

Department of Sociology

The Department of Sociology, established in 1969, is one of the major teaching and research departments of the University of Kerala. The distinctive feature of the Department is that it is the only department in Sociology among the seven arts and science Universities in the State. The Department, as an advanced centre with PG, MPhil and PhD programmes, has been at the forefront of teaching-learning and research in Sociology, and has remained a guiding force for affiliated colleges in the State. The Department celebrates its Golden Jubilee in 2019 and the proposed workshop in research methodology and publishing is a priority programme of the Golden Jubilee Action Plan.

Indian Sociological Society (ISS)

Indian Sociological Society is one of the oldest professional organizations in India, having nearly 5000 Life Members and several ordinary members in India and abroad. The Society publishes two international journals, *Sociological Bulletin*, the tri-annual English journal *Bharathiya Samajshastra Sameeksha*, the Hindi journal and the E-Journal, *Explorations*. It has published a number of volumes on the occasion of its Golden and Diamond Jubilees. It has been organizing several academic programmes and activities, including the Annual All India Sociological Conference in which nearly 1500 delegates participate.

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DOING
AND
WRITING
SOCIOLOGY

Workshop on Qualitative Research and Publishing in Sociology

08 >15 February 2019

Organized by
Department of Sociology
University of Kerala

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Indian Sociological Society (ISS)
New Delhi





The workshop is conceived in the background of a perceived lacuna in social research among the research community. The more fundamental issue is the unfamiliarity with the underlying paradigms in social research for the quantitative and qualitative researches. Both involve different strategies with different philosophical and epistemological basis. Further, inadequacy in qualitative research is an Achilles heel, particularly for research scholars and young teachers. In addition, academic writing and publishing is an area that has been neglected in the academic circles and hence the youngsters seem to lack required ability and skill in writing and publishing research works. It is more so in qualitative research, as qualitative research deals with more narrations and descriptions than numbers and measurements. It is a fact that youngsters in the academia are not very familiar with the technicalities and the procedures of publishing academic articles and review of books/articles. The proposed workshop jointly organized by the Department of Sociology on the occasion of its Golden Jubilee and Indian Sociological Society (ISS), the prestigious academic body of Sociologists in India and abroad, seeks to address these twin inadequacies.

Dr. Sobha B. Nair
Head

Dr. Antony Palackal
Director

Date & Venue

The workshop is for seven days from 8th to 15th February 2019 at the Department of Sociology, University of Kerala, Kariavattom Campus.

The workshop seeks to provide the participants:

- Familiarity with various paradigms, strategies and methodologies in social research
- Training in conduct and practices of qualitative research
- Hands on experience in various qualitative methods such as ethnography, auto-ethnography, non-participant and participant observation, PRA, FGD and case study
- Introduction to the art and science of academic writing and publishing in Social Sciences
- Exposure to basic structure and format of academic writing in Social Sciences
- Acquaintance with E-resources and Digital Tools in academic writing
- Initiation in to writing reviews of academic articles/books
- Facilitation of writing labs in writing titles, key words, abstracts and editing.

The Participants

The workshop is designed for 40 Research Scholars and Young Teachers, preferably who are pursuing qualitative research. Those who wish to participate may write to the Director, Dr. Antony Palackal, <antonypalackal@gmail.com>. The selected participants may send in an article/report that they are working on, which will be reviewed and commented upon in the workshop.

Registration Fee

<i>Category</i>	<i>With accommodation</i>	<i>Without accommodation</i>
Assistant Professors and JRF Research Scholars	2000	1500
Guests/Contract Lecturers, Research Associates and non JRF Research Scholars	1500	1000

The Registration fee includes food and study materials besides moderate accommodation for those who apply for it as per fee specifications. Those who wish to participate may send in the filled in application form duly attested by the Head/Supervising teacher along with the DD/Cheque in favour of “The Head, Department of Sociology – Methodology Workshop”, payable at Trivandrum; or the details of the receipt of the online/net banking fee remittance. Bank details: **SBI Kariavattom, A/C No.: 57007266542, IFSC Code : SBIN0070043**