

Centre for North East Studies and Policy Research Jamia Millia Islamia New Delhi – 110 025

# **Ten Day Research Methodology Workshop**

Date: 5-17 February, 2018

Place: Centre for North East Studies and Policy Research India-Arab Cultural Centre (3rd Floor) Jamia Millia Islamia

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## **Call for Application**

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Research methodology provides the scientific basis to gain new knowledge and to systematically obtain information from existing body of knowledge and to analyze emerging ones. It helps to analyze problems logically and contextualize the findings. In the field of social sciences a progressive methodology is mainly used for theoretical analysis of methods applied to field of study.

In order to decipher the complex reality of human society objectively, a sound research methodology paves the way for a sound inquiry. The proposed research methodology workshop is an attempt to explore uncharted areas and also to rethink ways to approach existing areas. Since society is a constantly evolving entity and social scientists attempt to study these changes, therefore it becomes imperative to adopt a dynamic research methodology if one seeks to study the society in its entirety. Besides, reality is of multifaceted nature and sometimes contradictory perspectives come into play. Thus to have a holistic overview of nature of phenomena, it is essential to take various kinds of research methodology into picture.

The proposed workshop seeks to address these concerns with the MPhil, PhD scholars and young academics/faculty members in addressing the core questions of doing research, the process to conduct so systematically.

The workshop is open to scholars working for MPhil, PhD, Post-doctoral research, young faculty working in colleges and universities as well as researchers in research institutes located in Delhi. The workshop is free of charge with no registration fee required to be paid by the applicants.

Apart from that this workshop shall attempt to explore more specific domains which remained hitherto less discussed, such as the issues of research in North East India. North East India is fraught with a number of challenges that those working elsewhere do not usually encounter. To begin with, there is no coherent body of theories or concepts that have been specially developed to map structures and processes salient to the region. As a result most studies on Northeast had to rely on vocabulary and perspectives designed for the general population, making it difficult to capture the life world and lived realities of the people, which in general are at sharp variance with the dominant society in many vital aspects. Another major challenge facing researchers on Northeast is how to make sense of the entity.

The proposed workshop thus intends to expose scholars to different methods of social inquiry and undertake careful investigations on society. The workshop will more specifically strive to introduce principles and tools of scientific research and enable them to come up with theoretically relevant pieces of work. These would be of interest to scholars from various disciplines such as literature, political science, sociology, history, economics, geography, philosophy, and allied disciplines.

As part of the activity, the workshop will include lectures on diverse aspects of research by eminent persons in the field, class and home assignments and also group discussions.

The broad themes under which various issues shall be covered are mentioned below:

- Social Science Research: Principles, Types, Stages, Research Ethics etc.
- Designing Research: Proposal, Reviewing Literature, Design of Research, Qualitative & Quantitative Methods
- Data Collection: Sampling, Case Study Method, Content Analysis, Ethnography, Statistics, Observation & Interview
- Data Analysis
- Regional & Contextual Studies: Techniques of Analysis

The expected outcome is to enhance the capacity of scholars to undertake social research in a systematic way and giving them hands-on experience on conducting an academic research.

The proposed workshop is deemed to be unique because it attempts at revisit the existing resources of doing research by making use of participative techniques such as group discussions and presentations. These methods will enable the participants to come up with their respective strengths and challenges thereby enabling the resources persons to intervene adequately. Need analysis of the participants will be undertaken in order to make the sessions more representative and meaningful.

At the end of each session, participants will be graded on ten-point scale based on comprehensive and continuous evaluation of their performance and a certificate issued. This will be done in order to ensure quality.

Interested scholars can submit their application along with a **700 word synopsis** of their synopsis/thesis **on or before 25th January 2018** to the Director, Centre for North East Studies and Policy Research, India-Arab Cultural Centre (3rd Floor), Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi - 110 025.

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The selected candidates would be inform of the acceptance of their application on **30th** January 2018.

#### **Organizing Committee:**

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1. Name:
2. Institutional Affiliation:
3. Designation:
4. Present Address:
Mobile: Email:
5. Highest academic qualification:
6. Research Interest:
7. Title of MPhil/PhD synopsis/thesis:
(Please enclose a 700 word summary of the synopsis/thesis)
(Signature)
Name of the applicant

Place:

Date: