

NALSAR University of Law

Research Methodology Workshop for Doctoral Students

Program Schedule

(From April 14-23, 2016)

Day 1 (14-04-2016)

9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. : Inaugural

Opening Remarks: Prof. Faizan Mustafa, Vice-chancellor

Introduction to the workshop: Dr. T. Kannan

Introduction of the Participants & their topics

10:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. Tea Break

(Prof. Sitharamam Kakarala, Azim Premji University will be engaging methodology classes for the first Four Days from April 14-17, 2016)

10:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.: **Module One:** Foundations of Research Methods in Legal Studies

Readings:

1. David Gray, Doing Research in the Real World (2004), Ch. 2.
2. Paul Roth, "Beyond Understanding: the career of the concept of understanding in Human Sciences", in The Blackwell Guide to the Philosophy of the Social Sciences, edited by Stephen Turner and Paul Roth (2003).
3. Simon Halliday and Patrick Schmidt, eds, Conducting Law and Society Research: Reflections on Methods and Practices (2009), Ch. 1.
4. John Law, "After Method: An Introduction", in After Method: Mess in Social Science Research (2004). 14-24.

1:15 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. Lunch Break

2:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.: **Module Two:** Approaching Law from within: Doctrinal Research

(3:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tea Break)

Readings:

1. Terry Hutchinson, “Doctrinal Research: Researching the Jury”, in *Research Methods in Law*, edited by D. Watkins and M. Burton (2013).
2. Aulis Aarnio, *Essays on the Doctrinal Study of Law* (2011), Ch. 18.

Doctrinal Research – illustrative applications

1. Joseph Raz, *The Authority of Law* (1978), Ch. 12.
2. Alexander Brown, *Hate Speech Law: A Philosophical Examination* (2015), Ch. 2.

Overnight exercise:

Think of a contemporary social/legal problem in India (or the theme of your proposed study) and present a hypothetical structuring of doctrinal approach in analyzing the same.

Day 2 (15-04-2016)

9:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

(11:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Tea Break)

Brief reflection on the overnight exercise

Module Three: Introduction to Social Science Methods.

Readings:

1. John Creswell, *Research Design: Qualitative, Quantitative and Mixed Methods and Approaches* (2009), Ch. 2 & 7.
2. Matt Henn, Mark Weinstein, Nick Foard, *A Short Introduction to Social Research* (2006), Ch. 6.
3. Krosnick, Jon A, “Survey Research.” *1 Annual Review of Psychology*, 50 (1999).
4. Joseph A. Maxwell, *Qualitative Research Design: An Interactive Approach* (2013) Ch.1.

1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Lunch Break

2:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. **Module Four:** Quantitative Approaches in Legal Research.

(3:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. Tea Break)

Readings:

1. Lee Epstein and Andrew Martin, “Quantitative Approaches to Empirical Legal Research”, in *The Oxford Handbook of Empirical Legal Research* (2010).
2. Theodore Eisenberg, “The Origins, Nature and Promise of Empirical Legal Studies and a response to concerns”, *University of Illinois Law Review* (2011).

Quantitative Approaches in Legal Research – Illustrative cases

Readings:

1. Upendra Baxi, “The Courts in Crisis”, in *The Crisis of Indian Legal System* (1981), Ch 3.
2. Nick Robinson, *A Quantitative Analysis of the Indian Supreme Court’s Workload* (2012)

Overnight exercise: approach the same issue of day one and present a structuring of analysis using quantitative methods.

Day 3 (16-04-2016)

9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

(11:00 a.m. to 11:15a.m. Tea Break)

Brief reflections on the overnight exercise

Module Five: Qualitative Approaches in Legal Research

Readings:

1. Simon Roberts, *Order and Dispute: An Introduction to Legal Anthropology* (1979), Ch. 3 and 4.
2. Susan Silbey and Austin Sarat, “Critical Traditions in Law and Society Research”, *Law & Society Review* (1987).
3. Katharine Bartlett, “Feminist Legal Methods”, 103 *Harvard Law Review* 4 (1990).

1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Lunch Break

2:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. Qualitative Approaches in Legal Research- Illustrative cases.

