

About IIT Kharagpur



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.

Program Features/ Structure

Classroom lectures – 40%
Assignments- 20%
In-class Activities: 40%

Program Schedule and Venue

1 week, 1 – 8 December
2023 (10 AM – 2 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/His
tory/Development
Studies/Geography/Political
Science OR in a
MA/Msc/MPhil program
(preferable with
Sociology/Anthropology/His
tory/Development
Studies/Geography/Political
Science Hons).

Last day of Registration

30

November 2023

Accommodation

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

Short-term self- sponsored course on

Qualitative research methods in social sciences

Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur

2023

1-8th December 2023

How to Apply

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



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

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Introduction / Overview

In social sciences research, a critical imperative is a systematic observation and expression of human societies, in a scientific way. Qualitative research methods are one of the most important tools to explore human lives and societies and contribute in a meaningful way to the rationale of our research objectives. Although the form of qualitative research varies considerably, the overall purpose of qualitative research is to participate in the life of the communities while learning about them. In social sciences research, that are primarily descriptive and qualitative, an effective academic writing based on qualitative research helps presenting a well-crafted argument supported by evidence and robust methodology.

Program Objectives

The course would help academicians as well as students to learn researching on communities and human societies much effectively and would also help them in developing skills of research as a method and a practice. It would also provide them an understanding on defining social phenomenon academically, addressing research gaps, asking research questions and needed writing strategies. It would specifically address difficulties in employing survey methods and provide guidelines on improving clarity, style and ways of formulating questionnaires, conforming to the boundaries of the research topic.

What you will learn

Program Content

Introduction to qualitative research: Basic Ideas and Concepts

Critical Reading: interpreting socially significant events

Developing Research Plan

Operationalization of field research

Practicing field-research through methods

Urban ethnography

Reporting fieldwork as academic outputs (journals/manuscripts)

Case studies and practical sessions

Course coordinator:

Dr Amrita Sen

Dr. Amrita Sen is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at the Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur and a visiting faculty with Azim Premji University. 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.

Course co-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.