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Memo No. CL/ 836 /2023-24/(RPE)

Date. 22 March 2024

Notice

**Paper – IV (Research and Publication Ethics) for the year 2024.**

This is to notify for all concerned that, the class for the Research & Publication Ethics (RPE) – Paper – IV, as general paper for the entitled admitted candidates of PhD course work during the session 2023-24, is scheduled to be held on and from **01 April 2024 to 15 April 2024, from 2.30pm to 5.30pm on hybrid mode.**

Candidates willing to attend the class physically are requested to come at the Conference Hall, Central Library and those who willing to join from remote location may join through the given Zoom Meeting link with strong network connectivity.

**Join Zoom Meeting:**

<https://zoom.us/j/7677586576?pwd=dXU3d2NCaTRqMnV2RXNPS0dXWi9kZz09>

**Meeting ID: 767 758 6576 Pass Code: 123456**

This may please be noted that attendance for attaining examination will be based on the university general examination rules. Candidates those are joining through online are requested to join with their full name as mentioned during form fill-up for admission for capturing their attendance rightly.

Question pattern, full marks, marks distribution for examination, everything will be discussed during the class.

All the Principals, HODs are requested to communicate the message among the intending candidates and make them enable to attend the courses as noted above.

Cooperation from all the faculties, administration, examination section, is highly solicited for the smooth conduction of the course like last year.

The notice with syllabus is annexed in the next page.

Course Co-ordinator and  
Librarian, Visva-Bharati

Course title: **Research and Publication ethics (RPE)**

Course Code – **CPE-RPE**

For the session – **2023-24**

**Proposed Routine (may be changed in reality to comply with the situation)**

Date	Name of the Teachers with time	
01/04/2024 (Monday)	Attendance and Introduction of the course (2.30pm – 3.00pm) Introductory Speech by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Visva-Bharati (3.00pm – 3.30pm)	
	IS (3.30pm - 4.30pm)	KG (4.00pm – 5.30pm)
02/04/2024 (Tuesday)	NCS (2.30pm-4.00pm)	KG (4.30pm – 5.30pm)
03/04/2024 (Wednesday)	IS (2.30pm - 4.00pm)	NCS (4.00pm – 5.30pm)
04/04/2024 (Thursday)	SSM (2.30pm- 4.00pm)	AS (4.00pm – 5.30pm)
05/04/2024 (Friday)	SSM (2.30pm - 4.00pm)	PH (4.00pm – 5.30pm)
08/04/2024 (Monday)	SN (2.30pm-4.00pm)	PPR (4.00pm -5.30pm)
09/04/2024 (Tuesday)	SB (2.30pm- 4.00pm)	TKD (4.00pm – 5.30pm)
10/04/2024 (Wednesday)	NCS (2.30pm- 4.00pm)	TKD (4.00pm – 5.30pm)
12/04/2024 (Friday)	TKD (2.30pm- 04.00pm)	SB (4.00pm – 5.30pm)
15/04/2024 (Monday)	SN (2.30pm-4.00pm)	AS (4.00pm - 5.30pm)
16/04/2024 (Tuesday) - As reserve day, if required classes may be scheduled on 16 April 2024.		
<p><b>AS</b> – Sri Ajay Kumar Sharma, Assistant Librarian and In-charge, Cheena Bhavana Library. (Topics - Indexing databases; and Citation databases: Web of Science, Scopus, etc.) <b>RPE: 06(A: 01-02)</b></p>		
<p><b>IS</b> – Dr. Ipsita Sarkar, Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy &amp; Religion, Vidya Bhavana. (Topics - Introduction to philosophy: definition, nature and scope, concept, branches; and Ethics definition, oral philosophy, nature of moral judgements and reactions) – <b>RPE:01 – 1 and 2</b></p>		
<p><b>KG</b> – Dr. Koushik Ghosh, Assistant Librarian and In-charge, Journal Section, Central Library. (Topics - Predatory publishers and journals; and Use plagiarism software like Tumitin, Urkund and other open-source software tools) - <b>RPE:03 – 7 and RPE: 05(B)</b></p>		
<p><b>NCS</b> – Dr. Nimai Chand Saha, Librarian, Visva-Bharati. (Topics - Intellectual honesty and research integrity; Redundant Publications: duplicate and overlapping publications, Salami Slicing; Violation of publication ethics, authorship and contributorship; Conflicts of interest; Publication, misconduct: definition, concept, problems that lead to unethical behaviour and vice versa, types; Identification of publication misconduct, complaints and appeals) - <b>RPE:02 – 2 &amp; 4 and RPE:03 - 03-06</b></p>		
<p><b>PH</b> – Sri Pradip Hembram, Assistant Librarian and In-charge, Sangeet Bhavana Library. (Topics - Open access publications and initiatives) <b>RPE:04 -01</b></p>		
<p><b>PPR</b> – Dr. Partha Pratim Ray, Deputy Librarian and In-charge, PSB Library. (Topics - Publication ethics: definition, introduction and importance; etc.) - <b>RPE:03 – 1</b></p>		
<p><b>SB</b> – Dr. Sanat Bhattacharya, Assistant Librarian and In-charge, Siksha Bhavana Library. (Topics - Subject specific ethical issues, FFP, authorship; Conflicts of interest; and Complaints and appeals: examples and fraud from India and abroad) <b>RPE: 05 (A: 01-03)</b></p>		
<p><b>SN</b> – Dr. Sabahat Nausheen, Assistant Librarian and In-charge, Rabindra Bhavana Library. (Topics - Impact Factor of journal as per Journal Citation Report, SNP, SJR, IPP, Cite Score; and Metrics: h-index, g</p>		

index, i index, altmetrics) **RPE: 06(B: 01-02)**

**SSM** – Prof. Sudhansu Sekhar Maity, Head, Department of Statistics, Siksha Bhavana. (Topics - Ethics with respect to science and research; Scientific misconducts Falsification, Fabrication, and Plagiarism (FFP); and Selective reporting and misrepresentation of data) – **RPE:02 – 1,3 and 5**

