

## Mémoire en science politique[BR]- "Research in Political Sciences between Theory and Practice: What is applied Research in Political Sciences?"[BR]- Séminaire d'accompagnement à l'écriture

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## Appendixes

### Appendix 1: Interview guide components

| Variable  | Questions  | Follow-up questions   |
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| <b>Introduction</b>   |  |   |
| Self-presentation & general perception about applied research in political sciences | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can you present yourself as a researcher in political sciences?</li> <li>• What is the idea that you have about applied research in political sciences? Why is it conducted?</li> <li>• Do you consider yourself as an applied researcher in political science?</li> </ul>                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is your main field of study?</li> <li>• What is the purpose of conducting applied research in political sciences and what is the difference with basic research?</li> </ul> |
| <b>Focus</b>  |  |   |
|   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (If yes) What type of applied researcher do you think is most adapted to your research works: a contract researcher, an in-house researcher, a political advisor, or a civil society researcher?</li> <li>• For you, who is the target audience of applied research in political sciences?</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who are interested by the results of an applied research in political sciences and who can benefit from these results?</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Deepening</b>  |  |   |
| Conducting applied research in political sciences: research question                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How does a research question of an applied research emanate?</li> <li>• To what extent do you think that collaboration with practitioners before setting the research question is important?</li> </ul>   |   |
| Conducting applied research in political sciences: methodology                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the applied research works you conducted, did you use different research methods, or there is one method that you think is privileged? If yes, which one?</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the scientific approach that you think is the most suitable, or an approach that you think the less suitable (to avoid)?</li> </ul>                                      |
| Conducting applied research in political  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As an applied researcher in political sciences, are you interested in the usefulness of</li> </ul>  |   |

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| sciences: results<br>formulation         | <p>your study results and their applicability in the practical world?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• According to you, what makes the results of an applied research useful to practitioner?</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do you think that there is a specific way to formulate the results of an applied research to ensure / facilitate its usefulness and applicability?</li> </ul> |
| Bridging the<br>research-practice<br>gap | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What skills do you judge essential for researchers to make their research useful?</li> <li>• What factors / events / circumstances can help the researcher ensure the applicability and usage of the research results by practitioner?</li> <li>• How can researchers measure the impact of their study results?</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How can a researcher transform the results of his/her study into useful actionable solutions to practitioners?</li> </ul>                                     |
| <b>Conclusion</b>                        |  |  |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To conclude, what is applied research in political sciences for you, and what is its role in bridging the gap between science and practical politics?</li> </ul>  |  |

## Appendix 2: Interview Guide

- **Introduction:**
  - 1- Can you present yourself as a researcher in political sciences?
  - 2- What is the idea that you have about applied research in political sciences? Why is it conducted?
  - 3- Do you consider yourself as an applied researcher in political science?
- **Focus:**
  - 4- (If yes) What type of applied researcher do you think is most adapted to your research works: a contract researcher, an in-house researcher, a political advisor, or a civil society researcher?
  - 5- For you, who is the target audience of applied research in political sciences?
- **Deepening:**
  - 6- How does a research question of an applied research emanate?
  - 7- To what extent do you think that collaboration with practitioners before setting the research question is important?
  - 8- In the applied research works you conducted, did you use different research methods, or there is one method that you think is privileged? If yes, which one?
  - 9- As an applied researcher in political sciences, are you interested in the usefulness of your study results and their applicability in the practical world?
  - 10- According to you, what makes the results of an applied research useful to practitioner?
  - 11- What skills do you judge essential for researchers to make their research useful?
  - 12- What factors / events / circumstances can help the researcher ensure the applicability and usage of the research results by practitioner?
  - 13- How can researchers measure the impact of their study results?
- **Conclusion:**
  - 14- To conclude, what is applied research in political sciences for you, and what is its role in bridging the gap between science and practical politics?

### Appendix 3: Document analysis guide

| Document<br>Variable    | Document 1 | Document 2 | ... |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|-----|
| Researcher's position   |            |            |     |
| Research context        |            |            |     |
| Purpose of the research |            |            |     |
| Research method         |            |            |     |
| Results formulation     |            |            |     |
| Potential applicability |            |            |     |