(3:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tea Break)

Readings:

1. Anne Barlow et al., *Cohabitation, Marriage and the Law: Social Change and Legal Reform in 21 Century* (2005), Chs 1-2.
2. Elizabeth Kolsky, *Colonial Justice in British India* (2010), Ch. 2.
3. Pratiksha Baxi, "Justice is a secret: compromise in rape trials", 44 *Contributions to Indian Sociology* (2010).

Overnight exercise: approach the same issue of day one and present a structuring of analysis using qualitative methods.

Day 4 (17.04.2016)

9:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. **Module Six:** Planning and Structuring of the Thesis

(11:00 a.m. to 11:15a.m. Tea Break)

Readings:

1. L. Lennie Irvin, "What is 'Academic' Writing?", in *Writing Spaces: Readings on Writing*, edited by Charles Lowe and Pavel Zemliansky (2010).
2. Peter Woods, "A Standard Approach to Organisation", in *Successful Writing for Qualitative Researchers* (1999).
3. Angela Thody, "Beginnings and Ends", in *Writing and Presenting Research* (2006).

Planning and Structuring of the Thesis: Illustrative Cases

1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Lunch Break

2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. **Module Seven:** Technological Tools in Research

(3:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. Tea Break)

1. Graham Gibbs, "Using Software in Qualitative Analysis", in *Qualitative Data Analysis*, edited by Uwe Flick (2014).
2. Introduction to PSPP/SPSS/R
3. Introduction to Mendeley

Day 5 (18-04-2016)

9:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Lecture One

IPR Research Landscape by Prof. V.C. Vivekanadan, NALSAR

(11:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Tea Break)

12:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Lunch Break

2:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. Lecture Two

The Methodologies of Legal Research by Prof. Amita Dhanda, NALSAR

(3:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. Tea Break)

Day 6 (19-04-2016)

9:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Lecture Three

Empirical Legal Research Methods by Prof. G.S. Bajpai, NLU, Delhi

(11:00 a.m. to 11:15a.m. Tea Break)

12:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Lunch Break

2:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. Lecture Four

Doctrinal and Qualitative Methods in Legal Research by Prof. G.S. Bajpai, NLU, Delhi

(3:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. Tea Break)

Day 7 (20-04-2016)

9:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Lecture Five

Sociological Approaches to Legal Texts and Realities by Prof. Sasheej Hegde, University of Hyderabad.

(11:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Tea Break)

12:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Lunch Break

2:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. Lecture Six

Political Philosophical Interpretations on Legal Theoretical and Conceptual Categories by Prof. A.V. Satish Chandra, Osmania University.

(3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tea Break)

Day 8 (21-04-2016)

9:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Lecture Seven

Interdisciplinary Approach in Social Research by Prof. Arvind Susarla, University of Hyderabad.

(11:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Tea Break)

12:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Lunch Break

2:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. Lecture Eight

Concept and Theory Formation in Social Research by Dr. T. Kannan, NALSAR.

(3:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. Tea Break)

Day 9 (22-04-2016)

9:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Lecture Nine

Feminist Research Methods in Legal Research by Prof. N. Vasanthi, NALSAR.

(11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Tea Break)

12:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Lunch Break

2:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. Lecture Ten

Historical Approaches to Legal Research Materials by Dr. Santhosh Abraham, IIT, Madras.

(3:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. Tea Break)

Day 10 (23-04-2016)

9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. : **Written Examination**

11:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.: Tea Break

11:45 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.: **Feedback Session**

List of students attended the Research Methodology Classes

Sl. No.	Roll No.	Name of the Student
1	2016-01	Mr. Ajay Singh Chauhan
2	2016-02	Mr. Anil Kumar Choudhary
3	2016-03	Mr. Arun Natessan
4	2016-04	Mr. G.R. Srikanth
5	2016-05	Mr. Mohammed Anwar Khan
6	2016-06	Ms. Nainy Singh
7	2016-07	Mr. Pemmaraju Ramalingeswara Prakash
8	2016-8	Ms. Prateeksha Sharma
9	2016-9	Mr. Revanth. K
10	2016-10	Ms. Ritika Kishore Vaid
11	2016-11	Mr. Sunil Jose Gregory