

RESEARCH DYNAMICS: PHILOSOPHY BEHIND ARTICLE ACCEPTABILITY OR REJECTION IN ECONOMICS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES' RESEARCH

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ABSTRACT

Scores of papers are rejected and more postgraduate candidates (Masters and PhD) are dropping out of their programs, particularly Economics and other Social Science disciplines. The understanding of research methodology and research method has an illusory vision in publishing finance and economics articles. This paper explores the literature to identify the philosophy behind conducting a research worthwhile for publication and or conduct a certified postgraduate research thesis. Specifically, it provides philosophical considerations of research design, research methodology and research method. It applies the exploratory method in determining the wisdom behind economic and social research. From various arguments, the fresh researchers would be familiar with philosophy of research design and see where a specific research philosophy would be applicable in education, finance, economics, political science, social studies and other disciplines. The paper argues that no research design is superior to each other. Though not all indicators of research article rejection are discussed in this write-up, the paper presents a ten-point checklist of research design as a guide for conducting and presenting a research article for publication or the writing of a certified research thesis.

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