Qualitative research is increasingly gaining importance across a variety of disciplines in the social sciences and in the Humanities. The five-day workshop focused on epistemological foundation of Qualitative social research and the principal qualitative research methods which the paradigms dictate. These include ethnography, case study, focus group interview, visual method, textual analysis, content analysis, personal documents, and use of archives.

The workshop was aimed at a wide variety of participants including young researchers engaged in their PhD research, young faculty members in colleges, universities and research institutions, people in non-governmental organizations who want to use qualitative methods in their research or to gain a further understanding of the practical application of particular methods.

The five-day workshop on Qualitative Research Methods in Social Sciences was held from 17 to 21 November 2014 at Institute of Development Studies Kolkata (IDSK).