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## Call for papers

The School of Social Sciences, NSOU in collaboration with the Centre for Social Studies shall be organizing a one-day Workshop on writing Self-learning-materials and translating course materials for sociology in regional languages according to NEP 2020. The focus shall be on Research Methodologies for Social Sciences.

Social science research is wide and spread out, and it affects our regular dealings as well as that of our kith, kins, peers, and brethren. Findings from social science studies reveal news programmes in print and media. They cover plethora of topics from the field such as law and public safety, schooling, health care, personal and family relations, political issues, and business activities as well as international and social trends. We rampantly use the knowledge and the canons of the social science research, directly or indirectly, as we engage in intimate relationships or participate in public spheres and public policies as we march on to make daily decisions in industry, professional and social life, health care etc. Social research is not just for hard core academics in the precincts of college classrooms and campuses; high school mentors, parents, business owners, advertisers, managers, administrators, officials, service providers, health care professionals, and others use its findings and principles. They use them to raise children, reduce crime, manage health concerns, sell products or services, digest news events, and so forth. There is undoubtedly no inhibitions in claiming the importance and centrality of social science research. Despite scattered criticism to the contrary, research is highly significant for comprehending social life generally and to take the decisions we make each day.



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This probably is the reason why social research demands a special attention in university curriculum and development of self-learning materials especially in conglomeration with the special demands of the New Educational Policy, 2020. This workshop intends to deliberate on the research methodology especially the development of self-learning methods and translation techniques for our learners within the ambit of NEP 2020 guidelines.

Themes:

### Quantitative research methods in Social Science

1. Introduction to social research: Paradigms, Theory and Social Research; Deductive and Inductive Reasoning
2. Designing Quantitative research: Longitudinal, cross- sectional, trend studies
3. Ethics in social research
4. Getting started: steps in social research; developing a research question, Constructs and Concepts; Conceptualization,
5. Measurement in social research: validity and reliability; operationalization  
Collecting quantitative data: Sampling and units of analysis
6. Surveys- Questionnaires and Interviews/ construction and use of questionnaire and Interview schedules and conduct of interview / use of probing techniques
7. Quantitative data analysis- Descriptive social statistics

### Qualitative research methods in Social Science

1. Doing qualitative research: Introduction to qualitative research; theories underlying qualitative research
2. Ethics and politics of qualitative research
3. Methods of qualitative research: Ethnography, Case Study and Feminist Research
4. Data collection methods: Interviews, Observation, and Documents.
5. Reflexivity, validity and reliability in qualitative research
6. Qualitative data analysis: Transcription and data management; Thematic analysis.
7. Other research methods: Mixed methods.
8. Writing academic research reports.



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The applicants are required to send an abstract of 300 words on any one of the above topics to [csrabanti91@gmail.com](mailto:csrabanti91@gmail.com)

The authors of the selected abstracts will be asked to develop full length paper of 4000 to 5000 words within the given dead-line. The selected papers will be asked for presentation.

### **Publication of the Workshop Report**

A Workshop Report shall be compiling the selected papers and the guidelines for Development of Self-learning materials and Translation in concomitance with the NEP Regulations, 2020. This shall be published in the due course with an ISBN. The copy right of the publication will remain with the NSOU.

The selected participants shall be invited to our Salt Lake Head quarter on 31.07.2024 to present their papers. They shall be given an e-certificate after presentation. They will also be given a copy of the edited volume post publication. In case of well-developed chapters, the authors may be invited to write self-learning materials as well by the School within the university guidelines.

The tentative deadlines are given below:

- **Last Date for abstract submission-7th July,2024.**
- **Last Date for Full paper submission-25th July,2024.**
- **Intimation of acceptance- 28th July, 2024.**
- **Date of Workshop: 31st July, 2024.**

Interested candidates are requested to send an abstract within 300 words to [csrabanti91@gmail.com](mailto:csrabanti91@gmail.com) latest by 07.07.24 mid night. Kindly send your curriculum vitae (c.v) along with your abstract.

05.07.24.