

### **UPAD7001 Research Design Seminar Series (full-year course)**

This course is designed to introduce new research postgraduate (RPG) students to the basic knowledge, principles and practices about research and research design, and to prepare them for dissertation proposal development and thesis writing. Each lecture is designed to cover a part of the social science research process, including research philosophy, problem statement and research question formulation, conceptual framework building, literature review, experimental and quasi-experimental research design, measurement and data collection, quantitative and qualitative analysis methods, and thesis writing techniques.

The course offers general guidelines and principles regarding what is good research (especially in the urban planning and design field), how to complete a good research design, how to choose the appropriate methods in research, and how to present research in the academic domain.

Students will be continuously assessed throughout the course. Assessment may be in forms of lecture assignment, class participation and research proposal etc.

#### **Course Teacher(s):**

Prof. Shenjing He / Prof. Chinmoy Sarkar / Prof. Qiong He / Prof. Weifeng Li (TBC)

#### **Tentative Schedule:**

Date: the course will probably be commenced in Oct 2026 – the exact start date (TBC)

Day: Friday

Time: 10:00am – 12:30pm

No. of sessions: 8 sessions to be scheduled in the period Oct 2026 to Apr 2027