



Perspectives on Research Methodology for Social Sciences and Public Policy: Complexity, Experiences, and Insights

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Social science research is critical to understanding society's transformation and changing challenges of humankind. The field of social sciences research has evolved from centuries of academic excellence, and the complexity of the research agenda has increasingly deepened. More than ever, policy development and reviews rely on evidence and social science research.

However, social science research and scientific investigation must be increasingly relevant to policy formulation and socio-economic transformation in a dynamic, constantly changing society and interconnected environment. Research must be evidence-based, built on multidisciplinary foundations, nurturing pluralist perspectives, and supported by a scientific approach and robust academic excellence.

The seminar will focus on presenting the complexity, perspectives, and practical discussions on research methodology for PhD and graduate research students. Supported by real-life policy experience and research knowledge, the seminar will present the complexities of contemporary research and ways of improving the quality and relevance of research.



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