



# Discursive approaches in political and social scientific research

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This seminar will give participants an overview of and the opportunity to apply in practice discursive approaches in the social sciences.

**Registration to the seminar** is strongly suggested (deadline April 21, 2024), email to: [katarina.pettersson@helsinki.fi](mailto:katarina.pettersson@helsinki.fi)

## May 6, 2024, 10-12 a.m., aula Offeddu – Lecture

The lecture will cover central principles within discursive approaches such as critical discourse analysis, discursive and critical discursive psychology, and multimodal discourse analysis. It will also discuss practical questions and challenges related to the research process, and present examples of topics, research questions and materials that are appropriate for this type of research. Pre-readings on discursive research around political and societal psychological issues will be provided.

## May 6, 2024, 1.30–3.30 p.m. – Individual meetings with PhD students

To ask for a meeting with Dr. Katarina Pettersson, please contact [katarina.pettersson@helsinki.fi](mailto:katarina.pettersson@helsinki.fi). Individual meetings will be in Sala Seminari 3, Chiostro Santa Maria delle Vittorie.

## May 8, 2024, 10-12 a.m., aula 1.6 – Workshop

In the workshop, participants will bring their own ongoing work or data to the seminar, present it briefly, and discuss methodological issues together with the other participants and the teacher. The aim of the workshop is to help students to tackle methodological challenges in their ongoing PhD research. Prior to the seminar, students are asked to provide a short summary of their research and describe the methodological issues they are presently struggling with.



**Katarina Pettersson** holds a PhD in social psychology and currently works as assistant professor in social psychology, University of Helsinki. Katarina does research in political rhetoric, mainly from critical discourse analytical perspectives. Her core areas of interest lie in nationalist and radical right-wing political rhetoric, political hate-speech and online political communication.