Putting ethical aspects of research data management into practice

Workshop

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This workshop on the ethical aspects of research data management (RDM) will allow participants to reflect on the ethical and legal dimensions of RDM by playing a game that walks them through all phases of the data life cycle. Among other things, the workshop will also touch upon informed consent (inputs by Alejandro Santano Suárez), the CARE principles, anonymization and pseudonymization, responsibilities, AI, social media data, and on licenses and copyright.

The morning and the first part of the afternoon will be dedicated to a game activity that is complemented by short input lectures and discussions. In the afternoon, participants will also have time to reflect on their own RDM practices, analyse case studies by peers, and discuss concrete ways to improve their workflows.

Biography

Melanie Röthlisberger has a background in sociolinguistics and has worked with child language. Since 2021 she has been working for the Open Science Services at the University of Zurich, supporting and training researchers in research data management, including how to handle personal and sensitive data.

Input by Alejandro Santano Suárez on informed consent

What does it really mean for consent to be *informed*? Using informed consent forms as a starting point, this input invites participants to critically reflect on the ethics of personal data in research. First, we will explore the relationship between legal requirements, institutional policies, and ethical responsibilities. We will then discuss what researchers make explicit or omit about their research to get access to the research field, obtain consent from their participants and collect data.

PhD programme on Multilingualism

The event is part of the doctoral programme Multilingualism: Acquisition, Education, and Society (more information here: https://institute-multilingualism.ch/en/doctoral-programme)

Participation

Students and doctoral students from Swiss universities are eligible to participate. Priority will be given to doctoral students of the doctoral programme. Travel expenses will be reimbursed under certain conditions. To register, please contact Dr. Marie-Anne Morand (marie-anne.morand@unifr.ch) by November 22, 2026.

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