

Ethical Issues in Research Infrastructures for the Social Sciences

April 10, 2026
10:00 - 12:00
online seminar



Agenda

- 10:00 **Research Ethics: from Principles to Practice**
Roberta Martina Zagarella (CID Ethics-CNR)
- 10:45 **The Complexity of Ethics in Open Social Science Research**
Giulia Sciolli (CID Ethics-CNR)
- 11:30 **Open discussion and Q&A**

The webinar, organised within the activities of Task 2.5 "FOSSR Ethical Issues" led by the **Interdepartmental Center for Research Ethics and Integrity (CID Ethics-CNR)**, provides an **overview of the main ethical aspects inherent in social science research, particularly within the context of Research Infrastructures.**

The first part highlights the importance of **rigorous research design** and of **responsible data sharing** to safeguard participants' **dignity, autonomy, safety and wellbeing**, while also presenting the procedures involved in preparing a research project for obtaining **ethical clearance.**

The second part examines the specific **ethical considerations related to open social science**, with particular attention to the **complexity of balancing ethical principles** (e.g., protecting research participants) **with scientific needs** (e.g., ensuring that data are reusable).

Overall, an **ethics by design approach** is encouraged to allow researchers to **anticipate the potential societal implications of their work, identify possible risks, and mitigate harm from the earliest stages of project planning.**

Organisational details

The seminar will be held online; the link will be provided to participants in due time before the beginning of the event. The seminar will be held in English, and all thematic materials will be available on Zenodo after the event.

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How to participate

To join the event, please register at the link:
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