GEOG.614. RESEARCH METHODS 3(2-1)

Course objectives

To make the students aware about the research methods of formulating research project proposal, data collection, writing, analysing and display of data.

Course Outline

1. Introduction

o Introduction to research, selection and formulation of research problems

2. Research Design

- o Type of Research: Basic and Applied
- o Research Design: Qualitative, Quantitative and Mixed Methods Research Design

3. Development of Data Collection Tools

- o Questionnaires, Checklists and Interviews
- Coordination Schemas

4. Data Collection and sampling

- o Primary Data Collection
- o Secondary Data Collection
- o Sampling Design: Sampling type, sample section procedure and sample size

5. Data Entry and Data Cleaning

- Data Entry into Excel or SPSS
- Checking and Handling Missing Data
- o Transcription of Primary Data (In case of Qualitative Data)

6. Data Analysis

- o Preparing Data for Analysis
- Choosing Statistical Tests in SPSS
- o Conducting Descriptive and Inferential Analysis

7. Report Writing and Presentation

- o Preparing Data Tables, Graphs and Maps
- Writing Results and Discussion Parts
- Writing Conclusion and Recommendations (if any)

Recommended Books

- 1. Neuman, W. L. (2005) "Social Research Methods: Quantitative and Qualitative Approaches". Allyn & Bacon/Longman publishers, London.
- 2. Giber. N (1993) "Research Social Life". Sage Publication, London.
- 3. Verma, V. (1988) "Methodology of Research and Techniques". Unmole publishers, New Delhi.
- 4. Roddy ,C. R. (1987) "Research Methodology in social sciences". Days publishing House, New Dehli.
- 5. Chaudry, M.I. (1984) "Social Theory (Research and problems)". Aziz publisher, Lahore.