

Research and Writing: Orientation Workshop
Organized by Martin Chautari (MC) for Governance Facility (GF)
Sunday-Monday, 17–18 September 2017
Venue: MC Seminar Hall, Thapathali

Day One

8:30 – 9:00 am

Welcome and Introductions

JB Biswokarma, GF

The purpose of this workshop

Pratyoush Onta, MC

9:00 – 12:15 pm

Session I: Revising Research Proposals and Choosing Methods

Envisioning research: Research questions and conceptual framework

Bandana Gyawali, University of Helsinki

Literature review: Searching for relevant items

Mahesh Raj Maharjan, Nepa School of Social Sciences and Humanities

Field research: Interview, transcription, and writing

Kalpana Jha, MC and Bhawana Oli, MC

10:30 – 10:45 am **Tea Break**

Field research: Participant observation and field notes

Mahesh Raj Maharjan, Nepa School of Social Sciences and Humanities

Field research: Questionnaire survey, data entry, and analysis

Pramod Bhatta, Tribhuvan University/MC, Devendra Uprety, MC and Rukh Gurung, MC

Field research: In published and unpublished archives

Lokranjan Parajuli, MC

12:15 – 1:00 pm **Lunch Break**

1:00 – 2:15 pm

Field research: Participatory action research

Mahanta Babu Maharjan, SAGUN

2:15 – 3:00 pm

Session II: Research Ethics and Accountability

Research ethics and accountability

Mahesh Raj Maharjan, Nepa School of Social Sciences and Humanities and Lokranjan Parajuli, MC

3:00 – 5:00 pm

Session III: Library and Archival Resources

3:00 – 3:30 pm

Tour of MC Library

4:00 – 5:00 pm

Tour of Madan Puraskar Pustakalaya, Patan Dhoka

Hosted by Shamik Mishra, MPP

Day Two

9:00 – 12:30 pm

Session IV: Research Plan and Execution

Proposal and report writing checklist for researchers

Mahesh Raj Maharjan, Nepa School of Social Sciences and Humanities

Short presentations (12 minutes each) by the researchers followed by an open discussion. Pls keep these questions in mind for your presentations:

1. What are your research questions and/or conceptual framework?
2. What is/are your main research method(s)?
3. What research questions do your methods answer?
4. What sampling and instruments are needed for the methods you have adopted?
5. How data obtained from the methods will be analyzed/interpreted?
6. How data obtained will be written/reported?

10:30 am: **Tea Break** in the middle

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Session V: Writing from your Research Archive

Writing: Experiences sharing

Bandana Gyawali, University of Helsinki, *Mahesh Raj Maharjan*, Nepa School of Social Sciences and Humanities and *JB Biswokarma*, GF

Writing for the policy world: Expectations from GF

Subhash Nepali, GF

Short break

2:40 – 4:30 pm

Session VI: Revising and Self-editing Your Papers/Articles/Reports

Revising after peer-review followed by open discussion

Harsha Man Maharjan, Kyoto University/MC and *Devendra Uprety*, MC

Self-editing: General guidelines

Lokranjan Parajuli, MC and *Devraj Humagain*, MC

4:30 pm

Concluding Discussion

5:00 pm

Tea
