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# 2<sup>nd</sup> INDO-SWISS Research & Methods Festival

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 09:00 AM - 06:00 PM

 Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi



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**Prof. Manfred Max Bergman**  
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**Prof. Sachin Sharma**  
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**Prof. Marco Steenberg**  
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**Prof. Martin Langwiler**  
University of Basel



**Dr. Nadine Gautschi**  
FHNW, Switzerland



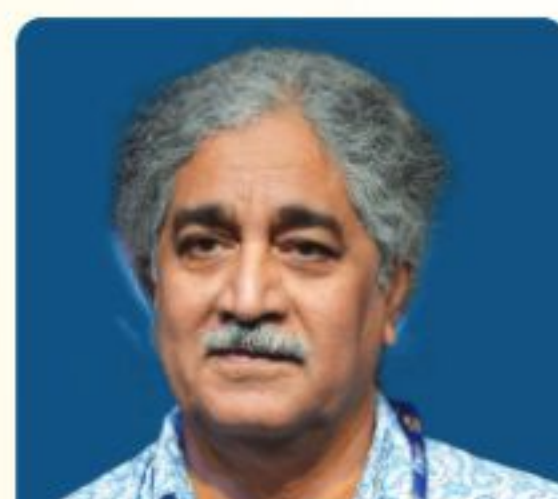
**Dr. Zinette Bergman**  
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**Prof. D Rajashekhar**  
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**Prof. Roopinder Oberoi**  
KMC, University of Delhi



**Dr. Suryanandini Narain**  
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**Dr. Smriti Saraswat**  
IIT Roorkee



**Dr. Omprakash Kushwaha**  
Shri Ram College, Muzaffarnagar



**Dr. Saurabh Todariya**  
IIIT, Hyderabad



**Dr. Avijit Sahay**  
Doon University, Dehradun



Time	Sessions	Speakers
<b>Day I: 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026 (Monday)</b>		
09:15-10:00 AM	<b>Registration</b>	
10:00-10:45 AM	Welcome and Introduction: Indian Social Science Research Cultures	Prof. Dhananjay Singh, Member Secretary, ICSSR Prof. Manfred Max Bergman, University of Basel
11:00-1:00 PM	Workshop: Fieldwork Writing a Paper for a good Journal  Foundations of Research Methods	Prof. D Rajashekhar, Former Director, ISEC  Prof. C. Veeramani, Director, CDS
1:00-2:00 PM	<b>Lunch</b>	
2:00-5:00 PM	Workshop: Fieldwork Negotiating Insider-Outsider Dichotomies: Reflexivity, Praxis, and Ethical Responsibility in Fieldwork	Prof. Badri Narayan, Vice Chancellor, TISS Dr. Archana Singh, GBPSSI, Allahabad
5:00-5:15 PM	<b>Tea</b>	
5:15-6:00 PM	Expert Research Presentation: Visual Research Methods	Dr. Suryanandini Narain, School of Arts and Aesthetics, JNU
<b>Day II: 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2026 (Tuesday)</b>		
9:00-9:45 AM	Research and Methods warm-up: Starting a Research Project	Prof. Manfred Max Bergman, University of Basel
10:00-1:00 PM	Stream 1-Workshop(Board Room): Studying in the Field, Not the Field: Research Methods in the Social Sciences  Stream 2- Expert Research Presentations (Conference Hall) Research Methods in Social Sciences  Indo-Swiss Research Framework	Prof. Ashwani Kumar, TISS, Mumbai  Prof. Rajan Kumar, JNU  Prof. Manfred Max Bergman, University of Basel
1:00-2:00 PM	<b>Lunch</b>	
2:00-5:00 PM	Stream 1-Workshop (Board Room): Who will be My Respondents in Social Science Research  Stream 2- Expert Research Presentations (Conference Hall): Investigating Language and the Challenges of Interdisciplinary Research: My Journey Thus Far  Methodological Challenges and Resolution in Mitigation of Slow-onset Hazards in India  Storytelling and Well-Being in End-of-Life Care: A Qualitative Study of Hospices in India	Prof. Sujit Kr Mishra, Director, CSD  Prof. Shantanu Ghosh, AMITY University  Dr. Avijit Sahay, Doon University, Dehradun  Dr. Saurabh Todariya, IIIT, Hyderabad
5:00-5:15 PM	<b>Tea</b>	



