

**NALSAR University of Law**  
**Research Methodology Workshop for Doctoral Students**

**Program Schedule**  
**(February 25 to March 09, 2019)**

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| Monday<br>25 Feb 2019  | <p>10 to 10:15 AM: <b>Prof. Amita Dhanda</b><br/>Introduction to the Workshop<br/>The objective with which the workshop has been organized; the logic behind the sequencing of sessions and the expectations from the participants</p> <p>10:15 to 11:30 AM: Inaugural Lecture: <b>Prof. Faizan Mustafa</b><br/>Research Problems in Constitutional Law</p> <p>12:00 to 1: 30 PM<br/>Sharing of Research Proposals by the participants</p> <p>2:30 to 4:00 PM &amp; 4:30 to 6 PM<br/>Sharing of Research Proposals by the participants</p>             |
| Tuesday<br>26 Feb 2019 | <p>10 to 11:30 AM: <b>Prof. Amita Dhanda</b><br/>Positivism in Legal Research<br/>The session will look at the possibilities of doing legal research from a positivist perspective and also highlight the limitations of doing legal research by restricting the definition of law to norms emanating from legal authorities, be it the legislature, the executive or the judiciary.</p> <p>12 to 1: 30 PM: <b>Dr. Murali Karnam</b><br/>Positivism in Social Sciences</p> <p>2:30 to 4 PM: <b>Peer to Peer Learning 1</b><br/>Resource Management</p> |

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|                                  | <p>4:30 to 6 PM: <b>Dr. Raheel Dhattiwala</b><br/>Framing the Research Questions / Review of Literature</p>   |
| <p>Wednesday<br/>27 Feb 2019</p> | <p>10 to 11:30 AM: <b>Prof. Amita Dhanda</b><br/>Realism in Law: Meaning, Potential, Scope and Limitations<br/>This school of thought required legal scholars to shift focus from the law in books to the law in action.<br/>This school is of special relevance when a researcher is not concentrating on the normative claims made in relation to law but seeks to comprehend the reality of the claims.</p> <p>11:30 to 1 PM: <b>Prof. Vasanthi Nimushakavi</b><br/>Feminist Method</p> <p>2:30 to 4 PM: <b>Dr. Raheel Dhattiwala</b><br/>Research Design</p> <p>4:30 PM to 6 PM: Conversation between <b>Dr. K.V.K. Santhy &amp; Dr. Murali Karnam</b><br/>Research Problems in Criminal Justice System</p> |

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| <p>Thursday<br/>28 Feb 2019</p> | <p>10 to 11:30 AM: <b>Prof. Amita Dhandra</b><br/>Critical Legal Studies<br/>Objectivity and neutrality have been celebrated values in the positivist legal tradition. This school of thought was responsible in demonstrating the political preferences and biases disguised by claims of neutrality. This session will explore the methodological possibilities of the critical approach.</p> <p>12 to 1:30 PM: <b>Dr. Harathi Vageeshan</b><br/>Locating Politics: Situating the Legal</p> <p>2:30 to 4 PM: <b>Dr. Raheel Dhattiwala</b><br/>Qualitative Research Based on Gary King's Approach</p> <p>4:30 to 6 PM: <b>Dr. Anindita Majumdar</b><br/>Ethnography of the state: Qualitative Research Methods and the Vicissitudes of Law and Governments</p>                       |
| <p>Friday<br/>01 March 019</p>  | <p>10 to 11:30 AM: <b>Dr. Manohar Reddy</b><br/>Research and Theory<br/>How do we understand the function of theory? How does it enable critical research? "Theory" vs Scientific theories and the question of application; Theory vs Empiricism; Resistance to theory; and appropriation of theory.</p> <p>12 to 1:30 PM: <b>Dr. Murali Karnam</b><br/>Gandhi's Challenges to Western Liberalism</p> <p>2:30 to 4 PM: <b>Prof. Bhangya Bhukya</b><br/>Archival Research<br/>The practice of history writing; using archival data and the issue of objectivity; contestations of historical truth; historical facts as mere constructions; specific skills to read the historical facts; Archival sources and where we get them and in what forms, and how to make sense of them.</p> |

