.

I Part (Laura Menabò, 6 hours): International Ethical Frameworks

<https://www.apa.org/ethics/code>

<https://www.bps.org.uk/guideline/bps-code-human-research-ethics>

<https://www.bps.org.uk/guideline/code-ethics-and-conduct>

<https://www.wma.net/policies-post/wma-declaration-of-helsinki/>

II Part (Annalisa Guarini, 2 hours): Italian Ethical Code

https://aipass.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Codice-Etico_luglio-2022.pdf

III Part (Silvia Moscatelli, 2 hours): Bioethics Committee (University of Bologna)

<https://www.unibo.it/en/research/research-organisation-and-infrastructure/ethics-committees/bioethics-committee>