



ICSSR Sponsored Capacity Building Programme



Two Week Capacity Building Programme(CBP)

On

**Importance of Cultural Studies in Social Sciences
(Methodologies, Ethics and Interdisciplinary Approaches)**

for

Young Social Science Faculties

Organised by

**Centre for West Asian Studies
Jamia Millia Islamia,
New Delhi-110025**

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ABOUT THE CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME

ICSSR funds and promotes Research Methodology and Capacity Building Programmes in Universities, Colleges and Research Institutes to enhance the research capabilities of young research scholars and early-career academics and to promote a deeper understanding of the theoretical and methodological concepts of research.

A comprehensive understanding of the methodologies and strategies employed in research is essential for the development of high-quality research. Although the philosophical underpinnings of social science research are universally shared, each discipline has created its own distinctive theoretical framework and research methodologies. Researchers engaging in an interdisciplinary or multidisciplinary study need to familiarize themselves with the methodologies of disciplines beyond their own area of competence. Furthermore, there are a plethora of areas in which a proficient researcher must improve their skills, from the initial stage of the research problem to the final reporting and publication of the results, in order to make a substantial contribution to the advancement of knowledge in their respective fields.

This proposed *Capacity-building Programme (CBP)* is on *the Importance of Cultural Studies in Social Sciences: Methodologies, Ethics and Interdisciplinary Approaches*. Cultural studies (As an interdisciplinary field) explore the complex relationship between culture and society. It focuses on how cultural practices and institutions influence human behaviour, identity and social structures. In social sciences, it provides a critical framework to understand social phenomena, from identity politics and migration patterns to nationalism and globalization. In the post globalisation era, socio-political and economic environments are being transformed day by day. It is making cultural connections more complex and complicating. Therefore, we require a thorough understanding of cultural dynamics those influence our social reality.

In academia, young faculty members often encounter challenges in grasping the critical role of cultural studies within broader social science frameworks. Therefore, this capacity-

building program aims to equip them with the necessary tools, methodologies and theoretical perspectives to analyse social phenomena through a cultural lens.

OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE

The primary objective of this course is to familiarize participants with the significance of cultural studies in social sciences and enhance their research methodology skills. The specific objectives of this course are as follows:

- ❖ **To Develop Critical Awareness:** To cultivate an in-depth understanding of the intersections between culture, society and politics. And, how these interactions influence contemporary social issues.
- ❖ **To Enhance Research Skills:** To provide participants with the methodological tools necessary to conduct qualitative and quantitative research in cultural studies. It would focus on ethnography, case studies and mixed-methods approaches.
- ❖ **To Promote Ethical Awareness:** To enhance understanding of the ethical implications associated with cultural studies research, particularly with regard to various ethnic groups, marginalized communities and other sensitive subjects.
- ❖ **To Improve Academic Writing and Proposal Development:** To guide participants in academic writing, concentrating on cultural studies. And, to train them in formulating research design, data analysis and the dissemination of results in reports, articles as well as proposals.
- ❖ **To Assist in Capacity Building for Field Research:** To equip participants with practical skills for conducting field research in cultural studies, exclusively in multicultural and diverse environments.

Moreover, this research methodology training Programme is designed to facilitate the initial phase of designing and planning a research work in social sciences by giving faculty members a clear overview of the basic elements of research writing common to social sciences. The training program will introduce the essential elements of writing a thesis (issue, contexts, texts, methodology and voice). After introducing these concepts, the training Program will give faculty members the opportunity to articulate these concepts in their own research issues. The Training Programme will orient the participants about various components of research, i.e., epistemology, methodology and method, and simultaneously organize discussion sessions on how to write research proposals, research thesis and research articles during their research work. The training Programme will focus on developing the skills of identifying the basic elements of description, analysis and argument, and incorporating them into their writing practice.

Learning Outcomes

At the end of the Training Programme, the participants will be able to:

- Become familiar with the core components of a research work, i.e., writing synopsis and thesis.
- Articulate these components in relation to own research work.
- Engage in critical evaluation of each of these elements in relation to the own research work.
- Learn to identify differences between description, analysis and argument in social science writing.

- Learn to conceptualize research paper writing in social sciences.
- Guide participants for collaborative and multidisciplinary research in the areas of social science and allied disciplines.

Broad Themes of the Training Programme

Duration: 6 October 2025 – 18 October 2025

Total Lectures: 36

Foundations of Cultural Studies

- Understanding Cultural Studies in the Context of Social Science
- Culture, Identity, Power & Social Structures
- Overview of the Workshop: Methods, Epistemologies & Cultural Turn

Research Tools and Methodological Foundations

- Introduction to Research Tools: Surveys, Interviews, Focus Groups
- Digital Tools in Social Sciences: NVivo, Zotero, Atlas.ti
- Citation Management & Open Access Tools

Data in Social Science Research I

- Types of Data: Quantitative vs. Qualitative in Social Inquiry
- Ethics and Techniques of Data Collection
- Management of Governmental, Institutional and Big Data in Social Sciences

Ethnography, Fieldwork & Decolonial Approaches

- Ethnographic Methods and Positionality
- Stages and Challenges of Fieldwork
- Decolonizing Methodologies: Indigenous Approaches in Practice

