

SC1101E Making Sense of Society
TUTORIAL ONE: DOING SOCIOLOGY

Tutorials are an important part of the learning process in this module. They are not intended to be a summary of lectures or readings, but a forum for discussion and debate. Do come prepared with your lecture notes, notes on the readings, and/or a response to the questions below. Note also that this set of questions serves only as a guide, and therefore your group is free to venture out as long as you keep in mind the session's main theme.

Assigned Readings

1. Antolihao, *Other Societies*, Chapter 1.
2. Antolihao, *Other Societies*, Chapter 2.
3. Antolihao, *Other Societies*, Chapter 3.
4. Irvine, *The Sex Lives of Sex Researchers*.

Discussion Guide Questions

Divide the class into groups with 3-5 members each and answer the following questions.

1. Think about the recent news headlines and choose one which the group is most interested in discussing. Which research methodology do you think is the most useful to understand its wider implication in society?
 - a. positivist methodology
 - b. critical methodology
 - c. interpretive methodology
 - d. comparative historical methodology
2. What methods of data collection will you use? Is participant observation a better method than a sample survey? Explain your answer.
3. What did Janice Irvine (2014: 39) mean when she wrote that "... works of science are fraught with dilemmas about how to frame stories"? How will this statement influence your decision in choosing the methods of data collection for your proposed research on the impact of the covid-19 pandemic on romantic relationships?