Name of session: Faculty development program on Qualitative Research Date of event: March 22, 23, 30, and April 3, 2021 Timing: 7:30-9:30 pm IST Location of event: Virtual (Zoom)



## **Session Summary**

The International Linkages Committee conducted its first Faculty Development Program, moderated by Dr. Anil Behal- a connoisseur of Qualitative research and phenomenology. This interactive FDP was conducted in a series of 4 modules, since understanding Qualitative Research has become imperative in a world of changing behaviours and a global pandemic.

## Module 1: Demystifying Qualitative Research (March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021)

This opening session aimed to simplify the process of utilizing qualitative research methods and their application. Dr. Behal centred this session around making up for lack of a boilerplate in qualitative research, which means a lack of a standard set of rules or a roadmap. He resolved the common doubts and myths surrounding the sphere of Qualitative Research. He presented an in-depth analysis of intricate and extremely complex nature of this kind of research process. He also shed light on the typical researcher-participant equation involved in qualitative research.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dKnFPrj-28M

## Module 2: Developing Research Questions in Phenomenology & Grounded Theory (March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021)

After demystifying the misunderstandings relating to Qualitative Research in the first session, Dr. Behal addressed the challenges involved in developing the right research questions. He covered the steps that one must follow to develop an effective framework of research questioning, that will provide the most productive results. This session also covered the characteristics of a good research question.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rYUJT1m\_wWc

## Module 3: Crafting Effective Research Proposals (March 30th, 2021)

This session was focused on developing robust research proposals in a way that may increase the chances of getting them accepted. It elucidated what a research proposal is, what its components are, and what its goals are. Dr. Behal also shed light on what a review of literature means to the purpose of qualitative research.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aRwtUdtbGiY

Module 4: Phenomenology, Grounded Theory, &Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis (IPA) (April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021)

This session was centred on simplifying the misinterpretations related to phenomenology- a qualitative research approach. Dr. Behal led the session by clarifying the differences between Natural Science and Human Science, in order to clarify the misunderstanding surrounding phenomenology. The session also expounded the meaning of the systematic methodology of Grounded theory. And finally, it involved a discussion about the step-by-step IPA method, which is a turnkey process of analysing qualitative data.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4uHi1OhJNEo





