

## Chapter 3 Research Methodology

In this second edition of the best-selling *Second Language Research*, Alison Mackey and Sue Gass continue to guide students step-by-step through conducting the second language research process with a clear and comprehensive overview of the core issues in second language research. Supported by a wealth of data examples from actual studies, the book examines questions of what is meant by research and what defines good research questions, covering such topics as basic research principles and data collection methods, designing a quantitative research study, and concluding and reporting research findings. The second edition includes a new chapter on mixed-methods, new "time to think" and "time to do" text boxes throughout, and updates to reflect the latest research and literature. Supplementary materials, including an extensive glossary and appendices of forms and documents that students can use in conducting their own studies, serve as useful reference tools, with suggestions on how to get research published reemphasizing the book's practical how-to approach. *Second Language Research, Second Edition* is the ideal resource for understanding the second language research process for graduate students in *Second Language Acquisition* and *Applied Linguistics*.

This study focused on factors that have positively influenced the model of economic success for commercial and thrift megabanks involved in merger and acquisition activities for the period 1990 - 1997, a period characterized by an unprecedented flurry of merger and acquisition activities among megabanks in the United States. This study identified and measured key independent variables for identifiable mergers and acquisitions among megabanks and tested

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the extent to which, such independent variables influenced abnormal returns for underlying equities traded in capital markets. This study also tested the hypothesis that megabanks are attracting significantly higher acquisition premiums than the relatively smaller banks. The data collected and the conclusions drawn were based on the logic of a hypothetico-deductive paradigm, which essentially utilized the techniques of the standard event study methodology, and included parameters of the conventional Capital Asset Pricing Model. This study was based on a scientifically determined sample of over 200 banks in the small bank category and between 68 and 86 banks grouped under the megabank category. The findings revealed that megebank acquirers realized negative abnormal returns and that megabank acquirees did not realize economic value significantly greater than acquirers for those banks that integrated on a merger-of-equals basis. The findings also showed that megabanks seemed more willing to pay higher premiums for the right to integrate with other megabanks vis-a-vis the right to integrate with small banks.

New researchers, whether on the academic or corporate level, confront challenges when pursuing any kind of research project due to a lack of proper knowledge in the field of research methodology. In general, the challenges evolve from starting a research project, choosing a niche topic, selecting appropriate tools and techniques, organizing paper publications, and presenting the findings. In view of such difficulties, this book will help new scholars gain command of the contemporary practices for conducting research. Chronologically, the book defines the various types of research, including classifications, describes the five simple steps for carrying out research along with explanations, and discusses the tools and techniques used to carry out a research project in a systematic manner. Consequently, it distinguishes between

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different publications (such as conference or journal paper, book chapter, and book). In addition, it sheds light on writing practices and presents valuable tips for researchers, new to the field, to avoid common mistakes. This volume brings clarity with comprehensive insight to the phenomenon of research methodology based on contemporary approaches. For academic scholars, this book finds solutions for many unsolved issues which may arise while carrying out research. It also presents additional insights into the nuances of research methods on a professional level for practitioners. Furthermore, for students, this book aids in understanding the direction to follow in the exploration of research design.

The initial motivator for the development of DRM, a Design Research Methodology, and the subsequent writing of this book was our frustration about the lack of a common terminology, benchmarked research methods, and above all, a common research methodology in design. A shared view of the goals and framework for doing design research was missing. Design is a multidisciplinary activity occurring in multiple application areas and involving multiple stakeholders. As a consequence, design research emerges in a variety of disciplines for a variety of applications with a variety of subjects. This makes it particularly difficult to review its literature, relate various pieces of work, find common ground, and validate and share results that are so essential for sustained progress in a research community. Above all, design research needs to be successful not only in an academic sense, but also in a practical sense. How could we help the community develop knowledge that is both academically and practically worthwhile? Each of us had our individual ideas of how this situation could be improved. Lucienne Blessing, while finishing her thesis that involved studying and improving the design process, developed valuable insights about the importance and relationship of empirical

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studies in developing and evaluating these improvements. Amaresh Chakrabarti, while finishing his thesis on developing and evaluating computational tools for improving products, had developed valuable insights about integrating and improving the processes of building and evaluating tools.

