



St. Mira's College for Girls, Pune
(MA Sociology 2020-23)

SOCIOLOGY
Methodology of Social Research
[Core Course]

Semester II	Credits:4	Subject Code: MSL22001	Lectures: 60
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Course Outcomes:

At the end of this course, the learners will be able to:

- Familiarize with the philosophical foundations of social research.
- Comprehend the debate and challenges to positivism paradigm.
- Acquaint with the quantitative and qualitative strategies of research.

Unit 1: Positivism and Sociology	12
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Comte's Notion of Positivism, Vienna Circle's Positivism• Debate on Objectivity Vs. Subjectivity, Quantitative Vs. Qualitative methodology, Concept of Triangulation• Ethical standards in research	

Unit 2: Alternate Paradigms	12
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Components of research paradigms<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Ontology○ Epistemology○ Methodology○ Methods• Alternative paradigms<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Interpretivism and social constructionism○ Critical realism○ Pragmatist○ Post positivism	

Unit 3: Quantitative Research Strategies	12
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Survey• Structured Interview	

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• Content Analysis	
Unit 4: Qualitative Research Strategies	12
• Ethnography • Narrative analysis • Focus Group Discussions • Visual research	

12 hours for Library work, practical or field work or research purposes

Recommended Text Books

- SachdevMeetali, *Qualitative Research in Social Sciences*, Jaipur: Raj Publishing. Bryman Alan, (2001) , *Social Research Methods*, Oxford: Oxford University Press.Pg.No. 4-25, 189-193, 263-287, 289-310, 311-323.
- Seale, Clive (Ed.), (2004), *Social Research Methods- A Reader*. London: RoutledgePublication.
- Corbetta, Piergiorgio (2003), *Social Research- Theory, Methods and Techniques*,London : Sage Publication. Pg. No. 11-25, 36-54, 117-163, 264-286.
- Henn, Matt, Weinstein, Mark and Foard, Nick (2006), *A Short Introduction to SocialResearch*, New Delhi :Vistar Publication. Pg. No. 66-95, 137-140, 149-183.
- Somekh and Lewin (ed) (2005), *Research Practices in Social Sciences*, New Delhi :Vistar Publication. Pg. No. 16-25, 33-40, 41-48, 56-64, 89- 96, 121-130, 302-309,310- 317.
- Denzin Norman, Lincoln Yvonna (ed) (2000), *Handbook of Qualitative Research*,Vol. I, Sage, New Delhi, Thousand Oaks.
- Silverman David (1985), *Qualitative Methodology and Sociology*, Gower, Vermont.
- Burawoy M. and Joseph Blum, (ed) (2000), *Global Ethnography: Forces, Connectionsand Imaginations*, Berkeley and Los Angeles : University of California Press.
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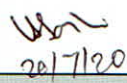
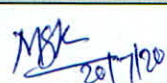
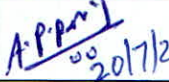
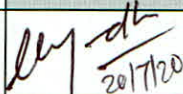
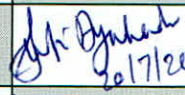
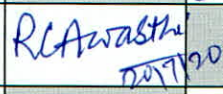
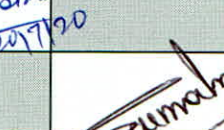
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- Feyerabend Paul (1987), *Farewell to Reason*, London : Verso.
- Feyerabend Paul (1993), *Against Method*, London: Verso Press.
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- Williams Malcolm (2004), *Science and Social Science*, New York : RoutledgePublication.
- Mulkay Michael: *Science and the Sociology of Knowledge*, London : George Allenand Unwin Ltd..
- Shrinivas M.N, Shah A.M and Ramaswami, E.A (Ed.) (2002), *The Fieldworker and the Field* (Second Edition), London: Oxford University Press.

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