



**RESEARCH METHODOLOGY WORKSHOP  
on  
INTERNATIONAL AND AREA STUDIES**

**DATES: 6-7 FEBRUARY 2019  
VENUE: HO CHI MINH CONFERENCE ROOM, AIS**

The study of International Studies can be frequently confronted with opposing ideas and arguments about a wide range of phenomena, institutions and governance structures. Interpreting international behaviour, analysing conflicting arguments are at the core of International Studies research. Methods of pursuing systemic enquiry encompass the system of values, principles and rules that guide analyses within a discipline. Due to this association of methods with specific traditions of enquiry, the study of research methodology builds upon the natural ability of a researcher to think and reason and develop skills into instruments of analysis and provide scope for independent thinking and creativity.

Interdisciplinary research that integrates data, techniques, tools, perspectives, concepts and/or theories from two or more disciplines or bodies of specialized knowledge to advance understanding or to solve problems whose solutions are beyond the scope of a single discipline or area of research and transdisciplinary research which is a higher degree of integration of disciplines leading to the development of new conceptual, theoretical and methodological frameworks are areas within methodology that require a deeper understanding.

The Social Science disciplines have been evolving with time and the special body of knowledge that they have produced has equipped the researchers with a broad outlook on research. The structure of disciplines and their requirements for doing research in a particular paradigm was the outcome of a specific historical process. This has undergone change and new theoretical categories and frameworks have evolved. This is evident in the studies of poverty, development, environmental governance, multiculturalism, social justice, peace and conflict, security studies, gender studies, and geopolitics. These are compelling issues confronting the Developing World.

The Academy of International Studies is organizing a 2-day National Workshop on Research methodology in Social Sciences focusing on International and Area studies. The workshop will provide an opportunity to redefine some of the parameters of social science research and to bridge the gap between theoretical debates and methodology for a more integrative approach. It also aims to equip the researchers with knowledge about ethics and the ways of eliminating unintentional plagiarism in research.

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