

### Application guidance:

(Please read the instructions before completing the application form)

- All participants have to fill the application form.
- Please submit your current CV along with the completed application.
- Applications without an accompanying CV will not be considered.
- Acceptance will not be confirmed until course fees are paid. Please refer to payment instructions.
- Late cancellations will be charged 50% of course fee.

### Payment instructions:

**Institution Name** Institute for Research & Development  
**Institution address** No: 393/3, Lily Avenue, Off Robert Gunawardena Mawatha, Battaramulla, 10120, Sri Lanka.  
**Bank name & address** Bank of Ceylon, Main Street, Battaramulla, 10120 Sri Lanka.

**For Sri Lankan participants – 7500 LKR**

**Account number** 0004153763 (Current Account)

**Currency** LKR

**For Foreign participants – 100 USD**

**Account number** 0005974137 (NRFC)

**Currency** USD (wire transfer or bank draft)

**Swift Code- BCEYLKX**

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### Organised by



IRD is the Sri Lanka member of SHARE (South Asian Hub for Advocacy, Research & Education on mental health) network. SHARE is one of the 5 Collaborative Hubs for International Research on Mental Health funded by the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), US.

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**Institute of Psychiatry**

## Annual International course

# Qualitative Methods for Health Research & Medical Discourse Analysis

12th, 13th, 14th December 2012  
9.00 am to 5.00 pm

Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute  
114, Wijerama Mawatha,  
Colombo 07, Sri Lanka.

## Programme

**DAY 1 (09.00-17.00)**

- Session 1** - Introduction to qualitative research (Lecture)  
- Designing a qualitative study (Lecture/Workshop)  
Lunch
- Session 2** - Interviews and Focus Groups (Lecture)  
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**DAY 2 (09.00-17.00)**

- Session 1** - Theoretical perspectives (Lecture)  
- Thematic and Content Analysis (Lecture/Workshop)  
Lunch
- Session 2** - Grounded Theory (Lecture/Workshop)  
- Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis (Lecture/Workshop)

**DAY 3 (09.00-17.00)**

- Session 1** - Medical Discourse Analysis (Lecture/Workshop)  
- Data Analysis Workshop (using manual and NVIVO software)  
Lunch
- Session 2** - Bringing things together  
- Interactive Discussions and Group Project Presentations



## Qualitative Methods for Health Research & Medical Discourse Analysis

### Course objectives

This course is organized by Institute for Research & Development with the collaboration of Institute of Psychiatry as part of the capacity building among young researchers initiative. It will be held annually as an event for researchers from Sri Lanka and the wider South Asian region to gain knowledge in qualitative research, but will be open to participants from any part of the world.

This three day course aims to provide students with an understanding of the purpose and appropriate use of qualitative research methods and to equip them with the basic skills to design and conduct qualitative research in the field of health.

Different theoretical approaches to data collection and analysis will be explained and explored, including the Grounded Theory approach and Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis. Methods to be described will include in depth interviews, focus group discussions, and participant observation. Using qualitative data analysis software will be also looked at. Students will be encouraged to develop qualitative study ideas throughout the course period among themselves, and the tutors will provide advice and feedback on their ideas.

### Participants

The course is suitable for all levels of health researchers interested in conducting qualitative research but lack adequate training in the subject. However, we encourage people from diverse disciplines (Medicine, Psychology, Anthropology, Biology, Education, etc) to take part in the course to learn skills on how to work in a multi-disciplinary research environment.

### Resource persons



**Dr. Tine Van Bortel (MA, MSc, MPhil, PhD) - Institute of Psychiatry, King's College London**

Tine has an interdisciplinary background in qualitative social sciences & health, medical humanities, cultural studies, development studies and a UNICEF certificate in global child health & wellbeing. She is also a qualified and registered coach, counsellor and therapist working with clinical and non-clinical populations to promote individual and organisational wellbeing and prevent ill health. She undertook her multidisciplinary education and training at the Universities of Leuven (Belgium), Ghent (Belgium), Glasgow (UK) and King's College London (UK). Since completing her Wellcome Trust funded MPhil and PhD, she worked as a researcher and practitioner in the academic and voluntary sectors. She has been a research assistant in qualitative social sciences and medical humanities at the University of Glasgow (UK); a-translational research fellow with a Heymans Public Engagement grant at the University of Ghent (Belgium); and a scientific coordinator and senior researcher on two large-scale multisite global mental health projects at King's College London (UK) which she is currently completing.

Tine has taught on the MSc in History of Medicine, the Special Study Module for medical students and the BSc in Cultural & Political History at the University of Glasgow; the MSc in Global Health & Development at University College London; the HSPR Mental Health Summer School at King's College London. She currently sits as internal examiner on the exam board of the MSc in Mental Health Services & Population Research at King's College London and supervises several MSc students in Mental Health Studies, Organisational Psychiatry & Psychology, Global Health & Development, and Mental Health Social Work with Children & Adults.



**Dr Chesmal Siriwardhana (MD, MSc) – Institute of Psychiatry, King's College London**

Dr Chesmal Siriwardhana is medical doctor by training and currently a PhD scholar at the Institute of Psychiatry, King's College London. He is also a research fellow at the Institute for Research and Development (IRD), Colombo, Sri Lanka. He is a former Wellcome Trust Fellow in Tropical Medicine and Public Health at the Institute of Psychiatry. He has conducted award winning research in mental health. He has been also awarded prestigious King's overseas studentship for his PhD. His research interests are in migration mental health, resilience research, bioethics and disaster research ethics. He is also an accredited science journalist and is the deputy editor of 'Gaveshana – Explorer' journal published by IRD. He was recently awarded the SHARE South Asia Fellowship to conduct research based on WHO MhGAP programme. He is currently engaged in migration mental health research in Sri Lanka and the UK.



**Dr Godwin Kodituwakku (BEd, MA(Ed), PhD)  
Director – Research & Development Department  
National Institute of Education  
Chairman –Institute for Research and Development**

He has conducted extensive research mainly related to education in Sri Lanka. He is the Director, Research and Development at the National Institute of Education in Sri Lanka. He has 25 years experience at the National Institute of Education and has planned, coordinated and conducted policy research for the Ministry of Education on different aspects of School education. Furthermore, he has developed research courses (thematic and certificate level) for teachers and educational personnel in Sri Lanka. He has conducted lectures on Research a group of Maldivian teachers following a Bachelor of Education course in Sri Lanka. He has written five books, three on research methods and two on children literature. Two books on Experimental research and Action Research are in print. He was awarded a best case study prize by UNESCOAPCEIU (which is based in the Asia Pacific Region), Seoul, Korea in 2006.