Theme 09: Methodology

Writing your proposed methodology

Writing your Methodology:

* The methodology is an account of how you propose to do your research. You are expected to refer to research terms, principles and methods that you prose to apply them in your research this next term.
* Your methodology will need some support from sources such as Thomas. Try to cite more than one source. Don’t forget to include them in final references.
* As it is a proposal you are describing how you plan to do your research next term and will receive feedback and advice on how to improve it.
* You need to discuss some limitations of your research design
* Include all necessary components of the methodology section.
* Avoid using personal pronouns such as *I, my, we*.
* Although you are describing your planned research, try to use more impersonal and objective language such as ‘this research/this study’, ‘the researcher’ etc.

**Task 1:**

Try to write detailed and thorough answers to the following questions. This will help you to write your proposed methodology section

**1. Will you use exploratory, explanatory or descriptive research purpose?**

(You may use a combination such as descripto-explanatory although this is more unusual).

It should be clear from your explanation what this research involves. Why is it suitable for your research project?

**2. Did your research use quantitative, qualitative or mixed methods? Why did you choose that particular method for your research?**

**3. What research instrument (tool) will you use in your research (questionnaire, interview etc.) Why did you choose this instrument for your research? Are there any limitations with it?**

**4. If you are doing primary research which sampling strategy will you employ (convenience, quota, snowball etc.)? You need either to define it briefly, or it should be clear from your explanation how this strategy will be used. Why will you choose this strategy? Are there any limitations associated with it?**

**5. How will you follow ethical guidelines on research? Were there any specific ethical concerns that arose from your topic and the specific questions that you might ask, or from the participants in your research? How will you try to deal with these issues?**

**6. Will you use a letter of consent?**

# Recommended additional texts:

1. Bryman, A. (2012) *Social Research Methods*. 4th Edition. Oxford: Oxford University Press, ISBN: 978 –0-19-958805-3
2. Bell, J. (2010) *Doing Your Research Project: A Guide for First-Time Researchers in Education, Health and Social Science*. 5th Edition. Maidenhead: Open University Press. ISBN: 0335215041
3. Cohen\*, L., Mannion, L. and Morrison, K. (2011) *Research Methods in Education*. 7th Edition. London: Routledge. ISBN: 978-0-415-36878-0
4. Denscombe, M. (2010) *The Good Research Guide: For Small-scale Social Research Projects*. 4th Edition. Maidenhead: Open University Press. SBN: 033521303
5. Saunders, M., Lewis, P., & Thornhill., A (2012) *Research Methods for Business Students*.6th Edition. Harlow: Pearson (SLT).ISBN978-0-273-75075-8.

\*Cohen *et al* is available free online at the following link:

https://islmblogblog.files.wordpress.com/2016/05/rme-edu-helpline-blogspot-com.pdf

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