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NALSAR University of Law
Research Methodology Workshop for Doctoral Students

Program Schedule
(March 11-21, 2021)

Thursday 11th March 2021	10 to 10:15 AM: Introduction to the Workshop – Amita Dhanda The objective with which the workshop has been organized; the logic behind the sequencing of sessions and the expectations from the participants. 10:15 to 11:30 AM: Inaugural Lecture: Why We All Need to Know the Constitution? – Faizan Mustafa 12:00 to 1: 30 PM: Why We Need Theoretical Understanding to do Research? – Amita Dhanda 2:30 to 4:00 PM: What the Social Sciences can offer to Legal Research? – Manisha Sethy In this session, we look at the interrelationship between law and social sciences, tracing the history of their commingling, the debates and concerns that drove the social scientists towards law as a site of study, and conversely, legal scholars to become intersted in other disciplines. What can we learn from those debates and that history? Does a grounding in social sciences – especially History and Sociology – aid our understanding of the concept of law, and the workings of legal institutions? We will look at some of ways in which we can understand the key legal issues extant today through the lens of social sciences. 4.30 to 6.00 pm Why We All Need to be International Lawyers? B.S. Chimni
Friday 12th March 2021	10 to 11:30 AM: Positivism in Social Sciences –T Kannan The lecture will focus on original assumptions and objectives of positivist method by Comte, later developments and nature of relationship between causality and rationality in social sciences. 12.00 to 1.30: Positivism in Legal Research – Amita Dhanda 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.




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	2:30 to 4 PM: Research Problem and Research Questions – Manisha Sethy We start with the basics of undertaking research: how to formulate your research questions and problems so that they attend to the ‘so what’ test? The session will also try and demonstrate the disjunction between ‘social problems’ and ‘research problems’, and how the statement of the research problem must straddle both theory and empirical data. 4:30 to 6 PM: Review of Literature – T. Kannan
Saturday 13th March 2021	10 to 11:30 AM: Feminist Method – Vasanthi Nimushakavi The session looks at ways in which theory shapes method in the context of channeling feminist theory into a legal method. Feminist legal method provides a lens through which legal positivism can be critiqued and helps uncover inbuilt biases in legal structures. 11:30 to 1 PM: Transgender Studies – T Muralidharan <i>Transgender studies</i> is one of the most recent additions to the widening horizon of academic debates on gender and sexuality. A series of judicial interventions after 2014 has also made the ‘transgender issue’ an important topic in the social debates in contemporary India. Governmental agencies and NGOs are planning/ introducing different streams of affirmation actions to help improve the social status and lives of transgender individuals. In spite of all these, a major section of transgender individuals in India as well as other South Asian Nations continue to face severe social discrimination and violence even from their biological families and immediate society. There is growing interest among Indian academics and students to study the issues and problems that vex the lives of transgender individuals in the country. But their task is rendered cumbersome by the apparent lack of any previous scholarship or pioneering research in this area. Absolute reliance of studies conducted in the Euro-American contexts could sometimes be misleading. In my presentation, I shall introduce the concept of transgender, critically examine the kind of academic research that has already taken place in this area and speculate on an appropriate methodology that could effectively address contemporary transgender existence in the Indian context. 2.30 to 4.00 pm: Critical Legal Studies – Amita Dhanda 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. 4.00 to 6.00 pm: Locating Politics: Situating the Legal – Harathi Vageeshan




