



British Institute
in Eastern Africa

SUMMER SCHOOL 2018

14th- 28th July 2018



The chance to go into the field and apply what was learnt in the classroom presented a rare opportunity to really get to grips with the practicalities of fieldwork and try out different research techniques guided by fieldwork experts. Easily the best research methods training I've ever had and my PhD fieldwork is stronger for it.

— Alexander Ray, PhD Candidate,
SOAS, University of London



ADVANCED RESEARCH METHODS SUMMER SCHOOL

For Social Sciences and Humanities

The British Institute in Eastern Africa's advanced research methods summer school offers unique training opportunities for research students in the practical use of various research methods in Africa with the support of highly experienced field research scholars.

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About

The idea of an Advanced Practical Research Methods Summer School was born from the extensive research experience and passion of the people at the BIEA.

About Kenya, Kwale County and Shimba Hills, Mivumoni

The BIEA is located in Kenya's capital city, Nairobi. Its central location is ideal for visiting scholars and researchers who wish to use its facilities.

Kenya is an East African nation which lies across the equator in east-central Africa, on the coast of the Indian Ocean. It borders Somalia to the east, Ethiopia to the north, Tanzania to the south, Uganda to the west, and Sudan to the northwest. In the north, the land is arid; the southwest corner is in the fertile Lake Victoria Basin; and a length of the eastern depression of the Great Rift Valley separates western highlands from those that rise from the lowland coastal strip.

Field Site Location: Kwale County

Kwale County is a county in the former Coast Province of Kenya. The location of the field site is on average two-hours' drive from the city of Mombasa in Msambweni Constituency.



Location of Kwale County

For one week, we will be in the village of Mivumoni, located on the southern portion of Kenya's coastline in the Shimba Hills, Kwale County. Mivumoni lies on the border of the Shimba Hills National Reserve, about 50 miles south of Mombasa (but far off the main highway). The area is home to communities of Mijikenda (in particular Digo, Duruma and Giriama) who have occupied vast stretches of Kenya's coastline for generations. It is also home to a significant Kamba population, who settled there in the mid-20th century bringing with them a new language and culture. Mivumoni is therefore an extremely unique place, comprising multiple overlapping histories and a diverse assortment of everyday practices.

What the summer school offers:

- An opportunity to put into practice the research methods students plan to use in their projects in the field
- Learning and interaction opportunity with top field research scholars who have and still work in Africa with numerous publications under their belt
- Learning from current graduate students in the field on their experiences and how best to navigate expected challenges in the field.
- Practical guidance on writing papers for publishing, research grants applications and presentation of one's work to audiences in and beyond academia
- An opportunity to present their research proposals to their peers at the BIEA for deliberations, advise and suggestions
- Insight into doing research in Africa and how to prepare for it.

What the students get:

- Practical field-research experience
- Increased confidence in the use and application of various research methods while in the field
- An increased understanding of how different disciplines have approached African Studies
- Practical information on the requirements of doing research in Africa and how best to prepare
- Contacts of researchers currently based in the region that they may confer with when they begin their own research
- Increased skills and confidence in the presentation of their work
- Guidance on writing for publishing

2018 Summer School

This year's Summer School is a 2 weeks course on advanced research methods for research professionals and research students. It will take place in Nairobi and at the Kenyan Coast as research field study. The aim is to provide advanced practical and field-based training in research methods. The participants will spend one week in the field putting into practice various research methods.

Modules on offer include: Approaches to studying Africa in various Disciplines (Anthropology, Archaeology, History and Political Science); Introduction to Field Research; Archival Research Exercises; Practical Sampling, Mapping and Village Surveys Exercises; Practical Ethnographic Field Work Exercises; Practical Oral and Life History interviewing and Focus Group discussion Exercises, Taking and Managing Field Notes, Data Analysis, Report Writing and Publishing; Ethics, Permits and Practicalities of doing Research in Eastern Africa. All practical research exercises will be carried out in both rural and urban areas.

Dates

14th to 28th July 2018

Location

- British Institute in Eastern Africa, Laikipia Road, Kileleshwa, Nairobi Kenya
- Mivumoni Village, Kwale County, Kenya

Cost

£1350 which covers:

- Tuition,
- Accommodation- bed and breakfast,
- Airport transfer,
- Training material,
- Lunch
- One-week in the field (transport to/from, meals, accommodation, training)

Or

£680 which covers:

- Tuition,
- Training material,
- Lunch
- One-week in the field (transport to/from field, meals, accommodation, training)

*Please note that these fees **do not** cover your airfare/transport to/from Nairobi, Kenya.*

Application Process

Step 1: Download and fill in the application form from the website and send it to: summerschool@biea.ac.uk

Step 2: Receive invoice with all the payment details

Step 3: Make the payment- either in full or in installments. Please note, if paying in installments, the first installment has to be 1/4 of the total fee.

Step 4: Receive receipt of payment as well as course programme, reading list and direction to the training location.

For more details, contact: summerschool@biea.ac.uk.

Eligibility

The Advanced Research Methods Training Summer School program is open to graduand and graduate students from around the world pursuing majors in the Social Sciences and Humanities faculties.

The typical student will have completed at least their penultimate year of undergraduate, enrolled for their Master's or PhD degree and will have more than basic research skills and knowledge. They will be looking to put some of the research methods that they will use in their fieldwork into practice during the two weeks training course.

Academic Credits: Participating students will in the future earn credits from our partner University, UCL and a letter of recommendation.

Payment Methods, Deadline and Late Fees

Individual invoices will be issued on request after the submission of the online registration form, and it will include all the payment details. All payments are to be done in full or in planned instalments (first instalment has to be 1/4 of total fee) via bank transfer by **31st May 2018**, 23:00 hours EAT. You are encouraged to complete your payment before this set

deadline. If you make partial payments before deadline, late fees of GBP 20 will be applied for the completion of the payments.

Financial Aid

Check with your Financial Aid office to find out what aid or funding options are available for this off campus course. Your university's Study Abroad office may also have additional information on how to source funding for this course.

Cancellation Policy

If you need to cancel your participation in the programme, the following policy applies:

- Send an email with the subject ' Program Cancellation' to: summerschool@biea.ac.uk
- Tuition Fee Refund:

Cancellation prior to tuition payment deadline: 100% Tuition Fee refund applies. However, appropriate bank charges will apply and hence refund may be less the bank charges.

Cancellation after tuition payment deadline, but before **7th June 2018**: 50% Tuition Fee refund applies. However, appropriate bank charges will apply and hence refund may be less the bank charges.

Cancellation after tuition payment deadline, but before **14th June 2018**: 20% Tuition Fee refund applies. However, appropriate bank charges will apply and hence refund may be less the bank charges.

If cancellation is made after 14th June 2018, no refund will apply.

Please note:

- After registration, places will be reserved only after payment of tuition fees and once the class is full, no more fees will be accepted.
- If the Summer School class is cancelled, the BIEA will refund the Tuition Fee.

Health and Safety

Please follow the link <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/kenya> to know more about the security situation Kenya and all that you need to know about advisories.

Emergency Contacts

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Health Insurance

The BIEA will not provide any form of insurance for Summer School participants. This is an individual responsibility. Each participant will however be expected to have a valid travel insurance by the time of travel.

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