

COSM21 Methodology in Theory

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**Literature List**

**Course and Literature Introduction**

COSM21 is mandatory course in the second semester of the MSc in Asian Studies. The course deals with methodological issues relating to the organisation, design and writing of a master’s thesis. The literature covers a general introduction to ontological and epistemological debates in the social sciences, as well as the organisational tools and methodological approaches in social research including a related range of specific methods and techniques. Readings provide an overview of key schools of theoretical and methodological thought in the social sciences. The course literature has been chosen to reflect a diverse range of methodological stances in the social sciences.

Consideration has been taken of the gender and ethnic backgrounds of authors in the selection of readings. The literature in question is available physically in the library and/or as e-resources though LUBsearch.

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**Literature**

Bryman, Alan, 2016. *Social Research Methods.* Oxford: Oxford University Press. (selections)

* Number of pages: 325

Chambers, Robert & Loubere, Nicholas, 2017. Liberating Development Inquiry: Freedom, Openness and Participation in Fieldwork. In Gordon Crawford et al., eds. *Understanding Global Development Research: Fieldwork Issues, Experiences and Reflections*. pp. 27–46 London and Thousand Oaks: SAGE.

* Number of pages: 20

Charmaz, Kathy, 2014. *Constructing Grounded Theory: A Practical Guide Through Qualitative Analysis*. London and Thousand Oaks: SAGE. (selections)

* Number of pages: 100

Creswell, John W., 2013. *Qualitative Inquiry & Research Design: Choosing Among Five Approaches*. London and Thousand Oaks: SAGE. (selections)

* Number of pages: 150

Hart, Chris, 2018. *Doing a Literature Review: Releasing the Social Science Research Imagination*. London and Thousand Oaks: SAGE. (selections)

* Number of pages: 100

Mullaney, T.S., Rea, C., 2022. *Where Research Begins: Choosing a Research Project That Matters to You (and the World)*, University of Chicago Press, Chicago, IL. (selections)

* Number of pages: 100

Pelham, Brett W., 2013. “A Review of Basic Statistical Concepts.” In *Intermediate Statistics: A Conceptual Course.* pp. 1–44.London and Thousand Oaks: SAGE. (available online)

* Number of pages: 44

Ragin, Charles C. & Lisa M. Amoroso, 2011. *Constructing Social Research*: *The Unity and Diversity of Method*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. (selections)

* Number of pages: 120

Sultana, Farhana. 2007. “Reflexivity, Positionality and Participatory Ethics: Negotiating Fieldwork Dilemmas in International Research.” *ACME: An International E-Journal for Critical Geographies* 6 (3): 374–85.

* Number of pages: 12

Swedberg, Richard, 2014. *Theorizing in Social Science: The Context of Discovery*. Stanford: Stanford University Press. (selections)

* Number of pages: 150

Additional reading selected in consultation with students during small group discussions (pages 200)

**Total Pages:** 1.131