For many students, doing research is often a joyless struggle. This book provides practical advice on how to do research in a concise way. It uses classic examples to show how experts conduct their research in different fields, allowing this book to be used in different disciplines. *Research Methods: A Practical Guide for Students and Researchers* provides a practical guide to students and researchers on how to do their research systematically and professionally. The book begins by distinguishing between causal and interpretive sciences. It then guides the reader on how to formulate the research question, review the literature, develop the hypothesis or theoretical framework, select a suitable research methodology, and analyze both quantitative and qualitative data. The book emphasizes integration. It does not merely provide a smorgasbord of research designs, data collection methods, and ways to analyze data. Instead, it shows how one can integrate these elements into a coherent research strategy. This study investigates the information needs and seeking behaviour of pastors in Namibia. The purpose of this study is to establish the information required by pastors to carry out their work, how they seek information and the problems they encounter in doing so. A mixed-method approach research was used to meet the objectives of the study. A stratified quota sample of 200 pastors was used based on Walpole's formula for proportions. One hundred and thirty-eight (69%) participants responded to the questionnaire, while 16 pastors from different denominations in Windhoek, purposively selected as key informants, were

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interviewed. The Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS) basic level descriptive statistics were used to analyse quantitative data from the questionnaires, while content analysis was used to analyse qualitative data from the interviews.

The complete guide for how to design and conduct theory-testing and other case studies...

Case Study Methodology in Business Research sets out structures and guidelines that assist students and researchers from a wide range of disciplines to develop their case study research in a consistent and rigorous manner. It clarifies the differences between practice-oriented and theory-oriented research and, within the latter category, between theory-testing and theory-building. It describes in detail how to design and conduct different types of case study research, providing students and researchers with everything they need for their project. The main aims are to: \* present a broad spectrum of types of case study research (including practice-oriented case studies, theory-building case studies and theory-testing case studies) in one consistent methodological framework. \* emphasize and clearly illustrate that the case study is the preferred research strategy for testing deterministic propositions such as those expressing a necessary condition case by case and that the survey is the preferred research strategy for testing probabilistic propositions. \* stress the role of replication in all theory-testing research, irrespective of which research strategy is chosen for a specific test. \* give more weight to the importance of theory-testing relative to theory-building. Case Study Methodology in Business Research is a clear, concise and comprehensive text for case study methodology. Templates are supplied for case study protocol and how to report a case study. A modular textbook primarily aimed at serving research methodology courses for final year undergraduate students and graduate students in Business Administration and Management, which is also

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useful as a handbook for researchers. Written by Jan Dul, Professor of Technology and Human Factors, RSM Erasmus University, Rotterdam and Tony Hak, Associate professor of Research Methodology, RSM Erasmus University, Rotterdam, in collaboration with other authors from RSM Erasmus University. \* Provides students with everything needed to design and conduct a case study project \* Templates are supplied clearly demonstrating case study protocol and how to report a case study \* A highly accessible, concise and comprehensive text for Case Study methodology

Review text: This book is an important contribution to research on multilingualism: the author does not only discuss theoretical aspects of this research field but also attempts to verify theoretical premises with respect to their empirical validity.(Dieter Wolff, Bergische Universität Wuppertal).

Power systems have two components of apparent power: active and reactive power. Both components are necessary for functioning of electrical systems. The active power is the average power absorbed by the resistive load. The reactive power is the measure of energy exchange between the source and reactive power of load. Energy storage devices do not dissipate or supply power, but exchange power with the rest of system. Active power is the one that is converted to other forms of energy in the load yet reactive power is only responsible for magnetizing purposes. Power factor is a ratio depicting how much of the power supplied is real. The reactive current contribute in the value of the overall magnitude of current in transmission lines causing unnecessarily high line currents and low power factor. Since a low power factor means higher amount