Library & E-Library Training I

- Using Physical Libraries: Cataloguing, Reference Tools
- Accessing E-Resources: J-STOR, EPW, SSRN, Shodhganga
- Digital Repositories, E-books, and Open Access

Culture, Nationalism & Identity Politics

- Cultural Nationalism in Postcolonial India
- Representation and Power: Caste, Gender, and Region
- Diaspora and Transnational Identities in West Asia

Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) & Epistemic Justice

- Philosophical Foundations of Indian Epistemology
- Methodological Pluralism & Knowledge Systems
- Applying IKS in Social Research: Case-Based Insights

Data in Social Science Research II

- Qualitative Coding and Thematic Analysis
- Quantitative Analysis with SPSS and R
- AI Tools in Social Research: Strengths and Limitations

Library & E-Library Training II

- Advanced Literature Search & Meta-analysis Techniques

- Evaluating Scholarly Sources & Identifying Predatory Journals
- Hands-on E-Library Training: Digital Databases and Portals

Academic Writing in Social Sciences

- Structure & Argumentation in Academic Writing
- Writing Literature Reviews with Thematic Focus
- Editing and Avoiding Plagiarism in Research Writing

Proposals, New Media & Diaspora

- Research Proposal Writing in Cultural and Migration Studies
- New Media, Digital Publics & the Indian Diaspora
- Interdisciplinary Methods in Cultural Studies Writing

Workshop Presentations & Feedback

- Group Proposal Development: Peer Review Workshop
- Mock Presentations & Expert Panel Review
- Final Discussions, Reflections & Certificate Distribution

Resource Persons:

The resource persons from different parts of the country representing the leading institutions/universities will provide expertise in the workshop.

Eligibility for the Participants:

The Capacity Building Programme is intended for young faculty members (Lecturer/Assistant Professor in social science) working in Indian Universities/Deemed to be Universities/Colleges/institutions of national importance/ ICSSR research Institutes recognized by UGC, New Delhi.

Intake:

There should be at least thirty (30) participants from social science disciplines of which ten (10) from the city, ten (10) from the state and ten (10) from outside the state.

Note:

- Those who have already attended any such program sponsored by ICSSR or any other sponsored organization should not apply
- No leave of any kind is permissible during the course period
- Recommendation letter of Forwarding Authority

Registration Fee:

The CBP is fully sponsored by ICSSR, New Delhi, hence, no fee is charged from the participants.

Accommodation and Travel Allowances:

- Accommodation will be provided to the outstation participants only
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner and Refreshments for all participants will be served
- Travel allowances for the shortest distance will be reimbursed to the outstation participants only as per the ICSSR guidelines (AC 3 tier) and will be subject to the production of original tickets.
- No local conveyance would be reimbursed.

How to apply:

Interested candidates can apply to the Course Director with the duly filled registration form on or before 5th September 2025. The registration form is enclosed with this notification. Registration form and brochure can also be downloaded <https://forms.gle/1sn1KdWM44152bB86>. The candidates are required to send the filled registration form through online by visiting the given google link

DURATION OF THE COURSE, IMPORTANT DATES & VENUE:

❖ Last date for the receipt of application form:	5 th September 2025
❖ Selection to be communicated:	08 th September 2025
❖ Confirmation to be communicated:	10 th September 2025
❖ Workshop/Course Dates:	6 th October 2025 to 18 th October, 2025
❖ Venue:	Conference Hall, First Floor, India - Arab Cultural Centre, Imarat Ibn-Khaldun, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi-110025.

Prof. Hemayun Akhtar Nazmi
Course Director, CBP-ICSSR

Prof. Abuzar Khairi
Co-Course Director

● Note: For any further information, participants may contact
Course Director e-mail: hnazmi@jmi.ac.in



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<p><i>Affix Passport Size Photo</i></p>
<p>(Applicant Signature)</p>

1.	Name (in capital letters):	
2.	Gender:	
3.	Marital Status:(Married/ Unmarried):	
4.	Name of Institution/ College / University with complete address	
5.	Designation & Department:	
6.	Mobile No:	
7.	E-mail id	
8.	Date of Birth:	
9.	Educational Qualifications:	
10.	Teaching Experience in Years:	
11.	Social Category (General/SC/ST/OBC candidates):	
12.	Lectureship exam qualified (NET/SET/SLET/Not Cleared):	
13.	Ph.D. programme (Completed/Ongoing/Not Yet	

	Registered:	
14.	Topic of Ph.D. work:	
15.	Area of Specialization:	
16.	Have you attended any similar Capacity building Programme during the last one year?	
17.	Number of papers published during last two years:	
18.	Accommodation required: Yes/No:	

Date:

(Signature of applicant)

Recommendation of Forwarding Authority

I recommend Dr./Mr./Ms.....Working
as.....(Designation).....(Department)
.....(Institute/University/college) to attend the
ICSSR Sponsored “Two Week Capacity Building Programme for Faculty
members in Social Science disciplines” being organised by *Centre for West Asian
Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia*. In case of selection, he/she will be relieved on
time to participate in the said Programme.

Date:
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Signature of the Head of the Institution with official