

Review of: "Using concepts related to research design while writing thesis and dissertation at universities: questioning the status quo"

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The topic is interesting, since concepts related to research methodology tend to confuse research students. While it is worthwhile to try to clarify the meaning of different concepts, this article itself is more like an opinion-based piece of writing rather than a full academic article.

Quite a lot of methodology books have clarified basic concepts related to research methodology, so the author might want to have a systematic review of those books to support/expand the present argument.

The author might also want to dig deeper into the issue at hand, to examine whether the confusion about the meaning of methodology-related concepts is merely a technical issue – if it is merely a technical issue, a technical solution may be appropriate. But since there are quite a wide range of research traditions/ideologies in different academic disciplines, the proposal of using the same term in exactly the same way around the world sounds not only unrealistic but also inappropriate – to a certain extent, shouldn't we allow concepts be used freely to suit particular contexts? While the example given by the author, such as 'Research design and methodology' does look like a redundant title, the issue itself might be more complex and deserves further discussion.