



ALIAH UNIVERSITY KOLKATA

DEPARTMENT OF ISLAMIC THEOLOGY

ONE-DAY

INTERDISCIPLINARY WORKSHOP

ON RESEARCH

METHODOLOGY & ACADEMIC WRITING

DATE & MODE

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**THE DEPARTMENT OF ISLAMIC
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Concept Notes

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BACKGROUND

In today's interdisciplinary and outcome-oriented academic environment, researchers are required to demonstrate methodological rigor and effective academic writing. However, many faculty members, research scholars, and postgraduate students face challenges in research design, methodological clarity, interdisciplinary integration, and scholarly communication, particularly within the social sciences and humanities.

The One-Day Interdisciplinary Workshop on Research Methodology and Academic Writing aims to strengthen research competencies and academic writing skills through a balanced integration of theory and practice. Aligned with NEP 2020, UGC quality frameworks, and NAAC accreditation parameters, the workshop emphasizes interdisciplinary research, ethical scholarship, and effective dissemination of research outcomes. Special focus is given to integrating Islamic research methodology rooted in the Qur'an–Hadith–Maqāṣid al-Shārī'ah framework with contemporary research approaches in the social sciences and humanities.

OBJECTIVES OF THE WORKSHOP

The specific objectives of the workshop are:

- To introduce participants to the fundamental concepts and approaches in research methodology.
- To promote interdisciplinary perspectives in research within the social sciences, humanities, and allied disciplines.
- To enhance understanding of qualitative, quantitative, and mixed-methods research approaches.
- To develop academic writing skills relevant to research papers, theses, dissertations, and project proposals.
- To familiarize participants with standard referencing techniques and widely used citation styles.
- To promote academic integrity and awareness regarding plagiarism and ethical research practices.
- To provide a platform for scholarly interaction and exchange of ideas among faculty members, researchers, and students.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The workshop will be conducted as a one-day academic programme comprising the following sessions:

- **Inaugural Session:** The inaugural session will set the academic tone of the programme through welcome remarks and inaugural addresses by the Vice-Chancellor and senior academic authorities.
- **Technical Sessions:** These sessions will focus on interdisciplinary research methodology, theoretical frameworks, and contemporary trends in research within the social sciences and humanities.
- **Lead Lecture:** A comprehensive lead lecture will address core research concepts, research design, methodological tools, and the significance of interdisciplinary approaches in contemporary scholarship.
- **Academic Writing Session:** This session will focus on structuring research papers, theses, and project proposals, including argument development, coherence, and scholarly presentation.
- **Interactive Session:** An interactive session will engage participants in discussions on improving academic writing skills, effective referencing practices, and strategies to avoid plagiarism. Participants will be encouraged to share experiences and raise discipline-specific concerns.
- **Valedictory Session:** The valedictory session will summarize the proceedings of the workshop and highlight key learning outcomes.

TARGET PARTICIPANTS

The workshop is intended for:

- Faculty members
- Research scholars
- Postgraduate students
- Interdisciplinary academicians from the humanities, social sciences, and allied disciplines

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

At the conclusion of the workshop, participants are expected to:

- Gain improved clarity in research problem formulation and research design.
- Develop a stronger understanding of interdisciplinary research methodologies.
- Enhance their academic writing skills for scholarly publications and academic submissions.
- Acquire better knowledge of referencing styles and ethical research practices.
- Engage in meaningful scholarly interaction and foster interdisciplinary academic collaboration.

CONCLUSION

The *One-Day Interdisciplinary Workshop on Research Methodology and Academic Writing* is a focused academic initiative aimed at enhancing research quality and scholarly communication within the university. By integrating methodological training, academic writing skills, and interdisciplinary engagement, the workshop seeks to contribute meaningfully to strengthening academic standards and promoting a robust and ethically grounded research culture.

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PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

MORNING SESSION

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM | Inaugural Session

Recitation from the Noble Qur'an:

Opening Remarks by:

Dr. Md Ashraf Ali

Head, Department of Islamic Theology, Aliah University

Welcome Address & Programme Overview:

Prof. Dr. Hamidullah Marazi

Visiting Professor, Department of Islamic Theology, Aliah University

Inaugural Address:

Prof. Rafikul Islam

Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Aliah University

Address By

Prof. Noorul Huda Gazi

Registrar, Aliah University

Address By:

Dr. Rafat Ali

Associate Professor, Department of English, Jadavpur University

Address By:

Prof. Saifulla

Dean, Faculty of Humanities & Languages, Aliah University

Address By:

Dr. Sk. Ashfaque Ali, Deputy Registrar, Aliah University

Vote of Thanks By:

11:00 AM – 11:15 AM | Tea Break

11:15 AM – 1:30 PM | Technical Session – I

Theme: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Research Methodology

- **Lead Paper:**

Interdisciplinary Frameworks in Research Methodology

Prof. Dr. Hamidullah Marazi

- **Invited Lectures:**

- Research Methodology in Language Studies
Prof. Saifulla, Dean, Faculty of Humanities & Languages, Deptt, of Bengali
- Research Methodology in Arabic Language Studies
Dr. Md Jahangir Alom, HoD Department of Arabic
- Research Problem Formulation
Prof. Sharmistha Chatterjee, HoD Department of English
- Research Methodology in Urdu Literature
Dr. Shaheen Sultana, HoD Department of Urdu
- Methodological Challenges and Transitions in Social Science & Humanities Research
Dr. Ishtiaq Hussain, HoD Department of History
- The Methodology of Basic Research
Kazi Sarifur Rahman, Project Director, FRFCF Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC)
- Research Methodology in Media Research
Dr. Kafia Aincer Lasker, HoD, Deptt, of Journalism & Mass Communication
- Title and Ethical Consideration in Research & Publication
Prof. A.K.M. Anwaruzaman, HoD Department of Geography
- Research Methodology in Legal Studies
Dr. Jahangir Alom, HoD Department of Law
- Research Methodology in Nursing
Dr. Rumi Sen, HoD Department of Nursing
- Sources and Methodes of Research in Islamic Studies
Dr. Sumaiya Ahmed, HoD Department of Islamic Studies
- Research Methodology in Islamic Theology
Dr. Mohd Shamim Akhter, Associate Professor, Deptt, of Islamic Theology
- Scope of Modern Research Methodology in Islamic Theology
Dr. Md. Ashraf Ali, Hod Department of Islamic Theology

- **Chairperson & Moderator:**

Prof. Sharmistha Chatterjee, HoD, Department of English

1:30 PM – 2:00 PM | Lunch Break

AFTERNOON SESSION

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM | Lead Lecture

Topic:

Research Methodology: Concepts, Tools, and Interdisciplinary Perspectives in Social Sciences and Islamic Theology

Speaker: Prof. Dr. Hamidullah Marazi

3:00 PM– 3:30 PM | Academic Session

- Fundamentals of Academic Writing
- Structuring Research Papers, Theses, and Research Proposals

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM | Interactive Session

- Academic Writing Enhancement
- Referencing Styles and Citation Practices (APA/MLA/Chicago)
- Research Ethics and Plagiarism Prevention (UGC Regulations)
- Open Discussion and Participant Interaction

VALEDICTORY SESSION

4:30 PM | Onwards

- Reflections and Feedback
- Address by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor
- Remarks by the Dean, Faculty of Humanities & Languages
- Concluding Remarks by the Deputy Registrar
- Vote of Thanks

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