

<b>CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF INDIAN DIASPORA</b>	
Course : MPhil / Ph.D. Semester : I (1 <sup>st</sup> Semester)	Duration: July- December Course Instructor: Ajaya Kumar Sahoo
Course Number : SD702 Core/ Optional : Core Course No. of Credits : 4 (Four)	Title of the Course: <b><i>RESEARCH METHODOLOGY</i></b>

### **Course Description:**

International migration and diasporic community formation have taken an important place in this age of globalization. This course will provide in general some of the basic methodological understandings in social science research but more specifically deal with research methodology in migration and diaspora studies. It will give the students an idea about how to conduct research both qualitative and quantitative in the field of migration and diaspora studies.

### **Course Objectives:**

- To enable the student to understand the theoretical background of research and how to apply them.
- To establish the linkage between literature review and finalise research proposal.
- To ensure the student understands the data collection methods and tools for his own M.Phil. & Ph.D. dissertation.
- To enable the student to develop the research writing skills.

### **Course Learning Outcomes:**

- This course enables the students to explain the theoretical understanding of research methodology (cognitive level: understand).
- This course enables the students to identify various sources of literature, review them and apply to their research topic (cognitive level: understand and apply).
- This course enables the student to fully understand various steps of in forming a research proposal and to write his/her research proposal on proposed research topic (cognitive level: understand and apply).
- This course enables the student to identify different tools of data collection and techniques and apply to their research topic (cognitive level: understand and apply).
- The student understands the techniques of academic writing and applies those techniques and tools while writing his/her research thesis (cognitive level: understand and apply).

### **Course outline:**

Unit-I: Introduction to Social Science Research  
Unit-II : Qualitative Methods  
Unit-III : Quantitative Methods

#### Unit-IV: Research Design/Writing the Research

##### ***List of Readings:***

- Denzin, N.K. and S. Y. Lincoln. 1968. *Handbook of Qualitative Research*. London: Sage Publications.
- Durkheim, Emile. 1964. *The Rules of Sociological Method*. New York: Free Press.
- Frankfort-Nachmias, Chava and David Nachmias. 1996. *Research Methods in the Social Sciences*. Fifth Edition. London: Arnold
- Garfinkel, Harold. 1984. *Studies in Ethnomethodology*. Oxford: Basil Blackwell.
- Giddens, Anthony. 1991. *New Rules of Sociological Method: A Positive Critique of Interpretative Sociologies*. Cambridge: Polity Press.
- Ghosh, B. N. 1985. *Scientific Method and Social Research*. Third Edition. New Delhi: Sterling Publishers
- Mann, P. 1985. *Methods of Social Investigation*. New York: Basil Blackwell.
- Sarantakos, Satirios. 1993. *Social Research*. London: The Macmillan Press.

##### ***Important Textbooks:***

- Carlos Vargas-Silva, ed. 2012. *Handbook of Research Methods in Migration*. London: Edward Elgar Publications.
- Gold, Steven & Nawyn, S. 2014. *Routledge International Handbook of Migration Studies*. London: Routledge.
- Sahoo, Ajaya K. & Brij Maharaj. 2007. *Sociology of Diaspora: A Reader*. New Delhi: Rawat Publications.
- Vertovec, Steven and Robin Cohen (eds.). 1999. *Migration, Diaspora and Transnationalism*. London: Edward Elgar.

**NOTE: Specific Readings will be notified during lectures**