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5:15-6:00 PM	Stream 1- Expert Research Presentation (Conference Hall): AI for Social Scientists	Prof. Marco Steenbergen, University of Zurich
	Stream 2- Expert Research Presentation (Board Room): Studying Silence and the Structure of Power: Methods for Analyzing Nonverbal Communication of Mahadalit Communities in Siwan, Bihar	Dr. Omprakash Kushwaha, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, Shri Ram College, Muzaffarnagar
<b>Day III: 4<sup>th</sup> February 2026 (Wednesday)</b>		
9:00-9:45 AM	Research and Methods warm-up: Research project proposal writing	Prof. Manfred Max Bergman, University of Basel
10:00-1:00 PM	Stream 1- Workshop (Conference Hall) : AI for Social Scientists	Prof. Marco Steenbergen, University of Zurich
	Stream 2- Workshop (Board Room): Beyond Objectivity: Navigating the "Crisis of Representation" in Feminist Research	Prof. Indu Jain, Janki Devi Memorial College, University of Delhi
1:00-2:00 PM	<b>Lunch</b>	
2:00-5:00 PM	Stream 1- Workshop (Conference Hall) : AI for Social Scientists	Prof. Marco Steenbergen, University of Zurich
	Stream 2- Workshop (Board Room): Strengthening Public Policy Research for Contemporary Governance	Prof. Harsh Sharma, Director, GIDS, Lucknow
5:00-5:15 PM	<b>Tea</b>	
5:15-6:00 PM	Stream 1- Expert Research Presentation (Conference Hall) : Analysing Silence about Compulsory Social Measures in Switzerland	Dr. Nadine Gautschi, University of Applied Sciences, FHNW in Switzerland
	Stream 2- Expert Research Presentation (Board Room): Research Design for Investigating and Disseminating Community-based Knowledge	Dr. Smriti Saraswat, IIT Roorkee
<b>Day IV: 5<sup>th</sup> February 2026 (Thursday)</b>		
9:00-9:45 AM	Research and Methods warm-up: Research Ethics	Prof. Nandan Nawn, Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, JNU
10:00-1:00 PM	Stream 1- Workshop (Conference Hall) : Grounded Theory Methodology	Dr. Nadine Gautschi, University of Applied Sciences, FHNW in Switzerland
	Stream 2- Workshop (Board Room) : Immersive Qualitative Research Methods for Social Science	Prof. Roopinder Oberoi, Kirori Mal College, University of Delhi
1:00-2:00 PM	<b>Lunch</b>	



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2:00-5:00 PM	Stream 1- Workshop (Conference Hall) : Grounded Theory Methodology	Dr. Nadine Gautschi, University of Applied Sciences, FHNW in Switzerland
	Stream 2- Workshop (Board Room): Reflexivity in Social Science Research	Prof. Shalina Mehta, Panjab University, Chandigarh
5:00-5:15 PM	Tea	
5:15-6:00 PM	Stream 1- Expert Research Presentation (Conference Hall) : Entanglements and Circulation: Indo-Swiss Relationships in Historical Perspective	Prof. Martin Langwiler, University of Basel
	Stream 2- Expert Research Presentation (Board Room): Three Ways to Use Thematic Analysis for Bengaluru’s Water Crisis	Dr. Zinette Bergman, University of Basel
Day V: 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 (Friday)		
9:00-9:45 AM	Research and Methods warm-up: Career and Survival Strategies	Prof. Manfred Max Bergman, University of Basel
10:00-1:00 PM	Stream 1- Workshop (Conference Hall) : Document Analysis	Prof. Martin Langwiler, University of Basel
	Stream 2- Workshop (Board Room) : Thematic Analysis	Dr. Zinette Bergman, University of Basel
1:00-2:00 PM	Lunch	
2:00-5:00 PM	Stream 1- Workshop (Conference Hall) : Document Analysis	Prof. Martin Langwiler, University of Basel
	Stream 2- Workshop (Board Room) : Thematic Analysis	Dr. Zinette Bergman, University of Basel
5:00-5:15 PM	Tea	
5:15 PM onwards	Cultural Programme followed by Dinner	
Day VI: 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 (Saturday)		
9:00-10:00 AM	Research and Methods warm-up: Publication Strategies	Prof. Dhananjay Singh, Member Secretary, ICSSR Ms. Nidhi Gulati, Country Communications Director, Springer Nature Prof. Manfred Max Bergman, University of Basel
10:00-12:00PM	Participants’ Research pitches based on submitted posters	
12:00-1:00 PM	Roundtable: The Future of Social Science Research and Methods	Prof. Dhananjay Singh, Member Secretary, ICSSR Prof. Sachin Sharma, Director General, RIS Dr. Dhananjay Tiwari, Advisor, DBT, GoI Prof. Chander Kumar Singh, Gautam Buddha University
1:00-1:15 PM	Closing Remarks	Prof. Dhananjay Singh, Member Secretary, ICSSR Prof. Manfred Max Bergman, University of Basel
1:15-2:30 PM	Lunch	