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of apparent power need to be supplied by the utility company, thus the company must also use bigger generators, large transformers and thicker transmission/distribution lines. This requires a higher capital expenditure and operational cost which usually result in the cost being passed to the consumer. In this research, we seek to identify the effects of a low power factor on Swaziland Electricity Company's power supply system and recommend possible solutions to the problem. The results are useful in determining how to optimally deliver power to a load at a power factor that is reasonably close to unity, thus reducing the utility's operational costs while increasing the quality of the service being supplied. The book includes the following chapters: \* ABSTRACT\* CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION\* CHAPTER 2: LITERATURE REVIEW\* CHAPTER 3: RESEARCH METHODOLOGY\* CHAPTER 4: DATA COLLECTION\* CHAPTER 5: RESULTS AND ANALYSIS OF THE SIMULATION MODEL\* CHAPTER 6: BENEFITS OF POWER FACTOR CORRECTION\* CHAPTER 7: FINDINGS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS\* REFERENCES\* APPENDICES Chapter two of this thesis discusses literature and theories behind power factor and its correction. Here we include the causes and effects of a low power factor in detail and how it is usually corrected in a power system. In chapter three the research methodology used in the study will be described. The setting and the study design are also described. Here also the methods used to collect the data and the way the data will be analyzed are explained. In chapter four, data on loading of five of SEC's

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substations will be collected and used in calculating their power factor and the approximated size of correction equipment will be determined from the results. Chapter five consist of the simulation model where the load behavior will be simulated and also the simulation results will be discussed here. The sixth chapter reviews the benefits of PFC and evaluates the cost and benefits associated with this project. Finally, chapter seven summarizes the research and also reveals the recommendations and conclusions made. Author: Dr. Hidaia alassouli Emai: hidaia\_lassouli@hotmail.com This book is the outcome of more than 20 years of experience of the author in teaching and research field. The wider scope and coverage of the book will help not only the students/ researchers/professionals in the field of agriculture and allied disciplines, but also the researchers and practitioners in other fields. Written in simple and lucid language, the book would appeal to all those who are meant to be benefitted out of it. All efforts have been made to present "RESEARCH", its meaning, intention and usefulness. The book reflects current methodological techniques used in interdisciplinary research, as illustrated with many relevant worked out examples. Designing of research programme, selection of variables, collection of data and their analysis to interpret the data are discussed extensively. Statistical tools are complemented with real-life examples, making the otherwise complicated subject like statistics seem simpler. Attempts have been made to demonstrate how a user can solve the problems using simple computer-oriented programme. Emphasis is placed

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not only on solving the problems in various fields but also on drawing inferences from the problems. The importance of instruments and computers in research processes and statistical analyses along with their misuse/incorrect use is also discussed to make the user aware about the correct use of specific technique. In all the chapters, theories are combined with examples, and steps are enumerated to follow the correct use of the available packages like MSEXCELL, SPSS, SPAR1, SAS etc. Utmost care has been taken to present varied range of research problems along with their solutions in agriculture and allied fields which would be of immense use to readers.

Nowadays, we have many research books. But, this is a book with a difference in that it seeks to equip research lecturers and students with the essentials of research and academic writing. By its very nature, this book ensures that its readers can smoothly better their research knowledge and academic writing skills. This book's simplicity and clarity guarantee that one's effort to peruse it cannot be futile. It is a must-read book for anyone interested in research and academic writing.

The aim of this book is to provide a better understanding with as to how to coordinate and improve decisions about product life cycle, process and supply chain design to improve new product development. The conclusions are based upon original research of supply chain management and new product development in numerous industries. Pregnancy is a time when women need to be prepared mentally and physically to meet the challenges of childbirth and the transitions to parenthood. However, this needs to

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be within the realms of safe practice. The study on which this book is based is derived from the author's work as a midwife with a special interest in exercise. The main aims of the study were to investigate the effects of undertaking a regular exercise programme during and following pregnancy on psychological well-being, pregnancy and birth outcomes. Data were collected at three time points during and following pregnancy using a variety of outcome measures and were analysed using appropriate statistical testing. Conclusions were drawn indicating that women who participated in regular physical activity tended to have protection against reduction of psychological well-being as measured by a variety of psychological constructs.

This book investigates the impact of culture-based learning among secondary school children in India. The bias of cultural values can determine a student's learning preference. This study reflects that students have the potential to adapt and develop their learning styles according to society, family, religion, and cultural demands. While traditional values are against certain types of students, there is still hope for strategic change by stimulating educators to transform the way students should be allowed to learn.

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The concept of climate change has been an overwhelming challenge on the global  
platform in the 21st century. The main alternative renewable energy in reference to  
fossil fuel is the use of biofuels. These include biodiesel, ethanol, methanol, and biogas.  
Nevertheless, the production of these biofuels has not come singly, whereby they have  
had immense impacts on agriculture, food production, and sustainable rural  
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and the production of biofuels on food production as well as on rural development in  
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This book focuses on reflective writing as a way to guide teachers to recognise their leadership strengths and develop as leaders. It explores leadership considerations in a range of teaching contexts, with each chapter raising diverse issues for aspiring leaders.