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Sunday 14th March 2021	10 to 11:30 AM: Qualitative Research Methods – Manisha Sethy This class will focus on the value of qualitative research methods for legal researchers, and how they can be undertaken effectively. It will familiarise students with methodological and ethical dilemmas that a researcher may confront when dealing with real, human subjects and the intimacy that qualitative research may entail. It will also provide a more practical guide towards conducting this form of data collection, such as preparing research design, devising interview schedules, negotiating access to informants and so on. We will conclude by doing a rapid survey of some key legal ethnographies to understand how the methodological/ ethical issues come together with qualitative means of data gathering in research on law. 12.00 PM to 1.30 PM: Quantitative Research Methods – Divya Vaid This lecture will lay out the bare outline of quantitative research methods used by social scientists through various examples. It will in particular lay emphasis on understanding surveys as part of quantitative data collection through the various stages of survey research design especially sampling and questionnaire design.
Monday 15th March 2021	10 to 11:30: Archival Research – Bhangya Bhukya 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. 12 to 1:30 PM: Politics of the Archive – Javed Iqbal Wani I would like to engage with the nature and scope of archives and will examine the layers of meaning that legal archives can offer, for example. For this purpose, I will be using the debate between Ranajit Guha and Upendra Baxi and explain the potential of the archive when imbued with analysis. 2:30 to 4 PM: Historical Methods and the Use of Social Documents – Tanweer Fazal In the social science literature, there are apprehensions regarding the use of documents as primary sources of research. However, a broader perspective would not discount the use of documents for social research. Particularly, first person accounts such as autobiographies, letters, documents from government archives, court judgments and other legal documents become important sources for building theories and generalisations about past and present. But documents are not restricted to the printed world; a work of art, a film documentary, musical compositions, epitaphs on tombs, recorded speeches too come to be counted as part of documentary evidence. In this discussion, since documents are important sources to reconstruct the



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	past itself, we will try to problematize history and historiography as much as the kinds of documents to be used and the caveats involved. Besides, ethnographic research too, that relied largely on the speech act, has increasingly come to use documents as lives sources of data thus calling for some serious re-orientation in disciplinary practice. 4:30 to 6 PM: Why Archives are Important for Legal Scholars? – Javed Iqbal Wani In the second session, I will use some of my ongoing research to show how marginal events in history when recovered from the archives, could offer insights into the politics of public order and the broader question of justice in India.
Tuesday 16th March 2021	10 to 11:30 AM: Constitutional Morality – Murali Karnam 12 to 1.30 PM: Govern mentality – Manohar Reddy 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. 2:30 to 4 PM: Feminism and the Law – Janaki Nair There has been a foundational link between feminism and the law. Law reform and legal strategies had been integral to the post development of feminism in India. I will discuss some elements of this sometimes tortured relationship, from the late 1970s to the present. I propose linking the developments related to women and the law in the post independence period to crucial moments in the colonial past (such as for instance the definition of a set of laws which crucially concern women as 'personal laws'). 4:30 to 6 PM: Presentation of Research Proposals by the PhD candidates
Wednesday 17th March 2021	10 to 11:30 AM: Politics of Census – Sheela Prasad The Lecture will critically review the history of the Census and engage with the politics of a colonial and contemporary project. The main focus of the Lecture will be to attempt to answer the questions: Is there an agenda in the information / data collected in the Census? How relevant is the Census data to Research, particularly Social Science research?



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	12 to 1:30 PM: Law's media system – Ravi Sundaram Media technology has been seen as an external supplement to law, to simply aid an existing normative system of justice. In fact, legal infrastructure has from the outset been based on technologies of writing and storage media like paper. Today media technologies have emerged at the forefront of all legal dramas and public events. Judicial forums are central players in media events. In this lecture I ask, what do media technologies do to law's materiality? What happens when media objects are seen to 'speak' parallel to the human witness? What does the forensic turn do to legal speech? 2:30 to 4:00 PM: Using Computer Techniques in Humanities and Legal Research - Aniket Alam 4.30 to 6.00: Presentation of Research Proposals by the PhD candidates
Thursday 18 th March 2021	10 to 11: 30 AM: Authorship – Manohar Reddy The attempt is 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. 12 to 1:30 PM: Academic reading and writing – 1 – Ravindra Karnena 2:30 to 4 PM: Academic reading and writing – 2 – Ravindra Karnena 4:30 to 6 PM: Presentation of Research Proposals by the PhD candidates
Friday 19 th March 2021	10 to 11:30 AM: Doing historiography, history and genealogy – Shilpaa Anand 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? How do we use sources such as cultural texts that are not considered standard historical sources? 12 to 1:30 PM: Language, Democracy and Justice in India – Manohar Reddy Examines the role of language in the realization of citizenship, rights and (social) justice. Curiously, in the modern



