

**Critical Thinking and Writing skills:
Inter-disciplinary Exploration on Social Issues in China**

The purpose of this workshop is to train participants how to think and write critically and systematically, how to conduct research and write a publishable report. The inquiry of these useful skills is learned from exploring social and cultural issues on China inter-disciplinary approaches.

Objectives:

1. Learn a basic understanding of sociological theories and research methods.
2. Learn how to apply theories to explain social issues.
3. Learn how to use appropriate and relevant methods to collect data, supported by sociological theories, to collect data for analysis.
4. Learn to communicate research findings in written format.
5. Develop critical thinking and organizational skills.

Themes and Schedule:

| Topics | Materials (don't expect to understand everything you read) | Date |
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| 1. How to ask questions: 5Ws & 4C5M and think critically and systematically | - Videos + critical thinking chart | May 16, 2022, Monday, 7:30pm – 9:00 pm, BJ time |
| 2. Lecture: Introduction concepts and theories; | - Explore concepts and theories in social sciences - Define a social issue - | May 19, 2022, Thursday, 7:30pm – 9:00 pm, BJ time |
| 3. Literature review | - How to use literature review | May 23, 2022, Monday, 7:30pm – 9:00 pm, BJ time |
| 4. Lecture: - Sociological research methods - Paper a piece of literature review that leads to research questions | - Quantitative and qualitative research methods - | May 26, 2022, Thursday, 7:30pm – 9:00 pm, BJ time |
| 5. Paper discussion | - Discussion submitted literature review | May 30, Monday 7:30pm – 9:00 pm, BJ time First exercise due May 28, Saturday, before midnight |
| 6. Conducting in-depth interview | - Lecture and case studies | June 2, Thursday 7:30pm – 9:00 pm, BJ time |
| 7. Data analysis | - Case studies | June 6, Monday 7:30pm – 9:00 pm, BJ time |
| 8. Writing a research report | - Required elements | June 9, Thursday 7:30pm – 9:00 pm, BJ time Second paper due June 11, Saturday, before midnight |
| 9. Discussion of papers | - 7 pages paper | June 13, Monday 7:30pm – 9:00 pm, BJ time |
| 10. How to select a journal for publication & Conclusion | | June 16, Thursday 7:30pm – 9:00 pm, BJ time |