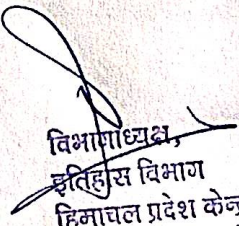


Workshop Report

CUHP – Co-coordinator of the Workshop

Report of the Workshop

I am very happy to present the report of the One Week Workshop on Research Methodology and Research Ethics in Social Sciences organized by the Department of History, Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dharmshala from March 15-19, 2021 at Sapt Sindhu Parisar, Dehra. The workshop was organized with the objective that the recent evaluation system of research and development in the field of social science research is to reach all the research scholar academicians. With the encouragement, support and assistance of the Dean, the Coordinating colleagues, it was possible for us to make all the arrangements for the smooth and successful conduct of this Workshop. I hope that the fruit of this Workshop will reach all the participants and academicians in the field of higher education pertaining to quality research. The Workshop had five plenary sessions where ten lectures were delivered by eminent personalities of various capacities. The inaugural session began at 1:00 PM on 15th March under the leadership of


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N.S Rao, Dean, SSS & Director, Workshop. It was also adored by the able Coordinator, Dr. Kanwar Chanderdeep Singh. I am also thankful to the sincere guidance of all of my Department colleagues who strived hard to make the Workshop a grand success especially Dr. Rajeev Kumar who did all the hardship to arrange the Programme schedule effectively. To continue our celebration, please let us also acknowledge those faculty who have been promoted and those who have addressed us on plethora of topics. These are truly milestone achievements that we happily acknowledge today and please hold your applause until all the names have been read. The five days produced different topics of varied research subjects.

Day 1: The Inaugural Session was to be chaired by our Honourable Vice Chancellor, Prof. K.C. Agnihotri who was the Chief Guest, but due to some unforeseen reasons he was unable to make it to the Session. It is our gratification to the respected Prof. Harsh Vardhan, Dean, School of Performing & Visual Arts, to have presided over the inaugural session. Our Guest of Honour, Sh. Pasang Tsering, Principal, College of Higher Tibetan Studies, Dharmshala discussed about Tibetan Literature, Philosophy, Tibetan refugee in India and ways to preserve Tibetan art and language.

Dr. Tenzin Tsultrim, Visiting Fellow, Tibet Policy Institute, was the first resource person of the Workshop. His topic was *Ethical Issues in Conducting Research & Plagiarism*. He talked about ethical issues on research and plagiarism. Plagiarism is unethical for three reasons: Firstly, it is unethical because it is a form of theft. By taking the ideas and words of others and pretending they are your own, you are stealing someone else's intellectual property. Secondly, it is unethical because the plagiarizer subsequently benefits from this theft.

Dr. Arundhati Sharma, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, CUHP, was the second resource person for Day 1 of the Workshop. Her topic was *Research Ethics*. She discussed about research ethics as to how it governs the standards of conduct for scientific researchers. It is important to adhere to ethical principles in order to protect the dignity, rights and welfare of research participants.

Day 2: Dr. Kanwar Chanderdeep Singh, Associate Professor, Department of History, CUHP, was the third resource person. His topic was *Types and Scope of Social Science Research & Writing Research Papers*. He talked about the types and scope of social science research and various aspects of research writing. His lecture dealt with the various areas of research in social sciences which provides vast scope for research. The main scope of social research is: principles of procedure and suggested new concepts. He advised the budding researchers to challenge existing theories and revise them in the light of new evidence.

Dr. Rajeev Kumar, Assistant Professor, Department of History, CUHP, was the fourth resource person. His topic was *Issues and Trends in Social Science Research*. He discussed about the various issues and trends that are visible in the social science research and that the researchers must keep into mind while deciding on their respective research areas and topics. He talked

about eight trends which included Strategic Intuition, Exploiting Latest Digital Tools, Scriptural References, Theory Correlation, Leverage Technology, Focus on Personal Observation, Race to the Passes and finally Freedom from Format.

Day 3: Dr. Namarta Vadhera, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology, Punjabi University, Patiala, was the fifth resource person. Her topic was *Thesis Writing: Key Considerations*. Her talk was focused on academic writing which must consider various and varied factors. She discussed six general points which every researcher must keep in her/his mind and must take into consideration while writing academic papers, viz. Audience, Purpose, Organization, Style, Flow and Presentation.