	Indian Republic, major people's languages have been denied any meaningful function even in the most important domains of democracy such as education, administration and judiciary. The strategies through which this denial has been made possible appears to be nothing less than "trickery in the broad day light," as one scholar put it. This session is an attempt to understand the language question beyond the mainstream discourses of Indian nationalism, diversity, multiculturalism, and so on. 2:30 to 4 PM: Reference Management – Anindita Mukherjee 4:30 to 6:30 PM: Presentation of Research Proposals by the PhD candidates
Saturday 20 th March 2021	10 to 11:30 AM: Personhood – Amita Dhanda 12 to 1:30 PM: Strict Liability and the Research Issues in Criminal Law – Faizan Mustafa 2:30 to 4 PM: Reference Management – Anindita Mukherjee 4.30 to 6.00: Multimodal Ethnography – Ankur Datta We inhabit both the real and virtual worlds in some form or the other. Our lives draw on experiences that are in the first person, direct and mediated, involving, the audio, visual and digital simultaneously. How do they intertwine and shape social relationships and cultural forms in everyday life? What methods can we call upon to explore this process? This seminar addresses multi modal ethnography, what it is, is not and can be. While multimodal ethnography has been in the making for some time, the Covid 19 pandemic compels a sense of urgency and possibility towards its practice, almost as an alternative when conventional ethnographic research has become potentially unsafe. This seminar will cover categories, techniques in the collection of audio, visual and digital data.
Sunday 21 st March 2021	10 to 11:30 AM: Ethics and Research – Bhargavi Davar 12 to 1.30 pm: The how and why of researcher- supervisor interface – Neha Pathakji




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Suggested readings for the workshop

Amita Dhanda

Margaret Davis. *Asking the Law Question*. 2017. (Chapters 1 & 3)

Alan Hunt. The Critique of Law: What Is 'Critical' about Critical Legal Theory? *Journal of Law and Society*, Vol. 14, No. 1, Critical Legal Studies (Spring, 1987), pp. 5-19.

Susan S. Silbey and Austin Sarat. "Critical Traditions in Law and Society Research." *Law & Society Review*, Vol. 21, No. 1 (1987), pp. 165-174.

Ankur Datta

Pink, Sarah (2011). "Multimodality, multisensoriality and ethnographic knowing: social semiotics and the phenomenology of perception". *Qualitative Research*. 11 (3): 261–276

Bonilla, Yarimar and Jonathan Rosa. 2015. #Ferguson: Digital protest, hashtag ethnography and the racial politics of social media in the United States. *American Ethnologist* 42(1): 4-17

Bhangya Bhukya

Bhangya Bhukya. "The Subordination of the Sovereigns: Colonialism and the Gond Rajas in Central India, 1818–1948." *Modern Asian Studies / FirstView Article / January 2006*, pp 1- 30.

Harathi Vageeshan

Adrian Leftwich. "Thinking Politically: On the Politics of Politics." Pp. 1-22.

David Kairys. "Law and Politics." *George Washington Law Review*, vol. 52, no. 2, January 1984, p. 243-262.

T. Kannan

Joanna Heidtman, et. al. "Positivism and Types of Theories and in Siociology." *Sociological Focus*, Vol. 33, No. 1 (February 2000), pp. 1-26.

J. Laird. "Positivism, Empiricism, and Metaphysics." *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society*, New Series, Vol. 39 (1938 - 1939), pp. 207-224.

Brian Z. Tamanaha. "Socio-Legal Positivism and a General Jurisprudence." *Oxford Journal of Legal Studies*, Vol. 21, No. 1 (Spring, 2001), pp. 1-32.

Manisha Sethi




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Manohar Reddy

Roland Barthes. "The Death of the Author."

Michel Foucault. "What is an Author?" The Foucault Reader. Pantheon Books: New York. Pp.101-120.

Michel Foucault. "Governmentality."

Pattabhi Sitaramayya. "United States of India." *For and Against Andhra* (1913).

