# About IIT Kharagpur



## Program Features/Structure

Classroom lectures – **40%**

Assignments- 20%

In-class Activities: 40%

## Program Schedule and Venue

**3 days**, 25– 27 February 2023 (10:00 AM – 4:00 PM)

IIT Kharagpur – Humanities and Social Sciences (ONLINE MODE)

## Program Fee

**500 for IIT Kharagpur students**

**For others –**

**INR 1,000/-Outsider student**

**INR 1500/- Faculty**

**INR 1500/- Industry**

**INR 1000/- IIT Kharagpur non-faculty**

## Who will benefit (Eligibility)

BA, MA, MPHIL, PHD Diploma students in Sociology/Anthropology/History/Development Studies/Geography/Political Science OR in a MA/Msc/MPhil program (preferable with Sociology/Anthropology/History/Development Studies/Geography/Political Science Hons).

## Last day of Registration

# 23rd

**February 2023**

## Accommodation

The course will run in online mode. Accommodation is not needed.

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# Short-term self-sponsored course on

# Academic writing and publishing in Social Sciences

**Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur**
**2023**

25th-27th February 2023

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Kharagpur - a dusty town tucked away in the eastern corner of India, famous until 1950 as home to the longest railway platform in the world - became the nursery where the seed of the IIT system was planted in 1951. IIT Kharagpur started its journey in the old Hijli Detention Camp in Eastern India, where some of the country's great freedom fighters toiled and sacrificed their lives for India's independence. Spurred by the success of IIT Kharagpur, four younger IITs sprouted around the country in the two following decades, and from these five came thousands of IITians, the brand ambassadors of modern India. It was the success of this one institution at Kharagpur that wrote India's technological odyssey.

The Institute takes pride in its relentless effort to provide the best platform for both education as well as research in the areas of science and technology, infrastructure designs, entrepreneurship, law, management, and medical science and technology.

# How to Apply

Use the link: **https://erp.iitkgp.ac.in/CEP/courses.htm** to apply ONLINE.

Signup → Login → Profile Fillup → Choose a Program → Apply Now

Payment if applicable is to be done **ONLINE** after getting short listed for the program.

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## Introduction / Overview

The course will focus on developing the academic skills necessary for researchers to write well-articulated research papers, books, and a thesis. As researchers, it is essential to disseminate our research findings among various scholars. Thus, the course will begin with an emphasis on understanding the nature of academic writing and end with hands-on training for formulating a research paper. The course will initially introduce common mistakes in academic writing. Writing different sections of the paper, from introduction to conclusion, will be focused. Then issues about plagiarism and avoiding it will be discussed. The course also intends to help the participants select journals based on their research area through practical sessions. Thus, by the end of the course, participants will be engaged in assignments. Further presentation by the participants on the short abstract they developed during the course will enhance their skills for getting their research published.

## Program Objectives

The course aims to develop participant's ability to understand the techniques of writing academic papers. It will provide them with a toolbox for writing an article. During the course, participants will develop a short abstract. The target participants of the course include people interested in conducting independent research and publishing. The course will be helpful for academicians, students, independent researchers, and individuals associated with Non-Governmental Organisations. After attending the course, participants will be able to develop independent papers.

## What you will learn

**Program Content**

Common errors in academic writing: Problem in sentence structure, use of academic verbs, use of transition phase

Writing different sections of paper: What to include in introduction, method, analysis and conclusion

How to avoid plagiarism

How to select a journal for publishing

Practical sessions on writing

Exercises for enhancing writing practice

Presentation by the participants on short abstract developed during the course

**Course coordinator:**

Dr Archana Patnaik

Dr. Archana Patnaik is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at the Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur. Her research interests include community based natural resource management and common studies, law and society, sociology of science and technology, gender, and technology. Recently, she is working on cultural commons, food, and smart cities. In 2010, she was awarded The Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO)-WOTRO (Science for Global Development) PhD fellowship to research on seeds as commons.

**Course co-coordinator:**

Dr Amrita Sen

Dr. Amrita Sen is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at the Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur. Her research interests include cultural and political ecology, politics of forest conservation, urban environmental conflicts and Anthropocene studies. In 2019, Amrita received the 'Excellence in PhD Thesis award ' from Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, for her doctoral research on the conservation politics in Sundarbans. Recently, she has been awarded a Junior Core Fellowship by the Central European University, Budapest, to work on environmental social science issues.