

WOMEN'S STUDIES - RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

UNIT-I

Feminist Methodology-Challenges to feminist methodology-the theoretical links and purpose of feminist research- Is there a feminist research method? - Is feminist methodology distinctively feminist?

UNIT-II

What is methodology in social research? - Impact of gender in social sciences theories- Feminist objections to scientific method in social research- Objectivity, subjectivity and relativism

UNIT-III

"Doing" Feminist Research- Principles of feminist research- Impact of feminist principles of research on the various stages- Modes of feminist research- Feminist qualitative and postmodern research

UNIT-IV

Feminist standpoint- Sandra Harding- Nancy Hartstock- Dorothy Smith

UNIT-V

Researching 'others'- Confronting difference in feminist social research-the constitution of 'otherness'- the politics of researching 'others'-reflexivity in the research process

UNIT- VI

Innovative Techniques of Feminist Research- Oral histories-autobiographies-consciousness raising- Participatory action research