Sheela Prasad

R.B. Bhagat. 2003. "Role of Census in Racial and Ethnic Construction: US, British and Indian Censuses", *EPW*, 38(8), February 22.

Jayaraj, D and S Subramanian 2004. "Manufacturing Hysteria: On Census-Inspired Nationalism", *EPW*, 39(39), September 25

Shilpaa Anand

Michel Foucault. "Nietzsche, Genealogy, History."

T. Muralidharan

Transgender Studies Reader

Sebastian Lelio Watt. *A Fantastic Woman* (2017). (A Spanish film, available on Amazon Prime)

Divya Vaid

J. A. Fox and D.R. Forde. 2014. "Introduction." Elementary statistics in social research, 12th edition. Pearson.

Stanley Lieberman. "Asking Too Much, Expecting Too Little."

Janaki Nair

Pratiksha Baxi. "Governing India's Daughters."

Janaki Nair. Revised Introduction. *Women and Law in Colonial India*

Ravi Sundaram

Weizman, Eyal. *Forensis: The architecture of public truth*. Sternberg, 2014.

Cohen, Julie E. "The biopolitical public domain: The legal construction of the surveillance economy." *Philosophy & Technology* 31, no. 2 (2018): 213-233.



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Liang, Lawrence, "Sensuous Encounters: Law, Affect, and the Media Event" in Ravi Sundaram (ed) No Limits, Media Studies from India, OUP India 2015

Schuppli, Susan. "Deadly Algorithms: Can Legal Codes Hold Software Accountable for Code that Kills?." Radical Philosophy 187 (2014): 2-8.



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Program Schedule
(February 21-27, 2020)

Date	10 to 11:30 AM	12 to 1:30 PM	2:30 to 4 PM	4:30 to 6 PM
21 Feb Friday	Introduction: Prof. Amita Dhanda (10 to 10:30 AM) Research Problems in Constitutional Law: Prof. Faizan Mustafa (10:30 to 11:30 Noon)	Sharing of Proposals by the PhD Candidates (around 5-7 min for each candidate)	Positivism in Social Sciences Dr. T. Kannan	Positivism in Legal Research Prof. Amita Dhanda
22 Feb Saturday	The Problem of 'Objectivity': An Interdisciplinary Perspective Dr. T. Kannan	Realism in Law Prof. Amita Dhanda	Research Problems in Criminal Justice System Dr. Manisha Sethi	Reflexive Law Dr. Neha Pathakji
23 Feb Sunday	Critical Legal Studies Prof. Amita Dhanda	Critical Cultural Studies: Implications for Legal Research Dr. N. Manohar Reddy	Intradisciplinarity Dhanda; Vasanthi; Neha	OFF
24 Feb Monday	What does it mean to decolonize? Dr. Murali Karnam	Feminist Method Prof. Vasanthi Nimushakavi	Ethnographic Research Methods Ms. Shagufta Bhangu	International Law Research Mr. Jagteshwar Sohi
25 Feb Tuesday	Judicial Process Prof. Tony Blackshield	Writing Prof. Rosemary Huisman	Archival Research Prof. Bhangya Bhukya	Doing Historiography, History and Genealogy Dr. Shilpaa Anand
26 Feb Wednesday	Locating Politics: Situating the Legal Dr. Harathi Vageshan	Politics of Census Prof. Sheela Prasad	Resource Management Ms. Anindita Mukherjee	Interdisciplinary Blackshield; Dhanda; Shilpaa
27 Feb Thursday	Sharing of PhD Research work: Aakanksha Kumar Shagufta Bhangu	Film Screening	Film Discussion	Concluding Session



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Monday 25 Feb 2019	10 to 10:15 AM: Prof. Amita Dhanda Introduction to the Workshop The objective with which the workshop has been organized; the logic behind the sequencing of sessions and the expectations from the participants 10:15 to 11:30 AM: Inaugural Lecture: Prof. Faizan Mustafa Research Problems in Constitutional Law 12:00 to 1: 30 PM Sharing of Research Proposals by the participants 2:30 to 4:00 PM & 4:30 to 6 PM Sharing of Research Proposals by the participants
Tuesday 26 Feb 2019	10 to 11:30 AM: Prof. Amita Dhanda Positivism in Legal Research 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. 12 to 1: 30 PM: Dr. Murali Karnam Positivism in Social Sciences 2:30 to 4 PM: Peer to Peer Learning 1 Resource Management




