

Eight Day Online Capacity Building Workshop on Research Methods in Socio-Cultural Studies: Special focus on Anthropology, Political Science, History & Archaeology, Heritage (Indigenous and Modern), Folklore and Indigenous Medicine

Organized by Kolkata Society for Asian Studies in collaboration with the Department of Anthropology, University of Calcutta

Reschedule date: 30th October 2026 to 6th November 2026

Eligibility: Pursuing Graduation and above

Course Fee: INR 3500.00 ONLY

Last Date of Application: 28. 10. 2026, UP TO 12.00 AM

Workshop Schedule

Date	Day	Session 1 10.00 AM – 1.00 PM	Session 2 2.00PM – 5.00PM
30/10/2026	1	Inaugural session and orientation 1. Inaugural Speech: <i>Prof. Ranjana Ray, Emeritus Professor, Dept. Of Anthropology, University of Calcutta.</i> 2. Introduction of the Students (1 hour) 3. Welcome Address: from KSAS 4. Address by <i>Prof. Dr. Diptendu Chatterjee, Head of the Department Anthropology, University of Calcutta</i>	<u>Introduction to Socio cultural Anthropology</u> Study of Indigenous and modern cultures, social norms and practices. (10.00 AM- 11.30AM) <u>Research Methodology I</u> Formation of research problem, Research questions and objectives. (3.30 PM – 5.00 PM)
31/10/2026	2	Meaning of research, Selection of research topic. (2.00 PM – 3.30PM) <u>Introduction to Socio cultural Anthropology</u> Cross-Cultural understanding: Appreciating	<u>Review of Literature –</u> Identifying academic sources, preparing literature review, locating research gap, and organizing references. (2.00PM-3.30PM) and (3.30 PM- 5.00PM)

		cultural diversity and relativism. (11.30 AM-1.00 PM)	
01/10/2026	3	<u>Research Methodology III – Qualitative research methods, Interviews, Case studies, Observation and Field based research.</u> - Qualitative Methods: Focuses on in-depth understanding of human experience, social context, and underlying reasons for political behaviour. - Techniques: Semi-structured interviews, focus groups, participant observation, and archival/historical document analysis. (10.00 AM-11.30AM) - Mixed methods: Integrated both qualitative and quantitative techniques to provide a comprehensive view of a political issue. (11.30AM-1.00PM)	<u>Research Methodology IV – Quantitative research methods, sampling surveys, questionnaires, data collection and basic data interpretation.</u> - Focus on numerical data and statistical analysis. Ideal for large scale studies. - Techniques: Surveys, opinion polling, and geospatial analysis (2.00 PM-3.30PM) Tools: Statistical modelling, regression analysis and software like R or SPSS (3.30PM-5.00PM)
02/10/2026	4	<u>Research Methodology II. Hypothesis, Variables, Research Design, Scope & Limitations</u> (10.00 AM to 11.30AM) Significance of research: Validity, Reliability and Ethics – (11.30AM to 1.00PM)	<u>Academic writing and Documentation Structure of research papers, footnotes, citations, bibliography, plagiarism and academic ethics.</u> (2.00 PM – 3.30 PM) & (3.30 PM -5.00 PM)
03/10/2026	5	<u>Critical thinking and analysis:</u>	<u>Archaeology</u> Indigenous and Modern Heritage Management

		a) Evaluating social, cultural and biological data. (10.00 AM – 11.30 AM) b) Statistic methods. (11.30 AM-1.00 PM)	(1 hour) AI and Data Analysis for sustainable tourism (1 hour) Digital documentation and cultural resource management & Heritage and tourism with digital technologies. (1 hour)
04/10/2026	6	<u>History</u> Heuristics (Source Gathering) • Primary Sources • Secondary Sources External Criticism: [10.00 AM – 11.30 AM] <u>Historical Methods</u> Synthesis and Exposition: [11.30 AM - 1.00 PM]	<u>Folklore and Indigenous Medicine:</u> Study of Health, illness and society. Medicine: Source and the heritage of cure and protection. (2.00 PM – 3.30 PM) <u>Applied aspects of Research methodology</u> PRA (Participatory rural appraisal) Natural Resource Map Problem Tree Seasonal Diagram Livelihood Analysis Mobility Map Trend Analysis (3.30 PM – 5.00 PM)
05/10/2026	7	<u>Political Science</u> Key Analytical Frameworks: Case Study Method: Intensive analysis of a single unit, event or specific decision-making process to uncover deep-rooted political dynamics. (10.00 AM – 11.30 AM) Comparative Method: Analysing similarities and differences across political systems, policies, or institutions to identify cause-and-effect relationships. (11.30 AM - 1.00 PM)	<u>Research Methodology of Ethnographic Methods:</u> Fieldwork, interviews and participants observation, CASE Study, Genealogy method (2.00 PM – 3.30 PM) <u>Fieldwork for Heritage and Tourism experience:</u> Interviews, Archival research, Study cultural experiences (3.30 PM – 5.00 PM)
06/10/2026	8	Participant Interaction, Discussion, feedback. (10.00 AM – 1.00 PM)	Valedictory Address: (2.00 PM – 3.00 PM)

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