



**A TEN - DAYS INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP
ON
RESEARCH METHODOLOGY IN SOCIAL SCIENCES
(FOR PH.D. / POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWS AND
OTHER RESEARCH SCHOLARS)
(ICSSR SPONSORED)
(ONLINE)**

MAY 31 to 09 JUNE, 2021



Organised by
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INTRODUCTION

Methodology is the central and most crucial component, element for carrying out any research endeavour in social sciences. A researcher has to be well-equipped and must have command over this organ. Otherwise, however, well-defined and finely-crafted the concepts, hypotheses, questions and objectives pertaining to the study may be, at operationalization stage it may not yield desired outcomes and hence, affects final output. Even otherwise, continuing discourse on methodology component of research in social sciences within fraternity of social scientists is vital exercise as there is always a scope of innovation and change in that sphere. Methodology needs modifications with changing social scenario and contexts.

In recognition of the need for reorienting and upgrading the research abilities of research scholars of social sciences, Centre for Social Studies, Surat has been organising a **Ten-Days Interactive Workshop on RESEARCH METHODOLOGY IN SOCIAL SCIENCES (For Ph.D./Post-Doctoral Scholars) over last several years continuously. This year this Ten-Days Interactive Workshop on Research Methodology in Social Sciences (RMW) will be held during 31 May – 09 June, 2021. Due to pandemic situation this course will be held ONLINE.**

The RMW will attempt to blend social science philosophy, theory and practical aspects pertaining to research. Thus, the workshop will focus not only on the theoretical and philosophical dimensions as well as rationale upon which social research needs to be based but also varied practical aspects of research that a researcher encounters during various stages of conducting research such as identifying research problem, proposal writing, literature review, selection of research methods, Data analysis, report writing, Writing articles based on research etc.

OBJECTIVES OF THE INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP (RMW)

The basic objective of this RMW is to have interaction regarding various dimensions of social science research and especially its methodology part mainly with the Ph.D. and post-Doctoral scholars of colleges and post-graduate departments of various universities as well as research institutes. In addition to dealing with philosophical and theoretical aspects of social science research, the workshop proposes to deliberate with the participants on aspects of defining research problems, framing research questions, formulation of hypothesis, exploring data sources, data collection methods and tools, data analysis

techniques and various aspects related with report writing. It is also envisaged to provide an orientation with relation to use of important statistical methods in analyzing both qualitative and quantitative data. More specifically the Workshop aims to address the following objectives:

1. To orient the participants about significance of social science research in developing societies.
2. To familiarise them on philosophical and theoretical dimensions of social science in general and research in particular.
3. To apprise the participants with different types of data sources and ways and means of accessing them.
4. To deliberate on the aspects of searching research theme, formulating research questions and objectives, setting research design and other components of research proposal.
5. To interact with the participants on various research methods and techniques of data collection and data-analysis and interpretation.
6. To deliberate on bestowing final shape of research output in the form of research report/thesis/monograph.

WORKSHOP CONTENT:

- (1) Research Methodology; Theoretical and Philosophical Issues and Different Schools;
- (2) Types of Research and Research Design;
- (3) Types of Data, Methods and Tools of Data Collection;
- (4) Sampling and Statistical Tools;
- (5) Statistical techniques and data analysis using SPSS (Statistical Package for the Social Sciences) package;
- (6) Various Methods of Qualitative Research;
- (7) Writing Report, Research Paper and Monograph.

ON CENTRE FOR SOCIAL STUDIES, SURAT

Centre for Social Studies, Surat (CSS) is an autonomous social science research institute. With a focus on understanding processes of development, CSS is dedicated to the study of Indian society with a firm belief that this can contribute to the social transformation. Founded by late Professor I.P. Desai in 1969 as the Centre for Regional Development Studies, CSS has accomplished 50 years of its academic voyage. The institute receives financial support from the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR, Government of India) and the Government of Gujarat. A multidisciplinary institute, CSS formulates ideas, undertakes empirical studies, theorizes and disseminates knowledge through training and publications in vernacular and English languages. Faculty at CSS represents disciplines like Sociology, Economics, Anthropology, History, Statistics, Human Geography and Social Work. With an emphasis on empirical research and Gujarat as its core research region, Centre also undertakes studies related to other parts of the

country. The key areas of research in CSS include: migration, labour, land and credit markets, marginal communities, society and violence, public health, urban landscapes, culture and conflict, environment and resources, governance, women and society, social justice and civil society. Theoretical contributions of CSS have been well recognized in the fields of social stratification, agrarian relations, social movements, sociology of education, dalits and tribes, and development studies.

GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPANTS:

- The applicants should be working on their Ph.D./ Post-Doctoral thesis or planning to carry out a research.
- Interested candidates are requested to send their application to the coordinators along with duly filled up Application – form (format enclosed) so as to reach us latest by **May 05, 2021**.
- For further information or to download the form, see our website: www.css.ac.in or write to us at: webinar@css.ac.in
- Intimation pertaining to selection of applicant will reach the participants by **20th May, 2021**.
- Candidates are expected to submit a brief note of about 1000 words, delineating research questions, methodology and details on their on-going research and its current phase.
- Due to Pandemic situation, the course will be held ONLINE. The link to the selected participants will be sent prior to beginning of course. Presence in each session is mandatory for receipt of certificate.

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APPLICATION FORM

(Form filled with all relevant details must reach us not later than May 05, 2021)

1. Name (in CAPITAL Letters) :
2. Date of Birth :
3. Mention Social group (*) :
4. Address for communication and Residential address (with name of State) (In Capital Letters) :
- Mobile No./ Whatsapp No. :
- Email :
5. Gender :
6. Language Proficiency :
7. Institution/University (with full address) :
8. Present position/designation :
9. Qualifications :
10. Discipline :
11. Topic/title of Research :

* Please mention whether you are belonging to categories of SCs/ STs/ OBCs / Minorities/ (with specification)

12. Present Status of Research (#) : (Stating in brief current stage of on-going research work, Ph.D or other, mentioning clearly and specifically at what stage research has reached in terms of proposal/ Reviewing Literature/ Methodology/Research tools/data collection/Analysis/ Report writing).

Receiving Fellowship (Yes/No) :

13. A Brief Note on Your Research :
Interests (Use extra sheet if needed)

14. Have you applied/ attended to such workshops conducted by us/ other institutes earlier? Yes/No (If 'Yes' provide details)

You are requested to attach your research proposal along with delineation of status of research in detail. Kindly note that during the workshop your proposals and research interest will be deliberated in the special sessions.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Recommendation of the supervisor or department head:

Seal & Signature of Head:

Date: