

Research ethics and ethics reviews in the social sciences: current developments

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Forum Research Ethics



RatSWD.
Rat für Sozial- und
WirtschaftsDaten



- Digital forum for researchers and RECs in the social and economic sciences
- RatSWD working papers (since 2008) and consultation process (2015-17)
- Focus: ethical reflexivity and ethics reviews
- Workshops to build capacities (e.g. on ethical research data management)
- Stakeholder consultation to generate recommendations for ethics reviews, e.g. on
 - Research with ai, participatory research, research without informed consent, further topics (suggested by users)
- Proposal to be submitted to DFG (by RatSWD, WZB, LMU)



Challenges and innovative changes in research ethics reviews (CHANGER)

2024-2026

<https://changer-project.eu/>



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Objective

CHANGER aims to promote innovative changes in research ethics reviews that strengthen the capacities of researchers to incorporate ethical judgements in the project design and support ethics committees to address new challenges emerging from new technologies and new research practices.

Work Packages

WP1 Project coordination and communication

WP2 Existing knowledge and gaps (scoping review, evidence map, stakeholder consultation through expert interviews, focus groups)

WP3 Innovative solutions and tools

WP4 Education and upskilling (MOOCS)

WP5 Impact, sustainability and legal implications

Expected outcomes

- **Capacity building** in RECs
- **Upskill** researchers and ethics experts (e.g. on research with ai, organoids, ...)
- Foster an **ethics-by-design** approach in research
- Promote **novel approaches** in ethics reviews that ensure ethical oversight
- Promote **policies** that embed human rights in research

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Network of ethics committees in the social sciences

Networking, collaboration, exchange, workshops, website, meetings

Members and affiliates

If you are interested to participate, contact: unger@lmu.de



Left to right: Dirk Lanzerath (EUREC); Monika Jungbauer-Gans (RatSWD); Hella von Unger, Herwig Reiter and Eva Berens (neks speakers); Munich July 5 2024