Dr. Pravat Ranjan Sethi, Assistant Professor, Department of History, CUHP, was the sixth resource person. His topic was *Funding Agencies and their Funding Mechanisms*. He discussed about the different types of funding mechanisms. They vary according to purpose and target audience. Broad classes of mechanisms are Training Awards (K), Research Grants (R), Cooperative Agreements (U), and Contracts (SBIR/STTR). Cooperative agreements are for collaborative projects with NIH.

Day 4: Dr. Dimple Patel, Associate Professor, Department of Library & Information Sciences, CUHP, was the seventh resource person. Her topic was *Online Academic Resources & Search Tools*. She talked about academic research which is the heart of any Masters or PhD program. While graduate level students must still take courses, the bulk of their work is focused on doing original research and writing a compelling paper that they will then have to defend in front of a panel of professors or others with expertise in the field. While in-depth research was once confined to reference libraries and organizations with access to years' worth of copies of academic journals, much of the work of original research can now be done online. Major repositories of academic research like JSTOR and LexisNexis can now be searched comprehensively online, and even Google has an easy-to-use scholarly search engine. Online libraries, journals, databases, and academic search engines are a great resource for graduate students and PhD students, as well as people at any level of education who are working on in-depth research.

Prof. Asutosh Pradhan, HoD, Department of Social Work, CUHP, was the eighth resource person. His topic was *Case Study Methods, Ethnography, Data Collection & Primary Sources*. His lecture exclusively dealt with highlighting the fact that the primary data is a type of data that is collected by researchers directly from main sources through interviews, surveys, experiments, etc. Primary data are usually collected from the source where the data originally originates from and are regarded as the best kind of data in research. He gave various examples of case study research and dealt with the methods of dealing with them and the various ways through which authentic data can be collected for use in social science research.

Day 5: On the last day of the Workshop, Dr. B.R. Thakur, Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, HPU delivered the ninth lecture. His topic was *Identification and Formulation of Research Problem; Writing Research Proposals*. He discussed as to how scholars should be able to: (1) Differentiate a research area of interest from a research topic and research problem; (2) Identify one's own area of interest; (3) Determining the most suitable topic to study; and (4) Explain the importance of a research problem in a study.

Dr. Ankush Bhardwaj, Assistant Professor, Department of History, ICDEOL, HPU delivered the tenth and last lecture of the Workshop. His topic was *Qualitative & Quantitative Research Methods & Literature Review*. He presented his view that the literature review represents a mixed research study. A literature reviewer might use quantitative research approaches to synthesize quantitative-based works and qualitative research approaches for synthesizing qualitative-based works.

The Valedictory Session of the Programme was attended by Prof. Dinesh Sharma, Chair Professor, Dr. Keshav Baliram Hedgewar Chair, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla and Prof. Roshan Lal Sharma, Department of English, Central University of Himachal Pradesh. They congratulated all the participants and distributed the workshop completion certificates. In the end, all the sessions' brief curtain raiser was presented by Dr. Pravat Ranjan Sethi. The Session ended with vote of thanks to the resource persons, speakers, all the staff, students and the organizing committee by Prof. Narayan Singh Rao, HoD, Dept. of History & Dean, SSS, CUHP. Overall, the Workshop was a grand success.

Workshop Participants

Workshop participation is a feature of many enthusiastic scholars in different areas of the subject matter. On each day of the Workshop, the sessions received great response and approximately 80-90 research scholars and newly recruited faculty members attended them on a regular basis. It resulted in insightful comments, questions and interesting connections being made by students/scholars and fostered high level of energy and enthusiasm in the workshop learning environment. Basic attendance information for each of the sessions was registered and distribution of feedback form about the workshop was done to check the response and suggestions of the participants. The received feedback from almost 75 participants ascertained the success of the Workshop as they wrote about the various aspects of the Workshop which were dealt with in all possible ways and that they were certainly benefited by the Workshop. They also wanted many such events to happen on regular basis for their betterment. The purpose was also to gather and spread good ideas from scholars on how research ethics can be developed to make it more meaningful.

Conclusion

Above all we are very thankful for the gracious presence of these eminent resource persons and making it a huge success and making it more comfortable by their presence at the crucial time of

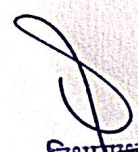
Covid crisis. Furthermore, we followed the Covid guidelines to make the arrangements marvelous. We appreciate the involvement of PhD scholars and students and thank you all for sparing the valuable time for the sessions. We are sure that by participating in these sessions all the participants must have gained useful knowledge and new innovative ideas. We would also like to share your valuable feedback for future planning of such workshops. Also, it is our sincere indebtedness to ICHR as our knowledge partner who sincerely supported us to make this occasion successful. Agreeing to our request for academic support in such a short span of time was very humbling on their part and we cherish their esteemed association and look forward to many more occasions of academic exchanges.