Today's students of social science must understand a variety of research methods. This new edition fully explores the logic of research, whilst aiding a critical understanding of practical, evidence based work. With new chapters, an original framework and updated examples, this book continues to be a primary resource for undergraduates.

As an undergraduate student, you should carry out a research to be qualified for a bachelor degree. Yet, research can be a major stumbling block for a student to achieve his/her goal. However, research should not hinder you to attain your aim. It only takes a little understanding and practice. This book describes almost everything you need to carry out a research assignment, as well as some techniques, concepts and conventions for writing a scientific paper. And more importantly, it has ample samples and practices. The objective of this book is to guide you step by step, little by little to design your research and finally write your very own thesis proposal. I sincerely wish that you could take advantage of this book and begin your



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explored in favour of the environment, biodiversity and other useful flora and fauna. We need to maintain the tritrophic interactions in which eating relationships between several species may be traced for biological control.

Research Methodology is an important area of study in graduate and post-graduate courses for Management, Commerce, Engineering, Law and Technology etc. The present book 'Research Methodology for Management and Social Sciences' Provides extensive details about the various aspects of Research Methodology.

IT Investment in Developing Countries: An Assessment of Practical Guideline offers an assessment of the effectiveness of IT investment in developing countries. It quantifies IT investment expenditures and the problem of measuring the intangible benefits of IT.

Currently, the author is a professor of the faculty of Chinese Christian counseling at the Triune Biblical University. He is also a professor of the faculty of Chinese Christian counseling at the Grace Theological Institute. The school is in partnership with the University of America / Salt Lake Baptist College / Salt Lake Bible College (SLBC) and is fully accredited by the Accreditation Service for International Schools, Colleges and University (ASIC UK), where it is listed as the University of America. ASIC is a UK-based accrediting agency that is part of the U.S. Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). SLBC, on the other hand, is recognized by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) of the U.S. Department of Education as a participating school in their Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) program. Theological accreditation is through the Baptist Schools Accrediting Association (BSAA) and is recognized by the State of Utah as a private college. It is listed in the state UEN (Utah Education Network) listings for "Higher Education-Private."

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This book is a must have for everyone in education, be it postgraduate students undertaking a research degree, whether it is a PhD or a Master's degree by research, undergraduate students preparing for their Final Year Project, teachers and even education officers. Writing a research proposal which seems like a daunting endeavour will be a pleasurable experience with the advice, tips and strategies provided in this book.

Managers who are able to conceptualize and align management systems with business strategy are more likely to achieve on-the-job results, receive higher performance appraisals, and move up in the organization. This in-depth study of senior, middle and first-line managers examines how successful managers use management systems to achieve high productivity and innovation in their areas of responsibility. In today's fast-paced, dynamic and highly competitive work environment, organizations strive to attract and develop strong leaders and managers. Executive, human resource specialists, organization development and training professionals are vitally interested in learning what qualities or characteristics the best leaders and managers exhibit, and how to develop those qualities in their existing workforce. While previous research has focused on the qualities of strong leader/managers primarily in senior or first-line management positions, this book reports the results of a comprehensive analysis of successful senior, middle and first-line managers in a high technology company. In this book, the reader will learn how the best managers define management systems and align those systems with business strategy in ways that achieve desired business results, and identify them as the leaders of the future.

Managing an international operation is seen by many as one of the most challenging activities in an enterprise. Uwe Sachse offers substantial answers to the question of how companies

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behave after they have entered a particular foreign market. The results of the empirical study show that the mode switch is an important option for improving performance in foreign markets. Uwe Sachse shows that, over the duration of foreign business activity, companies pursue characteristic internationalisation pathways through their choice of mode.

