

Participatory Action Research and Ethics

Programme: MA (VAC)

Course No.:

Title of the Course: Participatory Action Research and Ethics

Total Credits: 2

Total contact hours = 30

Marks distribution: In – semester: 20 End- semester: 30

Course Overview:

This course aims at imparting knowledge and skills to the students in the field of participatory and action research by giving knowledge to them on macro and micro perspectives of the methods associated with conducting participatory action research. This course will also discuss critically the ethical issues in research and ways to treat them.

Course Objective: This course aims to teach about the processes of participatory and action research and its challenges. This course also tends to give basic ideas of ethical issues and consideration in social science research.

Learning Outcomes: The students will be able to develop the ability to choose methods appropriate for participatory and action research. They will also understand appropriate aims and objectives as well as the limitations of different methods used in participatory and action research. It will also help them to understand the ethical issues related to research and also they will be able to develop advanced critical thinking.

Unit	Topic	Credits	Contact hours
I	Participatory and Action research <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Theoretical background• Doing Participatory and action Research: Methods and approaches• Challenges and limitations	1	15

II	Ethical issues in participatory action research <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethics and the issue of quality • Difficulties of ethical decision making • Politics in social science research • New media and ethical consideration 	1	15
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Suggested Readings:

- Bergold, Jarg and Thomas , Stefan 2012. Participatory Research Methods: A Methodological Approach in Motion. Historical Social Research. 37 (4), 191-222.
- Beteille, A. and T.N.Madan.1975.EncounterandExperience:PersonalAccountsofFieldwork.New Delhi: Vikas Publishing House Pvt. Ltd.
- Bryman, Alan.2015. Social Research Methods. Oxford University Press.
- Bryman, Alan. 1988. Quality and Quantity in Social Research, London: UnwinHyman.
- Mukherjee,P.N.(eds.)2000.MethodologyinSocialResearch:DilemmasandPerspectives.New Delhi: Sage.(Introduction)
- Sjoberg, Gideon and Roger Nett. 1997.Methodology for Social Research, Jaipur: Rawat.
- Srinivas, M. N. and A.M. Shah2004. Field Worker and the Field. New Delhi: Oxford

N.B: Any other text/Article suggested by the subject teacher