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The Department of History organised a Weeklong Training Workshop for Ph.D Scholars and Faculty Members on the theme '*Research Methodology and Research Ethics in Social Sciences*' from March 15th-19th, 2021 at Sapt Sindhu Parisar, Dehra. ICHR was the knowledge partner of this workshop.




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Inaugural Session (March 15, 2021): 1:00-2:00 PM

1. Welcome Address : Dr. K. Chanderdeep Singh
Workshop Coordinator
2. Director's Address : Prof. Narayan Singh Rao
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3. Felicitations of the Chief Guest : Prof. Narayan Singh Rao
Prof. Kuldeep Chand Agnihotri Head & Dean, SoSS, CUHP
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4. Felicitations of the Guest of Honour : Dr. K. Chanderdeep Singh
Mr. Pasang Tsering Workshop Coordinator
Principal, College of Higher Tibetan Studies
Sarah, Dharmshala
5. Inaugural Address : Prof. Kuldeep Chand Agnihotri
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6. Vote of Thanks : Dr. Rajeev Kumar
Workshop Co-coordinator

Valedictory Session (March 19, 2021): 4:30-5:30 PM

1. Welcome Address : Dr. Raghvendra Yadav
Workshop Co-coordinator
2. Summary Presentation : Dr. Pravat Ranjan Sethi
Workshop Co-coordinator
3. Felicitations of the Chief Guest : Prof. Narayan Singh Rao
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Hedgewar Chair, HPU
4. Felicitations of the Guest of Honour : Dr. K. Chanderdeep Singh
Prof. Roshan Lal Sharma Workshop Coordinator
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5. Valedictory Address : Prof. Dinesh Sharma
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Programme Schedule
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DATE	TIME	SESSION	SPEAKER
15-03-2021 Monday (Day 1)	1:00-2:00 PM	Inauguration	
	2:00-2:30 PM	High Tea	
	2:30-3:30 PM	Ethical Issues in Conducting Research & Plagiarism	Dr. Tenzin Tsultrim, Visiting Fellow, Tibet Policy Institute
	3:30-4:00 PM	Q & A	
	4:00-4:30 PM	Tea Break	
	4:30-5:30 PM	Research Ethics	Dr. Arundhati Sharma, Department of Political Science, CUHP
	5:30-6:00 PM	Q & A	
	6:00 PM-	High Tea	
	16-03-2021 Tuesday (Day 2)	2:00-3:00 PM	Types and Scope of Social Science Research; Writing Research Papers
3:00-3:30 PM		Q & A	
3:30-4:00 PM		Tea Break	
4:00-5:00 PM		Issues and Trends in Social Science Research	Dr. Rajeev Kumar, Department of History, CUHP
5:00-5:30 PM		Q & A	
5:30-6:00 PM		High Tea	
17-03-2021 Wednesday (Day 3)	2:00-3:00 PM	Thesis Writing: Key Considerations	Dr. Namarta Vadhra, Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology, Punjabi University
	3:00-3:30 PM	Q & A	
	3:30-4:00 PM	Tea Break	
	4:00-5:00 PM	Funding Agencies and their Funding Mechanisms	Dr. P.R. Sethi, Department of History, CUHP
	5:00-5:30 PM	Q & A	
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18-03-2021 Thursday (Day 4)	2:00-3:00 PM	Online Academic Resources & Search Tools	Dr. Dimple Patel, Department of Library & Information Sciences, CUHP
	3:00-3:30 PM	Q & A	
	3:30-4:00 PM	Tea Break	
	4:00-5:00 PM	Case Study Methods, Ethnography, Data Collection, Primary Sources	Prof. Asutosh Pradhan, Department of Social Work, CUHP
	5:00-5:30 PM	Q & A	
	5:30-6:00 PM	High Tea	
	19-03-2021 Friday (Day 5)	1:00-2:00 PM	Identification and Formulation of Research Problem; Writing Research Proposal
2:00-2:30 PM		Q & A	
2:30-3:00 PM		Tea Break	
3:00-4:00 PM		Qualitative & Quantitative Research Methods & Literature Review	Dr. Ankush Bhardwaj, Department of History, ICDEOL, HPU
4:00-4:30 PM		Q & A	
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