This second edition represents the thorough revision necessary to accurately reflect the variation and wealth of research methodologies used in contemporary rehabilitation counseling research. As with the previous edition, this new second edition is divided into ten chapters. Chapter 1 establishes the theoretical underpinnings of social scientific inquiry, provides a foundation in the philosophical, epistemological, and methodological considerations related to the design and execution of rehabilitation research, and discusses the broad purposes of research. Chapter 2 addresses the issues that are preparatory to designing and evaluating this research, the sources of research ideas, and translating these ideas into research hypothesis, identifying variables, and sampling issues. Chapter 3 discusses key measurement and statistical concepts used in the quantitative research tradition, including reliability and validity of measurements instruments, the purposes of descriptive and inferential statistics in analyzing numeric data, and provides an expanded section on methods of statistical analysis. Chapters 4 and 5 reviews ethical issues and guidelines for the design, implementation, and reporting of rehabilitation research, drawing valid inferences from results, and generalizing findings from the research sample to the target population. Chapters 6, 7, and 8 review the wide range of different quantitative, qualitative, and integrative approaches to doing rehabilitation research, and provides examples from the recent rehabilitation literature. Other topics include the intervention/stimulus relationship, descriptive studies in the quantitative paradigm, and



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to understand the broader implications and unifying themes.

This book focuses on feminist research methodology, exploring and analysing its constituting methods, theory, ontology, epistemology, ethics and politics, and research issues relating to women, gender and feminism in Sri Lanka. The book examines ways of meaning-making for the political, ideological and ethical purposes of promoting individual and social change, and constructs an example of feminist research praxis. Using this South Asian country as a case study, the author looks at the means by which researchers in this field inhabit, engage with and represent the multiple realities of women and society in Sri Lanka. In analysing what constitutes feminist research methodology in a transitional country, the book links local research practices with Western feminist approaches, taking into account the commonalities, distinctions and specificities of working in a South Asian context. Engaging with and re-conceptualising three traditionally different types of research - women's studies, gender studies and feminist studies - from a methodological perspective, *Feminist Research Methodology* provides a framework for researching feminist issues. Applicable at both a local and global level, this original methodological framework will be of value to researchers working in any context.

Aimed at globalising companies, institutional investors, business researchers,

students and practitioners. Guerilla Capitalism analyses the nature of the business system and behaviour of state owned enterprises in Vietnam. Written by an expert author, the book is based on first hand case studies containing full and frank interviews with local managers on the country's business culture. It thus provides those seeking to do business in Vietnam with an unparalleled insight into how and why its businesses in general, and state owned enterprises in particular, are structured and managed, a topic about which little has been previously written. The book also presents researchers and students with a comprehensive, societal approach to the study of organisational behaviour, and offers a distinctive interpretation of the common problems of state owned enterprises in transitional economies that goes beyond the traditional economic explanation. Is written by a Vietnamese academic whose unique access gave him an in-depth knowledge and understanding of business practices in Vietnam Provides information on the business environment in Vietnam Provides a comprehensive and innovative explanation and interpretation of the business system in Vietnam based on real world case studies and observations This book provides evidence on how FDI leads to knowledge and technology transfers towards domestic firms by paying attention to the role of multinational companies. The author presents a comprehensive empirical research conducted

at firm-level in the Turkish automotive industry. Using a representative sample of face-to-face in-depth interviews with top-executives and a survey of top level managers of domestic suppliers, the research analyzes the existence, channels, intensity and determinants, and the kind of transfers that occur at both inter- and intra-firm level in the industry. The author contends that policies aimed at attracting FDI flows should be re-examined under the findings and insights of this study since it is a necessary – although not sufficient - condition to have an efficient absorptive capacity level and/or skilled human capital stock in order to benefit from these flows. This study has policy implications for the automotive industry as well as practical recommendations for the public institutions and top-executives in emerging country companies and multinationals in order to conceive and implement science and technology policies in supporting the knowledge transfers.

About the Book: This second edition has been thoroughly revised and updated and efforts have been made to enhance the usefulness of the book. In this edition a new chapter The Computer: Its Role in Research have been added keeping in view of the fact tha

Martin Bergaus investigated Service Delivery Platforms (SDP), focussing on their challenges and design aspects from a user's perspective. Qualitatively he

incorporated user experience in SDP research, developing a Grounded Theory (GT) then set out parameters needed when developing SDP investigations from a user viewpoint, before technical implementation. This study indicates usability factors for future SDP systems and contributes to the exploratory framework represented by the six GT categories. The results of this study benefit Information Systems (IS) experts developing SDP based ICT systems and those interested in practical applications of GT.

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