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### DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY, RAGHABPUR CAMPUS & IQAC, ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) KOLKATA

*organize*

### A 5 DAY ONLINE INTERNATIONAL FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

*on*

### 'RESEARCH METHODS IN SOCIAL SCIENCES WITH FOCUS ON CULTURAL STUDIES'

*in collaboration with*

**BHAKTIVEDANTA RESEARCH CENTRE, KOLKATA**



**SRI JAGANNATH RESEARCH CENTRE,  
ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL MISSION COLLEGE, KOLKATA**



**KOLKATA SOCIETY FOR ASIAN STUDIES**



**THE DEPARTMENT OF ETHNOLOGY,  
HISTORY OF RELIGIONS AND GENDER STUDIES,  
STOCKHOLM UNIVERSITY**



**Platform : ZOOM**

**23rd November to 27th November, 2020, 5.00 PM - 8.00 PM**

**Eligibility Criterion – Faculty Members/ Research Scholars/ Independent Researchers.**

**Maximum Number of Participants – 40**

**No Registration Fee.**

**E-Certificates will be awarded to active participants.**

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## **● CONCEPT NOTE**

If Philosophy is the mother of all the subjects as opined by the scholars, the research can be considered as the basis of the enlightenment leading the humanity towards the path of intellectual growth and the materialistic development. Here one can quote Kant to have a deeper understanding of the term 'research' when he stated, 'Thoughts without content are empty; intuitions without concepts are blind'. Vico, in his book, 'The New Science', through history, wanted to bring on a fine blend of 'the values and abstractions of rationality, as well as the mixture of skepticism and belief characteristic of the Enlightenment'. Whereas Collingwood harped on causality as the key factor behind the social sciences, which it can be questioned from the perceptions of interpretations or hermeneutical point of view, focusing on the dichotomy of objectivity and subjectivity. On the other hand, the Indian system of learning is crucially depended on 1) epistemology, 2) ontology, and 3) axiology. Amongst these three, epistemology has been considered as the pillar of the Indian philosophy.

With this backdrop, it can be said that, a social science researcher has to know the nitty-gritty of anticipating knowledge which will help him/her to experience the essence of research on the basis of epistemology and ontology. Through this workshop the participants will be able to get an idea about the recent trends of research in social sciences and humanities focusing on the core of the qualitative methods aiming for research designing, hypothesis formation, data collection, survey methods, field study, content analysis, etc. with a notion of criticality. This Workshop will be also highlighting on the research issues related to Indic studies or Indology.

## ● OBJECTIVE

- 1) To have a better understanding of the qualitative methods in the said field.
- 2) Developing basic skills of subjective analysis.
- 3) To know the theories related to social science and humanities.
- 4) To get an idea on the essence of Indic Studies with special emphasis on Indian philosophy, manuscriptology, heritage and culture studies.

## ● CONFIRMED SPEAKERS :

- 1) **Dr. Ranjana Ray**  
Prof. Emeritus, Department of Anthropology, University of Calcutta
- 2) **Dr. Amiya P. Sen**  
Retired Professor of History, Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi,  
Visiting Fellow, Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies, Oxford University
- 3) **Dr. David Haberman**  
Professor and Former Chair, Department of Religious Studies, Indiana University, USA
- 4) **Dr. Ulrika Martensson**  
Professor, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies,  
Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Norway
- 5) **Dr. Amit Dey**  
Professor, Department of History, University of Calcutta
- 6) **Dr. Kenneth Valpey**  
Post - Doctoral Fellow, Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies, University of Oxford
- 7) **Dr. Ferdinando Sardella**  
Associate Professor, Department of Ethnology, History of Religions and Gender Studies,  
Stockholm University
- 8) **Dr. Rajnish Mishra**  
Associate Professor, Department of Sanskrit and Indic Studies,  
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- 9) **Dr. Sk. Makbul Islam**  
Associate Professor, Department of Bengali, St. Paul's Cathedral Mission College, Kolkata
- 10) **Dr. Bandana Mukherjee**  
Research Officer, The Asiatic Society

- 11) **Prof. Kaberi Chakraborty**  
Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Calcutta University

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- 12) **Dr. Santanu Dey**  
Associate Professor, Department of History, Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira, Belur Math, Belur

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- 13) **Dr. Abhishek Ghosh**  
Assistant Professor, Department of Hinduism and World Religions, Grand Valley State University, USA

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- 14) **Dr. Siddharth Satpathy**  
Assistant Professor, Department of English, School of Humanities, University of Hyderabad

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- 15) **Dr. Abhishek Bose**  
Assistant Professor, Department of Comparative Indian Language and Literature, University of Calcutta

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- 16) **Dr. Rajarshi Chakraborty**  
Assistant Professor, Department of History, Burdwan University

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- 17) **Prof. Sraboni Chatterjee**  
Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, Bijoy Krishna Girl's College