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	4:30 to 6 PM: Dr. Raheel Dhattiwala Framing the Research Questions / Review of Literature
Wednesday 27 Feb 2019	10 to 11:30 AM: Prof. Amita Dhanda Realism in Law: Meaning, Potential, Scope and Limitations This school of thought required legal scholars to shift focus from the law in books to the law in action. 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. 11:30 to 1 PM: Prof. Vasanthi Nimushakavi Feminist Method 2:30 to 4 PM: Dr. Raheel Dhattiwala Research Design 4:30 PM to 6 PM: Conversation between Dr. K.V.K. Santhy & Dr. Murali Karnam Research Problems in Criminal Justice System



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Thursday 28 Feb 2019	10 to 11:30 AM: Prof. Amita Dhanda Critical Legal Studies 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. 12 to 1:30 PM: Dr. Harathi Vageeshan Locating Politics: Situating the Legal 2:30 to 4 PM: Dr. Raheel Dhattiwala Qualitative Research Based on Gary King's Approach 4:30 to 6 PM: Dr. Anindita Majumdar Ethnography of the state: Qualitative Research Methods and the Vicissitudes of Law and Governments
Friday 01 March 019	10 to 11:30 AM: Dr. Manohar Reddy Research and Theory 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. 12 to 1:30 PM: Dr. Murali Karnam Gandhi's Challenges to Western Liberalism 2:30 to 4 PM: Prof. Bhangya Bhukya Archival Research 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.



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	4:30 to 6 PM: Prof. Vasanthi Nimushakavi (Discussant) Film screening: <i>Ways of Seeing</i> by John Berger
Saturday 02 March 2019	10 to 11:30 AM: Dr. Neha Pathakji Legal Theory in Research 12 to 1:30 PM: Dr. V. Janardhan On Doing Social Research 2:30 to 4 PM: Dr. V. Janardhan On Doing Socio-Legal Research 4:30 to 6 PM: Prof. Amita Dhanda; Prof. Vasanthi Nimushakavi; Dr. Neha Pathakji Intradisciplinarity 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.
Sunday 03 March 2019	10 to 11:30 AM: Dr. Manohar Reddy Governmentality 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. 12 to 1:30 PM: Dr. Murali Karnam Dr. B. Ambedkar and Law 2:30 to 5:00 PM: Dr. Manohar Reddy (Discussant) Film Screening: Fandry 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



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	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.
Monday 04 March 2019	10 to 11: 30 AM: Dr. Manohar Reddy Authorship 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. 12 to 1:30 PM: Prof. Amita Dhanda and Dr. Neha Pathakji (Discussants) Film Screening: Paromita Vohra's <i>Partners in Crime</i>. The discussion will aim at understanding the problematics of authorship and production of knowledge. 2:30 to 4 PM: Dr. Manohar Reddy Language, Democracy and (Social) Justice in India 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.
Tuesday 05 March 2019	10 to 11:30 AM: Prof. Sheela Prasad Census 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. 12 to 1:30 PM: : Dr. Malvika Tyagi How to Use Data for Research: An Introduction 2:30 to 4 PM: Dr. Shagufta Bhangu



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	Economic Ethnography 4:30 to 6:30 PM: Panel Discussion on Interdisciplinarity Dr. Shilpaa Anand: Doing historiography, history and genealogy 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. Dr. Anindita Majumdar: Suppressing Kinship Information: Legislation and Kin in Commercial Surrogacy Arrangements in India 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. Dr. Aparna Chandra: The Importance of Interdisciplinarity for the Study of Law 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.
	10 to 11:30 AM: Dr. Aparna Chandra Empiricism and Legal Research Empirical approaches to the law within the larger field of legal theory (particularly realist and critical legal