**TKD** – Dr. Tapas Kumar Das, Deputy Librarian and In-charge, Kala Bhavana Library. (Topics - Best practices / standards setting initiatives and guidelines: COPE, WAME; SHERPA/RoMEO online resource to check: publishers copyright & self-archiving policies; Software tool to identify predatory publications developed by SPPU; and Journal finder / journal suggestion tools viz. JANE, Elsevier Journal Finder, Springer Journal Suggester, etc.). **RPE:03 – 2 and 04: 2 – 4.**

Total ten days @three hours each day to reach thirty hours of the total class duration in compliance with the UGC regulations and University guidelines, available through the link -

[https://visvabharati.ac.in/files/965231221\\_UniversityPlagiarismPolicy231221.pdf](https://visvabharati.ac.in/files/965231221_UniversityPlagiarismPolicy231221.pdf)).



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**Respected Sir/Madam,**

University Grants Commission in its 543<sup>rd</sup> meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 approved two Credit Courses for awareness about publication ethics and publication misconducts entitled "**Research and Publication Ethics (RPE)**" to be made compulsory for all Ph.D. students for pre-registration course work (**attached as Annexure**).

In view of the above, you are requested to ensure that the above two Credit courses may be made compulsory for all Ph.D. students for pre-registration course work undertaken in your University from the forthcoming academic session.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Rajnish Jain)

**TO THE VICE-CHANCELLORS OF ALL UNIVERSITIES**

**Course Title:**

- **Research and Publication Ethics (RPE)**-Course for awareness about the publication ethics and publication misconducts.

**Course Level:**

- 2 Credit course (30 hrs.)

**Eligibility:**

- M.Phil., Ph.D. students and interested faculty members (It will be made available to post graduate students at later date)

**Fees:**

- As per University Rules

**Faculty:**

- Interdisciplinary Studies

**Qualifications of faculty members of the course:**

- Ph.D. in relevant subject areas having more than 10 years' of teaching experience

**About the course**

**Course Code: CPE- RPE**

**Overview**

- This course has total 6 units focusing on basics of philosophy of science and ethics, research integrity, publication ethics. Hands-on-sessions are designed to identify research misconduct and predatory publications. Indexing and citation databases, open access publications, research metrics (citations, h-index, Impact Factor, etc.) and plagiarism tools will be introduced in this course.

**Pedagogy:**

- Class room teaching, guest lectures, group discussions, and practical sessions.

**Evaluation**

- Continuous assessment will be done through tutorials, assignments, quizzes, and group discussions. Weightage will be given for active participation. Final written examination will be conducted at the end of the course.



## Course structure

- The course comprises of six modules listed in table below. Each module has 4-5 units.

Modules	Unit title	Teaching hours
<b>Theory</b>		
RPE 01	Philosophy and Ethics	4
RPE 02	Scientific Conduct	4
RPE 03	Publication Ethics	7
<b>Practice</b>		
RPE 04	Open Access Publishing	4
RPE 05	Publication Misconduct	4
RPE 06	Databases and Research Metrics	7
	<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>

## Syllabus in detail

### THEORY

- RPE 01: PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS (3 hrs.)**
  - Introduction to philosophy: definition, nature and scope, concept, branches
  - Ethics: definition, moral philosophy, nature of moral judgements and reactions
- RPE 02: SCIENTIFIC CONDUCT (5hrs.)**
  - Ethics with respect to science and research
  - Intellectual honesty and research integrity
  - Scientific misconducts: Falsification, Fabrication, and Plagiarism (FFP)
  - Redundant publications: duplicate and overlapping publications, salami slicing
  - Selective reporting and misrepresentation of data
- RPE 03: PUBLICATION ETHICS (7 hrs.)**
  - Publication ethics: definition, introduction and importance
  - Best practices / standards setting initiatives and guidelines: COPE, WAME, etc.
  - Conflicts of interest
  - Publication misconduct: definition, concept, problems that lead to unethical behavior and vice versa, types
  - Violation of publication ethics, authorship and contributorship
  - Identification of publication misconduct, complaints and appeals
  - Predatory publishers and journals

### PRACTICE

- RPE 04: OPEN ACCESS PUBLISHING(4 hrs.)**
  - Open access publications and initiatives

2. SHERPA/RoMEO online resource to check publisher copyright & self-archiving policies
3. Software tool to identify predatory publications developed by SPPU
4. Journal finder / journal suggestion tools viz. JANE, Elsevier Journal Finder, Springer Journal Suggester, etc.

- **RPE 05: PUBLICATION MISCONDUCT (4hrs.)**

- A. Group Discussions (2 hrs.)**

1. Subject specific ethical issues, FFP, authorship
2. Conflicts of interest
3. Complaints and appeals: examples and fraud from India and abroad

- B. Software tools (2 hrs.)**

Use of plagiarism software like Turnitin, Urkund and other open source software tools

- **RPE 06: DATABASES AND RESEARCH METRICS (7hrs.)**

- A. Databases (4 hrs.)**

1. Indexing databases
2. Citation databases: Web of Science, Scopus, etc.

- B. Research Metrics (3 hrs.)**

1. Impact Factor of journal as per Journal Citation Report, SNIP, SJR, IPP, Cite Score
2. Metrics: h-index, g index, i10 index, altmetrics

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