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- 18) **Dr. Srijani Bhattacharjee**  
Research Fellow, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata

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- 19) **Dr. Tinni Goswami**  
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## **Tentative Schedule:**

### **Interdisciplinary Approaches to Research Methodology in Social Sciences**

#### **Day 1 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020**

4.55 pm-5 pm- Welcoming Father Principal by Dr. Partha Pratim Ghosh, Coordinator, IQAC, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata

5 pm- 5.10 pm- Welcome and Keynote Address by Rev. Dr. Dominic Savio, SJ, Principal, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata

5.11pm- 5.21 pm – Introduction of the theme of the FDP by Dr. Ferdinando Sardella

5 .22 pm – 6.07 pm- First Session

Dr. Kaberi Chakrabarti	Challenges in Feminist Research Methods'
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6.07 pm – 6.52 pm – Second Session

Dr. Srijani Bhattacharya	'Dimensions of Environmental History in North East India'.
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6.52 pm – 7.37 pm – Third Session

Dr. Tinni Goswami	Situating Various Trends of Interpreting Medical Literature in the context of Colonial Bengal: A Critical Approach to ' <i>deconstruct</i> ' Social History
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7.37 pm – 8.22 pm – Fourth Session

Dr. Sraboni Chatterjee	Data collection Process in the field of Social Sciences'
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8.22 pm– 8.26 pm– Vote of Thanks for Day 1 by Dr. Sumanta Rudra, Dean, Academic, Bhaktivedanta Research Centre, Kolkata



## **Day 2 24<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

### **Situating Cultural Studies: Redefining the Contours of Research Methodology**

5 pm – 5.45 pm – First Session

Dr. Amiya P. Sen	Academic Study of Religion in India : Colonial Pasts and Post - Colonial Future
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5.45 pm – 6.30pm – Second Session

Dr. Kenneth Valpey	Comparison as a Way of Knowing in the Study of Religion
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6.30 pm – 7.15 pm – Third Session

Dr. David Haberman	<i>'Openness to Difference in Study of Religions'</i>

7.15 pm – 8 pm – Fourth Session

Dr. Ranjana Ray	Research methodology in Social Science with focus on Indic Culture and Heritage
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8 pm– 8.05 pm – Vote of Thanks for Day 2 by Dr. Sk Makbul Islam, Director, Sri Jagannath Research Centre, Kolkata

**Day 3 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

**Exploring Humanities and Social Sciences through the Lens of Innovative Approaches**

5 pm – 5.45 pm – First Session

Dr. Rajarshi Chakraborty	Orient and West: Differing views of looking at the Past
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5.45 pm – 6.30pm – Second Session

Dr. Bandana Mukherjee	A brief study on the aspect of Manuscriptology
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6.30 pm – 7.15 pm – Third Session

Dr. Abhishek Bose	Connecting Cultures :Comparing Literatures
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7.15 pm – 8 pm – Fourth Session

Dr. Santanu Dey	Engaging with Digital Humanities
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8 pm – 8.05 pm – Vote of Thanks for Day 3 by Dr. Sarmistha De Basu, Secretary, Kolkata Society for Asian Studies



**Day 4 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

**Indigenous and Intellectual Discourses on Research Methodology: A Quest for Epistemological Understanding.**

5 pm – 5.45 pm – First Session

Dr. Rajnish Mishra	Issues in Research Methodology: Indian Conceptual Framework
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5.45 pm – 6.30pm – Second Session

Dr. S.Satpathy	On Intellectual History : A Method of Analysis
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6.30 pm – 7.15 pm – Third Session

Dr Sk.Makbul Islam	Folklorists: An Approach of Understanding Culture
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7.15 pm – 8 pm – Interactive Session by the Participants / Paper Presentation

8 pm – 8.05 pm – Vote of Thanks for Day 4 by Dr. Santanu Dey, Associate Professor,  
Department of History, RKM Vidyamandira

**Day 5 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

**Revisiting Culture and Religion: An Analytical dialogue focusing on the various facets of investigation**

5 pm – 5.45 pm – First Session

Dr. Amit Dey	Perspectives on Folk Culture and Folk Religion in Colonial Bengal
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5.45 pm – 6.30pm – Second Session

Dr. Ulrika Mårtensson	Significance of India : Interpreting Islamic Literary Genres as Forms of Ontology, Epistemology, and Natural Law Theory
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6.30 pm – 7.15 pm – Third Session

Dr. Abhishek Ghosh	South Asian Studies : Interdisciplinary Research Methods
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7.15 pm – 8 pm – Interactive Session by the Participants

8 pm- 8.15 pm – Valedictory Lecture by Rev. Fr. Johnson Padiyara, SJ, -Vice Principal, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata, Raghobpur Campus

8.15 pm -8.20 pm– Final Vote of Thanks by Prof. Debarati Ganguly, Assistant Professor, Dept. of History, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata

End of the Program