

# Methodology of Social Research

Semester II

Subject Code: MSL 21501

Lectures (Lects.): 60

## Objectives

- To introduce students to the philosophical foundations of social research.
- To acquaint students with the quantitative and qualitative strategies of research

## Topic 1: Positivism and Sociology

(12)Lects.

- Comte's Notion of Positivism, Vienna Circle's Positivism
- Objectivity, the position of researcher
- Ethics

## Topic 2: Critiques of positivism

(12)Lects.

- Existential Phenomenology and Ethnomethodology
- Hermeneutics and Critical theory: Gadamer, Apel, Habermas
- Feminist Critiques: Feminist empiricism, reformulation of methods and Feminist
- Standpoint Epistemology
- Impact of post-modernism, Post-structuralism

## Topic 3: Quantitative Research Strategies

(12)Lects.

- Survey
- Structured Interview
- Content Analysis

## Topic 4: Qualitative Research Strategies

(12)Lects

- Differences between quantitative and qualitative research and mixed methods
- Ethnography
- Unstructured Interview
- Case Study
- Participatory Action Research



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\*Assignments and library hours – 12 hours

### Recommended Text Books

- Giddens Anthony (1976), New Rules of sociological Research, Hutchinson Publication. Pg. No. 23-32, 54-70, 135-137.
- Sachdev Meetal, Qualitative Research in Social Sciences, Jaipur: Raj Publishing.
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