

Call for Application:**Workshop, 14.-15 April 2010, WISDOM****Data Documentation and Management****About the Workshop:**

Data sharing is becoming an issue in Austria. Main funding institutions, like the Jubiläumsfonds of the Austrian National Bank encourage the archiving of empirically generated research data. The Austrian Science Fund (FWF) launched an archiving policy in January 2010 obliging funded project leaders to make their research data accessible. And the Austrian Ministry of Science and Research is already supporting the national archive for Social Science Research Data, WISDOM, which was founded in the 1980s with the aim to set up an archive for quantitative research data. In 2008 WISDOM established an archive for qualitative data as well. Initial evaluations soon indicated a lack of proper data management as well as comprehensive data documentation in a considerable amount of research projects. These circumstances caused a great loss of qualitative research data so far.

In the UK, the ESDS Qualidata archive introduced best practice standards in managing and documenting research data. The two lecturers, working in the Research Data Management Support Service of ESDS, attained great experience in data management, reuse and secondary analysis of qualitative and quantitative Social Science research data. They will start their daily program with introductory sessions followed by interactive exercises, such as small group work, case studies, or focused feedback on participant's projects. Their presentations will focus on the data life cycle, research ethics and data confidentiality (consent forms, data anonymisation and access control), data formats and software, data storage (back-up and security) and data management plans. Participants will have the opportunity to gain practical experience by working and discussing their own research projects.

Possible Participants: This workshop is intended for senior researchers and graduate students, who are interested in data management strategies for their own projects, ethically correct research, archiving and reuse of research data.

Application: via e-mail: andrea.marhali@wisdom.at. The participation fee is € 25,-; Details for payment will be sent with our confirmation on your participation. We will ask you to hand in project descriptions (max.3-5 pages), anonymisation protocols and consent forms (if you use any). The workshop language is English.

About the lecturers: **Libby Bishop** is Senior Research Archivist at the RDMSS at the UK Data Archive. The RDMSS focuses on resource development, data collection, promotion of reuse and outreach to the research community. Key areas include creating teaching datasets and other guides to support teaching and learning. **Veerle Van Den Eynden, Veerle** manages the activities of the (RDMSS) at the UK Data Archive, as well as the Data Support Service for the Rural Economy and Land Use programme (Relu-DSS). She liaises frequently with researchers to advise on data management, sharing and archiving.