



Young Researcher's Workshop
26th- 27th December 2023
Venue: VIT, Vellore (Tamil Nadu)

NOTIFICATION

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The Young Researcher's Workshop will be organized by the Indian Sociological Society (ISS) on 26th - 27th December 2023 in collaboration with the Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT), Vellore, Tamil Nadu, just prior to the 48th All India Sociological Conference to be held at the same venue (28th- 30th December 2023). The ISS invites researchers and doctoral students, below 35 years of age on 1st December 2023 to apply for participation in the Workshop. The theme of the Workshop is "*Writing and Publishing Research Paper*".

A research paper is a piece of academic writing involving the analysis and interpretation of data collected on a particular and related topic. It is mainly a way of communicating and presenting one's work. When the written work is printed and brought to the public domain and becomes accessible to others for reading and consultative purposes, it is said to have been published. The publication is usually done in book chapters, Journals, edited books, monographs, or reports, and has the purpose of dissemination of information, adding to the existing knowledge domain, generating debates, and deconstructing or building narratives and public opinions. In these, the media, both print and electronic, play an important role.

Writing a research paper usually begins after material is collected from various sources using different methods of data collection. It requires thorough knowledge of the subject and the topic - objectives, a review of literature, methodology, theoretical perspective; an outline of the paper having an introduction, the body text, especially with the tables, diagrams and figures, and the conclusion. It has to be written in a clear, simple, and lucid style contributing to the existing knowledge and debate. A good research paper has a base in the collection as well as presentation of genuine and correct data by using appropriate and scientific ways of analysis. The issues of rapport building, ethical questions, sensitivity, and reflexivity are many unsaid and unwritten gestures that make the gathering of information authentic.

Publication of a research paper involves various other aspects like referencing, proof-reading, editing, acknowledgment, and plagiarism check. Finding a suitable and good Journal relevant to the author's area of interest and work is a challenging task, which further involves writing a paper as per the guidelines and submitting it for publication. Where is the journal indexed, is it Scopus-indexed, peer-reviewed or UGC Care-listed? what is the impact factor or the citation index and its types? are some of the questions encountered by all research paper writers. There is also a long wait from the Publishers who often cite the reviewer's response as the reason for the delay. Then there are paid journals and other sources that help in publishing articles for money.

This Workshop will focus on such issues and how participants deal with them while writing and publishing their papers. During the Workshop, the participants will make presentations (around 7-8 mins) related to any area of sociological inquiry, but preferably to the theme of the 48th All India Sociological Conference -*The Crises of the 21st Century and the Way Forward* (For details see ISS website: www.insoso.org / <https://vit.ac.in/AISC-2023/> highlighting their experience of writing and/ or publishing their research papers.

Those interested in participating in the Workshop should register by clicking on the link: <https://forms.gle/zToUeUWHiwdM4m4z9> They should attach the abstract (maximum 250 words) along with the document of the age-proof. The decision will be communicated by 15th October 2022.

There is no separate Registration fee for the Workshop. However, the selected participants should register for the 48th All India Sociological Conference by clicking the link: <https://events.vit.ac.in/events/AISC>.

They will be reimbursed for AC 3-tier train return travel to Vellore on producing the actual tickets and relevant information. The local conveyance, food, and accommodation will be provided free of cost to the participants for the two days of the Workshop. Certificates will be given at the end of the Workshop.

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