



The National University of Advanced Legal Studies, Kochi

National Workshop on Legal Research Methodology & Development of Research Skills

Organized by the *Centre for Post Graduate Legal Studies, NUALS*

7th, 8th and 9th March 2019

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Legal research is generally a neglected territory in most universities. The need for fostering a culture of research in the legal discipline is imminent. Recent times have witnessed a lack of skill and competence in this area leading to the deterioration in quality of the work. Research is of utmost importance given that it is most important in policy decisions, judicial pronouncements and other reforms. The dire necessity to bridge the gap between the collection of required data and the adequate and structured use of the collected information is impending. The lawyers using research for various purposes realise that they are lacking in skills especially at advanced levels of collection and analysis of data. This is because of the limitations in the curriculum, as research methodology as a course is offered to law students only at the PG level. Furthermore, for undergoing high quality research and writing good research papers, one requires to collect, interpret and logically document the information. The art of drawing coherent conclusions, supported by appropriate research tools and reference citation is vital for quality research work. Again, there aren't sufficient platforms available to research scholars in law to effectively discuss their research proposals before their peers, get inputs from academicians who are highly reputed and qualified, and to get an exposure that will guarantee coherence, logic, consistency and ultimately excellence in their research outcome.

The intention of the workshop is to help participants acquire an enhanced understanding of the following areas:

1. Basis for doctrinal research
2. Basis for empirical research
3. Developing research design for doctrinal and empirical research
4. Tool construction in data collection and data analysis
5. Reporting of research finding
6. To formulate research proposal and write a good research paper.
7. A detailed discussion of the research proposal sent by research scholars participating in the works

Date: 7th, 8th, 9th of March 2019

Venue: Seminar Hall, National University of Advanced legal Studies. Cochin

Participants

The workshop is aimed for PG students in law (LL.M) and Research Scholars (part time/ full time) who have registered for PhD. The maximum number of participants will be not more than 75 persons.

Registration

The interested LL.M. Students and Research Scholars may send an expression of interest along with a research proposal to **cpglrm2019@gmail.com** which shall be scrutinized by a Selection Committee. Selected participants will receive a confirmation by 1st of March 2019. The decision of the Selection Committee shall be final. All participants will be awarded with a Certificate of Participation

Guidelines for the research proposal

Participants of the workshop are required to send copy of their research proposal with the necessary aspects such as scope, relevance, objectives, problem, questions and hypothesis to the above-mentioned email ID. The word limit for the proposal shall be 600 words. The font should be Times New Roman with 1.5 line spacing. The proposal must be sent on or before **February 27th 2019**.

Accommodation and Food

No accommodation will be provided by the centre. However, details of hotels in the vicinity can be obtained by contacting the centre coordinators as mentioned below. Lunch, tea and snacks will be provided at the University.

Day I- 7th March 2019

2.00 pm: Registration

2.30 pm: Inaugural Ceremony

Technical Session I:

3.00 pm-5.00pm: Understanding research

5.00 PM-5.30 PM: Open Forum

5.30 PM: Tea & Snacks

Day II – 8 March 2019

Technical Session II:

1. 9.00 pm-10.30 am: Basis for Doctrinal Research

10.30-10.45 am: Tea & Snacks

2. 10.45-12.00 pm: Basis for Non Doctrinal Research

12.00 pm-12.30 pm: Open Forum

12.30 pm- 2.00 pm: Lunch Break

Technical session III:

2.00 pm-5.00 pm:

3. Understanding Research proposal

4. Developing research design for doctrinal and empirical research

5.00 pm – 5.15pm: Open Forum

5.15-5.30 pm: Tea & Snacks.

Technical Session IV:

5.30 pm – 7.30 pm:

Tool construction in data collection and data analysis, including introduction to computer aided programmes

7.30 pm–8.00 pm: Open Forum

8.00 pm: Dinner

Day III- 9 March 2019

Technical Session V:

9.00 am – 12.00pm: Reporting of research finding and write a good research paper

10.30-10.45: Tea & Snacks

12.00 pm-12.30 pm: Open Forum

12.30 pm- 2.00 pm: Lunch Break

Technical Session VI:

2.00 pm- 5.00 pm: A detailed discussion of the research proposal sent by research scholars participating in the workshop

5.00 – 5.30pm: Open Forum

5.30 pm: Tea & Snacks

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