

Tata Institute for Social Sciences, Mumbai

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

‘Research Ethics for Social Science and Public Health Research’

Dates: April 18-23, 2016

Faculty:

1. Dr.Amar Jesani, MBBS, Independent Researchers and Consultant, Pubic Health and Bioethics, Mumbai; and Editor, Indian Journal of Medical Ethics (IJME)
2. Dr.Sunita Sheel Bandewar, PhD (Anthropology) and Masters in Bioethics (Toronto, Canada), Independent Researcher, Pune; Working Editor, IJME
3. Prof. Srijit Mishra, PhD, Development Economist; Director, Nabakrushna Centre for Development Studies (ICSSR Research Centre), Bhubaneshwar
4. Prof. Mala Ramanathan, PhD, Masters in Medical Anthropology, Bioethics (Harvard), AMCHSS, SCTIMST, Trivandrum; Working Editor, IJME; Member Secretary, IEC

Goal:

To enable participants to identify and apply the methods of ethical reasoning to social science and health research

Objectives:

- To understand the variations in approaches to research in social science disciplines and Public Health; and the ethical challenges related to them;
- To learn to use ethical reasoning to meet the challenges posed by social science and public health research;
- To become aware of the existing national and international guidance / guidelines on research

Training institute methods: Adult learning, interactive method (number of participants restricted to 30); skill building through ethics case studies, short video/film viewing; role play; and short, focused presentations

DAY 1 18 APRIL			
	Topic	Resource Person	Learning Objectives
0900-0930	Introduction of workshop objectives and participants		
Session 1 0930-1100	Importance of ethics in social science research	Amar Jesani	- What is research? - What are social sciences and their histories? - History of ethics violations/challenges & Learnings
1100-1130	Break		
Session 2 1130-1300	Morality, ethics, human rights and law: Challenges posed in research across disciplines	Sunita Sheel Bandewar	- What are ethics? - Understanding facts, value, duties, morality, - Ethics and Law; - Ethics and various disciplines - Basic Sciences, Medical or clinical Sciences, Social Sciences, Public health
1300-1400	Lunch		
Session 3 1400-1530	Bioethics: Theoretical approaches and perspectives	Srijit Mishra	- <u>Theories</u> : Deontology/Kant; Utilitarianism /Consequentialism, Virtue,

			<p>Principalism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Perspectives:</u> Gender, marginalisation/vulnerability, care, culture/religion
1530-1600	Break		
Session 4 1600-1730	Social sciences: Positivist and non-positivist approaches; cultural and moral relativism vs universalism	Mala Ramanathan Srijit Mishra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To identify the potential ethical challenges in positivist and non-positivist approaches to research in social sciences - To describe relativist approaches vs universalist approaches to resolving ethical dilemmas in research
DAY 2 19 APRIL			
0900-0930	Recap		
Session 5 0930-1100	Privacy and confidentiality	Mala Ramanathan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To recognise the need for privacy and confidentiality in a research process - To identify the challenges to privacy and confidentiality in both qualitative and quantitative research and - To suggest some examples of good practices to meet such challenges to privacy and confidentiality in research
1100-1130	Break		
Session 6 1130-1300	Informed consent (IC)	Sunita Sheel Bandewar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Principle of autonomy and IC - Understanding various components of IC process – voluntariness, information, comprehension, documentation - IC in various situations
1300-1400	Lunch		
Session 7 1400-1530	Risks and Benefits assessment of research	Amar Jesani	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ethics principles and risk/benefits - Various types of risks – frequency of their occurrence and magnitude - Risk benefit analysis
1530-1600	Break		
Session 8 1600-1730	Justice	Srijit Mishra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exploring ethics principle of justice; its importance in conceptualising research and in its conduct - Research participant selection - Vulnerability and fairness - Right to post-research benefit
DAY 3 20 APRIL			
0900-0930	Recap		
Session 9 0930-1100	Ethical challenges in quantitative research methods	Srijit Mishra Mala Ramanathan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To recognise the ethical challenges posed by the application of methodological requirements of quantitative research in social science - To suggest some possible ways to mitigate against the ethical challenges
1100-1130	Break		
Session 10 1130-1300	Ethical challenges in qualitative research methods	Mala Ramanathan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To recognise the ethical challenges posed by the nature of qualitative research in

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - social science - To suggest some possible ways to mitigate against the ethical challenges
1300-1400	Lunch		
Session 11 1400-1530	Ethical challenges in Action and Participatory social science action research designs	Sunita Sbeel Bandewar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understanding action and participatory action research; and Monitoring and evaluation - To identify and discuss specific ethical challenges in each design
1530-1600	Break		
Session 12 1600-1730	Integrity in research: Research misconduct, authorship credits	Srijit Mishra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Research and society's trust - Various types of research misconduct: Plagiarism, fabrication, falsification, violations of participants' rights - Publication ethics: Rights and obligations to publish, authorship credit and authorship sequence, ghost authorship,
DAY 4 21 APRIL			
0900-0930	Recap		
Session 13 0930-1100	Ethical challenges in complex intervention – experimental research designs (Cluster randomised trials)	Mala Ramanathan Sunita Sheel Bandewar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understanding experimental and quasi experimental social science and public health research designs and longitudinal studies - Population-based Cluster Randomised Trials - Identify and discuss ethical challenges in each
1100-1130	Break		
Session 14 1130-1245	Research Ethics Committees (REC): Role and responsibilities	Amar Jesani	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ethics guidelines and need for governance of research - REC as a form of governance mechanism - Structure and role of RECs - Standard Operating Procedures of the REC and functions - Challenges faced by the REC
1245-1300	Formation of RECs, distribution of proposals for review	Amar Jesani	
1300-1400	Lunch		
Session 15 1400-1500	How to report research findings: Reporting requirements for quantitative, qualitative, action and experimental research	Sunita Shee; Bandewar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understanding various standards of for reporting of the research findings - Publication ethics and reporting requirements, particularly identification of bias and fraud - Data sharing and data transparency, including the public archiving of data for reanalysis by others
1500-1530	Break		
Session 16 1530-1630	Conflict of interest (CoI)	Amar Jesani	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is Conflict of Interest? - What are the types of conflict of interest? - CoI of researchers, gatekeepers, institutions, RECs, etc - Management of conflict of interest: disclosure requirements, recusing from position of decision making

			- CoI and corruption
1630-1700	Preliminary discussion on protocols for review, including queries		
DAY 5 22 APRIL			
0900-0930	Recap		
Session 17 0930-1200	Meetings of REC and review of proposals	All	
Session 18 1200-1300	Review reports and discussion		
1300-1330	Closure		