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Wednesday 06 March 2019	theories); the uses and abuses of empirical methods in law. 12 to 1:30 PM: Dr. Shagufta Bhangu Ethnography of Violence 2:30 to 4 PM: Dr. Harathi Vageeshaan Empirical Research: Perspectives and Practices 4:30 to 6 PM: Mr. Jagteshwar Sohi Reference Management
Thursday 07 March 2019	10 to 11:30 AM: Dr. K. Lalitha Ethics in Practice 12 to 1:30 PM: Dr. K. Lalitha Ethics in Practice 2:30 to 4 PM: Dr. Uma Maheshwari Film Screening, <i>Kakoos</i> 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. 4:30 to 6 PM: Peer to Peer interaction Facilitator: Mr. Jagteshwar Sohi
Friday 08 March 2019	10 to 11:30 AM: Prof. Dhanda & Dr. Neha Video Screening: Supervisor-student interaction (Conversation between Prof. Upendra Baxi and Prof. Amita Dhanda) This inter-generational dialogue is an experiential deliberation on the relationship between researcher and supervisor.



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	12 to 1:30 PM: FINAL PRESENTATIONS 2:30 to 6 PM: FINAL PRESENTATIONS
Saturday 09 March 2019	10 AM to 4 PM: FINAL PRESENTATIONS & 4:30 to 6 PM: Concluding Session



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Program Schedule
(August 16 to 29, 2018)

	Date	Forenoon Session 10 to 11:30 AM & 12:00 to 1:30 PM (11:30 to 12:00 Noon - Tea Break)	Afternoon Session 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm (5:00 – 5:30 PM – Tea Break)	Evening session 5: 30 pm to 6: 30 pm
Day – 1	16/08/2018 Thursday	Prof. Susie Tharu (What is research methodology?) Prof. Gopal Guru (Public Lecture on Caste, Communalism and Law) Venue: SAARC Law Centre	Sharing of Research Proposals by the candidates and conversations with research supervisors Prof. Faizan Mustafa; Prof. Dhanda; Prof. Vasanthi; Dr. Kannan; Dr. Neha; Dr. Vaageshan; Prof. Shafi; Dr. Murali; Dr. Manohar	
Day – 2	17/08/2018 Friday	Prof. Dhanda (Positivism in Law) Dr. Kannan (Positivism in Social Sciences)	Prof. Vasanthi (Ways of Reading) Film screening: Ways of Seeing by John Berger	Dr. Uma Chimirala (From Societal Problems to Research problems) Mr. Sunil Gregory (progress report)
Day - 3	18/08/2018 Saturday	Prof. Dhanda (Realism in Law: Meaning, Potential, Scope and Limitations) Dr. Kannan (Positivism and Empiricism in Research)	Dr. Anup Surendranath, Dr. Adithya Chintapanti & Dr. Rajeev Kadambi (Panel Discussion on Legal Research) Moderator: Prof. Dhanda	Dr. Manohar (Film screening and discussion) Film: Namette



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Day – 4	19/08/2018 Sunday	Rajeev Kadambi (Scholar as a Spiritual Aspirant) Prof. Dhanda (Critical Legal Studies) Prof. Vasanthi (Feminist Method)		
Day – 5	20/08/2018 Monday	Dr. Manohar (Meaning and interpretation of texts) Respondents: Prof. Dhanda; Prof. Vasanthi	Anindita Mukherjee (Accessing internet resources) (2:30 – 3:30 PM) + Assignment	Mr. Ajay Singh Chauhan (Progress report) Mr. G. Srikanth (Progress report)
Day – 6	21/08/2018 Tuesday	Dr. Kannan (Law and Society) Respondent: Prof. Dhanda	Anindita Mukherjee (Accessing internet resources) (2:30 – 3:30 PM) + Assignment	Ms. Debarati Pal (Progress report) Mr. Sanjay Sheno (Progress report) Via. SKYPE
Day – 7	22/08/2018 Wednesday	Dr. Janardhan (UoH) (1. On Formulating a Research Problem; 2. On Gathering Data) Respondent: Prof. Vasanthi	Anindita Mukherjee (Reference management) (2:30 – 3:30 PM) Prof. Dhanda & Dr. Neha (Film screening and discussion/note making) Film: Paromita Vohra's <i>Partners in Crime</i>	Prof. Vasanthi & Dr. Neha (Follow-up of the morning session)