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|                                    | <p>4:30 to 6 PM: <b>Prof. Vasanthi Nimushakavi</b> (Discussant)<br/> Film screening: <b><i>Ways of Seeing</i></b> by John Berger</p>  |
| <p>Saturday<br/> 02 March 2019</p> | <p>10 to 11:30 AM: <b>Dr. Neha Pathakji</b><br/> Legal Theory in Research</p> <p>12 to 1:30 PM: <b>Dr. V. Janardhan</b><br/> On Doing Social Research</p> <p>2:30 to 4 PM: <b>Dr. V. Janardhan</b><br/> On Doing Socio-Legal Research</p> <p>4:30 to 6 PM: <b>Prof. Amita Dhanda; Prof. Vasanthi Nimushakavi; Dr. Neha Pathakji</b><br/> Intradisciplinarity<br/> This panel primarily aims to show the interconnections between different fields of law and how the drawing of those connections deepens legal research. On the counter-side a failure to make the exploration further exacerbates the sterility of rule based analysis.</p>   |
| <p>Sunday<br/> 03 March 2019</p>   | <p>10 to 11:30 AM: <b>Dr. Manohar Reddy</b><br/> Governmentality<br/> Focuses on the French philosopher Michael Foucault's theory of governmentality and shows how Partha Chatterjee has used it in his research in the Indian context to show the limitations of our normative understanding of legal vs illegal and argues that it is necessary to do away with such binaries in order to understand the functioning of democracy and the nature of politics in India today.</p> <p>12 to 1:30 PM: <b>Dr. Murali Karnam</b><br/> Dr. B. Ambedkar and Law</p> <p>2:30 to 5:00 PM: <b>Dr. Manohar Reddy</b> (Discussant)<br/> Film Screening: <b>Fandry</b><br/> The film needs to be understood in the context of anti-caste politics, as well as the challenges it poses to our existing understanding of cinema as an aesthetic object, politics of representation, and so on. The</p> |

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|                                  | <p>films also provides an opportunity to think critically about different genres of cinema such as commercial films, art films or progressive cinema, etc. since <i>Fandry</i> blurs the neat boundaries.</p>  |
| <p>Monday<br/>04 March 2019</p>  | <p>10 to 11: 30 AM: <b>Dr. Manohar Reddy</b><br/><b>Authorship</b><br/>The attempt will be to critically analyze the notions of the text, author, reader, and the process of meaning making. Although most of these critical insights are widely used in the fields of literature and visual media, they are equally important for law.</p> <p>12 to 1:30 PM: <b>Prof. Amita Dhanda</b> and <b>Dr. Neha Pathakji</b> (Discussants)<br/>Film Screening: Paromita Vohra's <i>Partners in Crime</i>.<br/>The discussion will aim at understanding the problematics of authorship and production of knowledge.</p> <p>2:30 to 4 PM: <b>Dr. Manohar Reddy</b><br/><b>Language, Democracy and (Social) Justice in India</b><br/>Examines the role of language in the realization of citizenship, rights and (social) justice. Curiously, in modern Independent India, major people's languages have been denied any meaningful function even in the most important domains of democracy, such as education, administration and judiciary. This appears to be "trickery in the broad day light." This session is an attempt to understand the language question beyond the discourses of Indian nationalism, diversity, multiculturalism and so on.</p> |
| <p>Tuesday<br/>05 March 2019</p> | <p>10 to 11:30 AM: <b>Prof. Sheela Prasad</b><br/><b>Census</b><br/>The history of Census in India - the politics of a colonial project; The various kinds of information covered by the Census; Using of Census data in research - possibilities and limitations.</p> <p>12 to 1:30 PM: : <b>Dr. Malvika Tyagi</b><br/><b>How to Use Data for Research: An Introduction</b></p> <p>2:30 to 4 PM: <b>Dr. Shagufta Bhangu</b></p>   |

