



MODEL GOVERNANCE FOUNDATION

PRESENTS

Webinars on Research Methodology

Why these webinars?

The principal purpose of conducting a research is to find principles, to understand them, to interpret their meaning in various contexts and finally to apply them to existing problems for arriving at effective solutions. Unfortunately, the understanding or recognition of research as an important tool in resolving problems has received a setback which is mostly because research methodology often does not appeal to the students. To revive interest in this subject, the Research Department at Model Governance Foundation is holding fortnightly webinars (online with video feed) for teaching nuances of researching to all interested scholars, students and working professionals.

Who is the target audience?

Nearly all disciplines will be benefitted through this, the webinars will be open to anyone who signs in to the feed. General deliberations and discussions on uncomplicated procedures and practices to be involved in research methodology and drafting will invite attention and interest from **students, lawyers, working and business professionals.**

The web conference will consist of a series of lectures focusing on students pursuing graduate, postgraduate and PhD studies as well as entry-level and mid-career professionals who want to sharpen their analytical skills.

However, the students are likely to constitute the largest group attending this webinar because they have a high vested interest in this field due to their academic obligations and fierce competition.

What will the webinar be like?

Model Governance Foundation is organizing these seminars on a fortnightly basis which will extend over a period of eleven weeks with a gap of a week between the sessions, so as to build upon researching and drafting skills of the audiencee.

The format of these seminars will be lectures/sessions delivered via online videos a link to which would be available on the Model Governance Foundation's website. This will allow the participants to have the liberty to watch the lectures as per their convenience. Sessions will begin late evenings and each lecture will be approximately 60-90 minutes in length. Transcripts of the lectures delivered would be available on the webiste and can be downloaded. Also, modules and/or power point presentation (*if used during the session*) for each session will be prepared and made available online for download.

Registered applicants will be able participate in discussion forums and post questions, doubts and problems through the comments section. Discussion forums will provide a great platform for interaction with other participants as well.

What is covered?

The webinar will consist of 5 sessions in total. Each session will begin with a brief introduction of the presenter. The tentative topics likely to be covered during the sessions are –

Week 1:

1. What is research?
2. Classification of research.
3. Objectives of research and it's practical applicability and uses.
4. How to differentiate between research methodology and research design.

5. Types of Research: Descriptive vs. Analytical Research, Applied vs. Fundamental Research, Quantitative vs. Qualitative Research, Conceptual vs. Empirical Research.
6. Why should we develop this habit: Educational and professional benefits of good research skills.
7. Various steps in a research process. Developing a research problem and hypothesis.

Week 3:

1. What are the established norms of conducting a research?
2. What are the different methodologies of accumulating and analysing research?
3. What is IRAC? Why is it easier to follow it and how is it helpful in reasoning? What are the criticisms against using this research tool?

Week 5:

1. Issue: Context and usage. Identifying relevant issues and framing them. Does it have to be in a problem format?
2. Rule: what do we mean when we say rule. What all falls within the ambit of the word 'rule'. How do we find them and research on them.

Week 7:

1. Analysis, components and layout of a research report.
2. How to sound original without completely disregarding the facts on record.
3. Plagiarism and copyright issues with regard to reproduction of a published material.
4. Sources of authority and use of proper citation, reference and footnotes. Editing and proofreading. Conducting electronic research.

Week 9:

1. Concluding a Research paper- Coming up with a viable conclusion, backing it with data.
2. Recommendations. Opinion/Critique on the topic of research.
3. Scope of further Research.

After the distribution of sample research designs (taken from any good dissertation), an assignment of preparing a similar research design incorporating all the major ideas that have been taught in all the 9 session shall be given. Evaluation of the same (either by peers or the ones delivering the lectures- whichever is more plausible). Evaluation criteria to be decided before hand.

Week 11: A final session dedicated to law students on how to research for moots and articles.

Moots:

1. How to differentiate relevant from irrelevant facts?
2. Defining issues and contentions
3. Applying the law to the given set of facts
4. Case laws: obiter and ratio, binding and persuasive value of authorities cited.

Articles: With respect to articles, research papers and research report-

1. Selecting a subject, narrowing it down to the topic of research. (Is it preferable to research on a point of law which is ambiguous?)
2. Forming a rough bibliography
3. Preparing an outline, writing a draft, editing, correct style of citation etc.
4. It will also include tips on how to keep up with the word limit and to maintain a language which keeps the readers engrossed.
5. Critiques and opinion based conclusions.

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2. Our YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmiYb5GQ-oKOK7jrf8tRBtg>

(Check out our promotional video!)

Register here!

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?fromEmail=true&formkey=dFN1NktzU0ZVN0hfSUh6QnAzamhqNWc6MA>



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