Two-days online summer workshop
on

Themes and Perspectives in Social Science Research Today

G B Pant Social Science Institute, Prayagraj
26 – 27 June 2025

Social science research plays a critical role in understanding the complexities of human behavior, society, institutions, and cultural dynamics. In an era marked by rapid globalization, technological disruption, and sociopolitical transformation, the need for rigorous, reflective, and relevant social research has never been greater.

This two-day online workshop on **"Themes and Perspectives in Social Science Research Today"** is designed to introduce emerging scholars, postgraduate students, and early-career researchers to the foundational and contemporary currents in the field of social science inquiry. The workshop aims to bridge theoretical insights with practical tools for effective research design and scholarly writing.

The first day of the workshop focuses on conceptual clarity—examining the key themes, theoretical frameworks, and methodological perspectives that shape social science research today. Participants will engage with diverse worldviews, including positivist, interpretivist, feminist, and decolonial approaches, and explore how to frame coherent research questions within these paradigms.

The second day is dedicated to the craft of research writing and ethical scholarship. Participants will be introduced to the structure of academic writing, the importance of citation practices, strategies for avoiding plagiarism, and practical tips for publication in peer-reviewed journals. A hands-on writing session and peer review exercise will offer participants an opportunity to refine their own work in a collaborative environment.

By the end of this workshop, participants will have not only a clearer understanding of how to navigate the thematic and theoretical terrain of social science research, but also the practical skills to communicate their ideas effectively through academic writing. We hope this workshop encourages critical thinking, nurtures scholarly curiosity, and fosters a deeper engagement with the role of research in shaping society.

The main objectives of the workshop are:

- To familiarize participants with key themes, theoretical perspectives, and methodological approaches in contemporary social science research. This includes developing an understanding of different epistemological frameworks and how they inform research design and inquiry.

- To enhance participants' skills in academic research writing, including formulating research questions, structuring scholarly papers, and adhering to ethical writing and publication practices. This involves practical training in referencing, avoiding plagiarism, and preparing work for academic dissemination.

Intended Participants

The workshop is designed for; Postgraduate students pursuing degrees in social sciences, humanities, or related interdisciplinary fields; MPhil and PhD scholars in the early stages of their research journey who seek to strengthen their theoretical and methodological grounding; Early-career researchers and academic professionals aiming to refine their research writing and publication skills; Independent researchers and educators with an interest in contemporary trends and ethical practices in social science research. Participants from disciplines such as sociology, political science, economics, anthropology, history, psychology, gender studies, and development studies are especially encouraged to attend.

Dates, duration and registration charges:

The workshop is for two days duration (online mode) and is tentatively scheduled on 26-27 June, 2025. The participation fee for students and research scholars are Rs. 700/- and for early career researchers, academic professionals and independent researchers and educators are Rs. 1000/-.

Bank Account details: Registration Fee needs to be paid in advance through online mode in favour of GB PANT SOCIAL SCIENCE INSTITUTE, Allahabad, Payable at Allahabad (Nyay Nagar, Allahabad Branch, Jhusi Kohna-211019) A/C No 86360100017333, IFSC Code: BARB0DBNYAY).

Resource persons:

The workshop will be facilitated by experienced resource persons, including senior faculty members, published researchers, and subject matter experts in social science theory and research methodology. Their diverse academic backgrounds and practical experience in research writing and publication will offer participants valuable insights and personalized guidance throughout the sessions.

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Last date of registration: 25/06/2025.

Detail Programme Schedule (Tentative)

Day 1: Understanding Themes, Theoretical Frameworks, and Methodological Perspectives

Time	Session Title	Description
09:30 – 10:30	**Session 1: Introduction to Social Science Research**	Key characteristics, scope, and relevance. Types of research (qualitative, quantitative, mixed-methods).
10:30 – 11:00	Tea/Coffee Break	Networking and informal interaction.
11:00 – 12:30	**Session 2: Themes and Trends in Contemporary Social Science**	Discussion on key research themes: inequality, identity, globalization, gender, sustainability, technology & society.
12:30 – 01:30	**Lunch Break**	
01:30 – 03:00	**Session 3: Theoretical Perspectives and Epistemological Foundations**	Positivism, interpretivism, critical theory, postmodernism, feminism, and decolonial thought.
03:00 – 03:15	Tea Break	
03:15 – 04:30	**Session 4: Designing a Research Question and Framework**	Turning broad topics into focused, researchable questions.
04:30 – 05:00	**Wrap-up & Reflections**	Recap of key takeaways, Q&A, feedback.

Day 2: Research Writing, Ethics, and Publication Strategies

Time	Session Title	Description
09:30 – 11:00	**Session 5: Research Writing in Social Sciences**	Structure of research papers: introduction, literature review, methodology, analysis, conclusion. Common pitfalls.
11:00 – 11:15	Tea Break	
11:15 – 12:30	**Session 6: Plagiarism and Ethics**	Ethical considerations in research.
12:30 – 01:30	**Lunch Break**	
01:30 – 03:00	**Session 7: Referencing**	Citation styles (APA, Chicago, MLA); tools for referencing and plagiarism checks.
03:00 – 03:15	Tea Break	
03:15 – 04:30	**Session 8: Publishing Strategies and Academic Networking**	How to select journals, write proposals, respond to reviewers. Importance of conferences and research communities.
04:30 – 05:00	**Valedictory Session & Feedback**	Feedback forms, closing remarks.

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Registration Form

(Kindly email the registration form in the email: summerschool2024@gbpssi.in)

1. Name:
2. Designation: Student / Research Scholar / Faculty member / Others (---------).
3. Institutional Affiliation:
4. Mailing Address:
5. Telephone / Mobile:
6. E-mail:
7. Registration Fee details (attach receipts):

Signature of the Participant