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|  | <p><b>Economic Ethnography</b></p> <p>4:30 to 6:30 PM: Panel Discussion on <b>Interdisciplinarity</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Shilpaa Anand:</b> Doing historiography, history and genealogy<br/>How do we use history, genealogy and historiography as methods of research? What are the objects of these three types of inquiry and how does the material to be studied vary among them? What is 'effective history'? The discussion will also focus on 'primary sources' and 'secondary sources' and questions related to meaning and interpretation of these sources. What is the relationship between history and objects of research? Listening to sources such as cultural texts that are not considered standard historical sources.</p> <p><b>Dr. Anindita Majumdar:</b> Suppressing Kinship Information: Legislation and Kin in Commercial Surrogacy Arrangements in India<br/>The practice of commercial gestational surrogacy in India from the perspective of a 'culture of anonymity'. The focus is on how information regarding kin and genes is implicated in the transnational practice of commercial surrogacy in India. Draft legislation surrounding the use of ARTs (assisted reproductive technologies such as IVF)—especially the Draft ARTs Regulation Bill, 2010; the suppression and selective release of information regarding surrogate mothers and egg/sperm donors; the secrecy surrounding the use of 'third parties' in the assisted reproduction of a child; reconfiguration of unequal, multiracial intimate relationships; ideas regarding secrecy, privacy, and unfamiliar relations. Also, under consideration is the future of relationships forged under conditions of anonymity dictated by biopolitical mechanisms.</p> <p><b>Dr. Aparna Chandra:</b> The Importance of Interdisciplinarity for the Study of Law<br/>Taking examples from statutory and constitutional interpretation, adjudication and legal scholarship, the discussion will focus on the insights that history, linguistics, anthropology and psychology can bring to the making, understanding and critiquing of laws and legal institutions.</p> |
|  | <p>10 to 11:30 AM: <b>Dr. Aparna Chandra</b><br/>Empiricism and Legal Research<br/>Empirical approaches to the law within the larger field of legal theory (particularly realist and critical legal</p>  |

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| <p>Wednesday<br/>06 March 2019</p> | <p>theories); the uses and abuses of empirical methods in law.</p> <p>12 to 1:30 PM: <b>Dr. Shagufta Bhangu</b><br/>Ethnography of Violence</p> <p>2:30 to 4 PM: <b>Dr. Harathi Vageeshaan</b><br/>Empirical Research: Perspectives and Practices</p> <p>4:30 to 6 PM: <b>Mr. Jagteshwar Sohi</b><br/>Reference Management</p>  |
| <p>Thursday<br/>07 March 2019</p>  | <p>10 to 11:30 AM: <b>Dr. K. Lalitha</b><br/>Ethics in Practice</p> <p>12 to 1:30 PM: <b>Dr. K. Lalitha</b><br/>Ethics in Practice</p> <p>2:30 to 4 PM: <b>Dr. Uma Maheshwari</b><br/>Film Screening, <i>Kakoos</i><br/>Blending Theory and Method: Construct, Operationalising the construct; Research questions; Validity and Reliability; Literature ON vs Literature AROUND; Who am I? Observer or Participant? Who are 'THEY'? Subjects or participants? Ethical issues: Researching ON, FOR or WITH.</p> <p>4:30 to 6 PM: <b>Peer to Peer interaction</b><br/>Facilitator: <b>Mr. Jagteshwar Sohi</b></p> |
| <p>Friday<br/>08 March 2019</p>    | <p>10 to 11:30 AM: <b>Prof. Dhanda &amp; Dr. Neha</b><br/>Video Screening: <b>Supervisor-student interaction</b><br/>(Conversation between Prof. Upendra Baxi and Prof. Amita Dhanda)<br/>This inter-generational dialogue is an experiential deliberation on the relationship between researcher and supervisor.</p>   |

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|                           | 12 to 1:30 PM: <b>FINAL PRESENTATIONS</b><br>2:30 to 6 PM: <b>FINAL PRESENTATIONS</b>     |
| Saturday<br>09 March 2019 | 10 AM to 4 PM: <b>FINAL PRESENTATIONS</b><br>&<br>4:30 to 6 PM: <b>Concluding Session</b> |

**List of students attended the Research Methodology Classes of 2019**

| <b>Sl. No.</b> | <b>Roll No.</b> | <b>Name of the student</b>   |
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| 1              | 2019-01         | Ms. Amita Verma              |
| 2              | 2019-02         | Mr. Arvind Raman Subramaniam |
| 3              | 2019-03         | Mr. Ayyagari Subramanyam     |
| 4              | 2019-04         | Ms Bignya Patnaik            |
| 5              | 2019-05         | Mr. Debajit Kumar Sarmah     |
| 6              | 2019-06         | Mr. Dilip Sharma             |
| 7              | 2019-07         | Ms. Fasila A.K.              |
| 8              | 2019-08         | Mr. Josh Dalrymple           |
| 9              | 2019-09         | Ms. Malavika Prasad          |
| 10             | 2019-10         | Ms. Navita Aggarwal          |
| 11             | 2019-11         | Ms. Pooja Gautam             |
| 12             | 2019-12         | Mr. Praveen Munukutla        |
| 13             | 2019-13         | Mr. Pulugurtha Karthik Teja  |
| 14             | 2019-14         | Ms. Shibu Sweta              |
| 15             | 2019-15         | Mr. Sukrit Garg              |
| 16             | 2019-16         | Mr. Varaprad Prashant Pitkar |