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Day – 8	23/08/2018 Thursday	Dr. Pathakji (Legal Theory in Research) Dr. Murali Karnam (Legal Theory and Political Theory)	Anindita Mukherjee (Reference management) (2:30 – 3:30 PM) Dr. Vaageshan (Research Methods in the Studies of Political Participation)	Mr. Pemmaraju Ramalingeswara Prakash (progress report)
Day – 9	24/08/2018 Friday	Prof. Purendra Prasad (UoH) (Qualitative Research: Methodological Challenges) Prof. Thirumal (UoH) (Hermeneutics)	Dr. Vaageshaan (Evidence-based Social Sciences Research) Prof. Dhanda & Dr. Neha (Supervisor-student interaction: Conversation between Prof. Upendra Baxi and Prof. Dhanda - Video.)	Ms. Bhumika (Progress report) Ms. Ritika Kishore (Progress report)
Day – 10	25/08/2018 Saturday	Dr. Manohar (Language, Culture and Representation) Prof. Dhanda; Prof. Vasanthi (Intradisciplinarity)	Dr. Rekha Pappu (TISS) (1. Right to Education and Law; 2. Reflections on a completed research project)	Report on meeting with supervisors Mr. Jacob (Progress report) Ujwala (Progress report)
Day – 11	26/08/2018 Sunday	Dr. Usha Ramanathan (Researching law and poverty)		



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Day – 12	27/08/2018 Monday	Dr. Anant Maringanti (HUL) (Research at Hyderabad Urban Lab) Dr. Manohar (Governmentality)	Dr. Murali Karnam (Research on Criminal Justice system)	Mr. Anil Kumar Choudhary (Progress report) Mr. Sandeep Parekh (Progress report)
Day – 13	28/08/2018 Tuesday	(Dr. Mahendra Shukla) Quantitative Research Methods	Dr. N. Manohar (Authorship)	
Day – 14	29/08/2018 Wednesday	Final Presentations		



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24th June, 2017 Orientation Programme from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Sl. No.	Date	Forenoon Session 10:00 am – 1:30 pm (11:30 to 12 Tea Break)	Afternoon Session 2:30 pm -5:00 pm	Evening session 6: 00 pm – 7:30 pm (may extend up to 8:00 p.m.)	Assignment and Evaluation
Day – 1	24/06/2017	Problematizing Research: Philosophical orientations in Law and Social Sciences Positivism in Law (Prof. Dhanda) Positivism in Social Sciences (Dr. Kannan)	Essential Skills for Researching 1. Diagnostic writing 2. Note Making 3. Note Taking Dr. Alice Samson	Presentation of Research Proposals and Formation of Thematic groups Dr. Kannan Dr. Neha Pathakji Dr. Manisha Prof. Vasantha Dr. Alice Dr. Vaagesh	Note Taking and Note Making



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Day – 2	25/06/2017	Realism in Law: meaning, potential, Scope and limitations Prof. Dhanda Positivism and Empiricism in Research Dr. Kannan	Essential Skills for Researching 1. Comprehension Vs. Critical Reading 2. Positions and 'take-away' from reading Dr. Alice Samson	Guest Speaker: Prof. Satish Chandra Dr. Kannan	Note making and Note Taking Evaluation – I (5%)
Day - 3	26/06/2017	Critical Legal Studies Prof. Dhanda Feminist Method Prof. Vasanthi	Essential Skills for Researching 1. Understanding the text Structure of abstracts Dr. Uma Chimirala	Movie screening and discussion Prof. Dhanda, Dr. Alice & Dr. Uma	Evaluation Reading Comprehension
Day – 4	27/06/2017	Textual Interpretation (Legal, Feminist and Literary perspectives) Prof. Dhanda Prof. Vasanthi Dr. Alice Samson	Essential Skills for Researching •Foregrounding and Back grounding of concepts Dr. Uma Chimirala	Panel: Challenges of Legal Research in Contemporary India Penalists: 1. Prof. Kalpana Kannabiran 2. Prof. Kamala Shankaran, VC TNNLS 3. Prof. Faizan Mustafa Penal discussions moderated by: Prof. Dhanda	Writing a Short note



