

**CENTRE FOR REGIONAL STUDIES
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
UNIVERSITY OF HYDERABAD**

Course Credits : (4)

Course Coordinator : CRS Faculty

Course No. RS-801 (Ph.D Course)

Course Title : Research Methodology (Core Course)

Course Description :

We begin by examining debates in the Philosophy of Social Sciences and Social thought. The Philosophies provide us a grounding to evaluate strengths and weaknesses of arguments, validity of evidence, and assists in situating one's research work. Next we discuss a select number of research methods. These include: interviewing, focus groups, surveys, experimentation, ethnography, and so on. We conclude this course by delving into the elements of writing a research proposal.

Course Outline

Paradigms for Research, Part 1

- e) Positivist Social Science
- f) Interpretive Social Science
- g) Eurocentrism and Category Formation
- h) Critical Social Science
- i) Feminist and post modern Social Science

Paradigms for Research, Part 2

- f) Postpositivist; Social Constructivism; Advocacy and Participatory; Pragmatism
- g) Paradigm Wars, and Mixed Methods as a Way Forward
- h) Moving from Topics to Questions and Sources
- i) Using Sources—Literature Review
- j) Writing Statements of Purpose in a Proposal

Strategies of Inquiry

Grounded Theory; Interpretive Practices; Case Studies; Participatory Action Research

Methods of Collecting and Analyzing Empirical Materials

Interviews, Surveys, and Focus Groups;

Quantitative Methods

Surveys, Experimentation, and use of SPSS

Reliability and Validity in Qualitative Research

Pulling together: Proposal writing

Questions of Inter-disciplinarity and social inquiry

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Ph.D Course RS 802 -- Advanced Theories on Region and Space : The Indian Context (Core Course)

Credits -- 4

Course Co-ordinator – CRS Faculty

Course Objective :

This course seeks to introduce the student to the concept of Region and Space. A major engagement of the course is presenting a spatial understanding of the concept of Region, with specific reference to the Indian context.

The course aims to inform young research scholars about the complexity of spatial diversity and disparity that constitutes India. The course involves a reading of select articles engaging with the key concepts of Space, Place, Region.

Course Outline :

Module 1

1. Concept of Region
2. Characteristics and Types of Regions

Module 11

3. India : Historical Regions
4. Regional Studies
5. Regional Identity - Regionalism

Module 111

6. India : Demographic Regions
7. India : Urban and City Regions
8. India : Economic Regions

Module 1V

9. India : Disparities in Regional Development
10. Concepts in Regional Planning

Module V

11. Reading debates on Space/Place/Region

Course Evaluation :

- Internal Assessment = 40 Marks (Three assignments : Weekly Report; Test; Term Paper)
- End Semester Exam = 60 Marks