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Organise:

Study Day and Workshop on
Research in Applied Linguistics and English Language Studies: Insights and
Feedback

March 16, 2023

Call for Participation

Research is a central aspect in the development and advancement of education. It stimulates the growth of knowledge and informs decisions and actions of language teaching professionals. Moreover, it is a core function of the university and a fundamental part of the master's degree programme. Students pursuing their master's degree will need their critical and analytical thinking as well as their methodological knowledge and skills to be honed, in order to expand breadth and depth of knowledge in an area of their study.

However, as Rose and Mckinley (2017, p.3) note, "when novice researchers are taught about research methods, they are usually only ever exposed to 'ideal' research designs, where all avenues of validity, reliability, generalizability, and ethicality have been carefully contemplated and accounted for". Being also novice, our master's students encounter some difficulties in the conceptualization of their research, and in the development of its theoretical and methodological frameworks. It is thus crucial to provide guidance and create a supportive environment for students undertaking research.

This study day is dedicated to the topic of research methodology in the general area of linguistics and the specific area of applied linguistics and English language learning and teaching. It provides a platform for academics and postgraduate researchers from both qualitative and quantitative research traditions, to provide theoretical and practical reflections and discussions of trends, critical issues and concerns in research methodology as well as challenges encountered by students in the process of preparing, carrying out and presenting research.

Study Day Objectives

The objectives set for this study day include the following:

- To provide insights and feedback for teachers and students to strengthen research methodology practices, to improve the quality of research outputs, research supervision and evaluation, and research methods' teaching and learning at university.
- To outline the steps involved in designing a research project.
- To understand and provide solutions to the challenges and obstacles that master's students experience at different stages of their research from planning, conducting their research to writing their dissertations.
- To address issues of positionality, bias, validity and reliability during data collection and analysis.
- To discuss ethical issues in research including plagiarism.

Workshop Themes

We also seek contributions to host research methodology workshop sessions to offer theoretical and practical guidelines to master students. Possible themes of the workshop sessions include but are not limited to the following:

- Philosophies and research paradigms.
- Topic selection, formulation of a research problem, questions, and hypotheses.
- Approaches and methods to qualitative and quantitative data.
- Mixed methods research.
- Collecting, analyzing and interpreting data (statistics, types of data, the use of softwares in analysis).
- Mechanics of writing a dissertation and referencing.
- Critical thinking in academic research.

Submission Guidelines

- Abstracts demonstrating relevance to the study day themes, and not exceeding 250 words, should be submitted using the submission form provided, via email to: **univ.medea.english23@gmail.com**
- Authors of accepted abstracts will be asked to send an extended summary detailing the aim, methodology, results and significance of the research.

- Academics interested in hosting a workshop are kindly requested to send their proposals via email to: univ.medeia.english23@gmail.com. The workshop sessions are aimed for a group of students and allow opportunities for interaction and discussion.
- Languages of the study day: English, Arabic, French.

For further information and enquiries, please email: univ.medeia.english23@gmail.com.

Important Dates

Abstract submission deadline: **February 15, 2023**

Notification of acceptance: Within **15 days** from the date of receipt of abstracts

Study day date: **March 16, 2023**

Study Day Venue

University of Medea

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