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Day – 5	28/06/2017	Law and Society Dr. Kannan	Essential Skills for Researching Critical reading (multiple texts) Strategy 3: Organization of paper and argument structure Dr. Uma Chimirala	Guest Speaker: Prof. Anindita Mukhopadhaya Co-ordinators: Dr. Kannan & Mr. Siddharth Chauhan	Writing A short note Evaluation – II (5%)
Day – 6	29/06/2017	Perspectives from Social sciences and Law for Research Political ,Theory and Legal Research Dr. Vageshan Economic Theory and Legal Research Dr. Manisha Kulshreshtha Legal Theory in Research Dr. Pathakji	Essential Skills for Researching Strategy 4: Comparing 'introductions' as gateways for the need for the study, relevance and complementarity. Dr. Uma Chimirala	Movie screening and discussions Dr. Alice, Mr. Siddharth & Dr. Manisha Kulshreshtha	Literature Review



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Day – 7	30/06/2017	Research Process Formulating Research Problem: Describing realities, identifying gaps, formulating the research questions Dr Manisha Kulshreshta Rigor and integrity in retelling Stories: Literature Review and Literature Synthesis Dr. Uma Chimirala	Essential Skills for Researching Synthesizing two research papers on a theme: Synchrony between the research problem and literature reviewed (core and penumbra) Dr. Manisha Kulshreshta & Dr. Uma Chimirala Assignment: Comment on the specific themes of ‘literature’ the researcher has covered? What else SHOULD HAVE been covered? Justify why?	Theme-based group work: Parallel sessions of mentoring by mentors Dr. Kannan Prof. Vasanthi Dr. Alice Dr. Vaagesh	Literature Review along with Annotated Bibliography Evaluation – III (20%)
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Day – 8	01/07/2017	Research Design Dr. Manisha Kulshreshta Data Collection Dr. Uma Chimirala	Essential Skills for Researching Synthesizing two research papers on a theme: synchrony between the research problem, design and data collection tools Assignment: Evolve an alternate design for one of the papers Dr. Manisha Kulshreshta & Dr. Uma Chimirala	Theme-based group work: Internal experts Dr. Vaagesh & Siddharth	Identifying the research gaps
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Day – 9	02/07/2017	Data Analysis Working with numbers: Quantitative techniques Dr. Manisha Kulshreshta Working with multimodal texts: Qualitative approaches Dr. Uma Chimirala	Essential Skills for Researching Synthesizing two research papers on a theme: Synchrony between the research problem, data and data analysis Assignment: Evaluate the contribution of the two papers to the 'issue' they are exploring and the specific theoretical underpinnings. Dr. Manisha Kulshreshta & Dr. Uma Chimirala	Theme-based group work: Peer conferencing Mr. Sourabh	Formulation of Research Problem.
Day – 10	03/07/2017	Sources of Data and Technological Aides to research	Essential Skills for Researching Synthesizing two research papers on a theme: Synchrony between the data analysis and theory Dr. Manisha Kulshreshta & Dr. Uma Chimirala	Pitfalls and prospects while researching Dr. Manisha, Dr. Uma & Dr. Neha	Formulation of Research Problem. Evaluation – IV (20%)



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Day – 11	04/07/2017	Identification of issues for discussion with and facilitation of interactive session with supervisors Dr. Kannan	4.00-5.00 report on meeting with supervisors	-	Research design
Day – 12	5/07/2017	Presentations 10-11.30 12.00-1.30 2.30-4.30			Evaluation of Research proposal and presentation.
Day – 13	6/07/2017	Presentations 10-11.30 12.00-1.30 2.30-4.30			Evaluation of Research proposal and presentation V (50%)



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