Indigenous Research Methodologies Masterclass Module (IRMMM)

2009 PROGRAM

MODULE OVERVIEW

The Workshop is an intensive introduction to Indigenous research methodologies and their use within Indigenous related research. The Masterclass Module is designed to meet the needs of current PhD candidates, Masters and Honours higher degree research students especially Indigenous PhD candidates. It will also prove valuable for non-Indigenous researchers planning or undertaking Indigenous related research.

The aim of the Masterclass is to skill post-graduate scholars or researchers in understanding and utilizing methodologies informed by an Indigenous interpretive framework. Indigenous research methodologies are those built around Indigenous epistemologies (ways of knowing), our axiologies (ways of doing) and ontologies (ways of being).

To maximize the learning experience the number of participants is limited to 15 per Masterclass Module.

Three vital understandings underpin the pedologic of the Masterclass:

1. Encapsulates Indigenous methodologies, not an Indigenous methodology. The range and breadth of Indigenous Methodologies is diverse and indeed, in some areas, divergent. Indigenous scholars around the globe have published work in this arena across a wide variety of disciplines.

2. Notwithstanding this diversity, Indigenous methodologies centrally recognise that all knowledge is socially situated and partial and all are grounded in Indigenous subjectivities and experiences of everyday life. This translates into a redefinition and a reframing of traditional meanings and values to generate theoretical perspectives from which dominant knowledge’s can be critiqued and new, Indigenous centered methodologies developed.

3. This is a vigorous and active field of Knowledge production, with methodologies emerging & developing at a rapid pace. The Indigenous research methodologies outlined in this Masterclass form a range of the diverse methodologies currently being used within indigenous Research.

The Workshop facilitators: Professor Aileen Moreton-Robinson (QUT) and Dr Maggie Walter (UTAS) are Indigenous academics trained in the Social Sciences.
CURTIN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

MODULE OVERVIEW

Venue: Curtin University of Technology- Curtin Centre for Aboriginal Studies. Perth, Western Australia.

Dates: Tuesday 7th, Wednesday 8th & Thursday 9th July 2009

Time: (8:45am to 5:00pm daily)

UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE

MODULE OVERVIEW

Venue: University of Newcastle- Wollotuka Centre for Aboriginal Studies. New South Wales.

Dates: Monday 13th, Tuesday 14th & Wednesday 15th July 2009

Time: (8:45am to 5:00pm daily)

PRESCRIBED TEXT

A book of readings has been prepared for the masterclass, copies of which will be provided to participants. This book of readings provides resource material for different phases of the Masterclass.


RECOMMENDED TEXTS

We recommend the use of two key resources. These two books will supplement the Prescribed Text. One book is authored by Indigenous Academic Dr Karen Martin who describes the development and use of an Indigenous Research Methodology; the social research methods book, edited by Dr Maggie Walter provides foundational material in relation to a broad range of western research methods. These publications will not be supplied but are recommended for purchase.


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