

KERALA STATE HIGHER EDUCATION COUNCIL

Four Day Workshop

On

Methodology and Research Writing in Social Sciences

22-25 November, 2017

Trivandrum

Kerala State Higher Education Council is organizing workshop for young social science teachers in Universities, Government and Aided colleges in two sequential phases; the Preliminaries and the Advanced.

The first phase (The preliminaries) of the proposed workshop will held on 22-25 November, 2017 at Trivandrum.

Concept

Methodology and Research Writing in Sciences

Research students graduating in their craft are not often told about how methodology is distinguished from method or how techniques of data capture and science of knowledge production are different from each other. As a result many of them think that research is collection and ordering of data in tables and charts as to indicate frequencies and averages or quantification in terms of coefficients. This indeed helps them observe trends like progression, regression and transgression out of the ordered data. Researchers describe these trends as discoveries without knowing that it is the principles behind trends, which they have to discover. A description of the principles can make a descriptive empirical thesis. It is the integration of the discovered principles into a theory, which makes a theoretical thesis. How to write research is not resolved just by acquainting oneself with the art of communication based on style-sheets and templates.

Researchers should be trained in the logical preliminaries necessary to recognize these graded levels of knowledge. They should learn the ways and means of determining and establishing validity of their inferences and reliability of the knowledge they produce. It is necessary to understand what philosophical categories like heuristics, ontology, hermeneutics and epistemology mean. Hence the KSHEC seeks to organize a Workshop to train researchers in all this in two sequential phases; the Preliminaries and the Advanced. It is the first phase that we try and do now covering:

- Data Capture and Heuristics

· Logical Preliminaries: Facts, Inferences, Causation, Generalization, Evidence and Confirmation

· Empiricism, Hermeneutics and Theory

· Ontology and Epistemology

· Epistemological Shifts: a) Science, the Modern and Disciplinary Perception, and b) New Science, the Postmodern and Interdisciplinary Perception

· Emerging New Epistemology: Gender Studies, Environmental Studies and Dalit Studies

· Research Communication: Oral and Written

Who is Eligible?

Permanent faculty in social science disciplines (below 10 years of service) in Universities, Government and Aided colleges may apply for the workshop.

Please note that the selected participants **must** attend both phases (22-25, November 2017 & April 2018).

Total number of intakes for the workshop- 35

Resource Persons

Prof. Prabhath Patnaik, Prof. Rajan Gurukkal, Prof. V.K. Ramachandran (State Planning Board Vice Chairman) and Prof. D Narayana (CDS) will lead different sessions. We expect a few more faculties to join with us.

Travel and Accommodation

KSHEC will provide accommodation for the outstation participants.

TA/DA will be provided as per Govt. rules.

Application Form

Application form can be downloaded from the KSHEC website- <http://www.kshec.kerala.gov.in/>

Please attach a separate sheet on 'STATEMENT OF INTEREST TO ATTEND THE WORKSHOP' along with the application (not more than 300 words).

Important Dates

Last date for receipt of Application – 09.11.2017

List of selected participants – 13.11.2017 (will publish on KSHEC website)

Workshop – 22.11.2017- 25.11.2017

Hardcopy of the application form may send to:

The Registrar

Kerala State Higher Education Council

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