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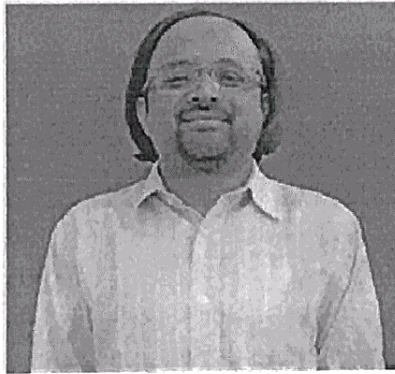
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**Workshop on Skill Development: Organizing your writing - Basics of APA citation style**  
**Date: 11 July 2020, Venue: Online on MS Teams, Duration: 2 hours**

### Objectives of the Workshop

Every year, the Research Cell at SSLA conducts a series of research workshops aimed at providing the students with all four batches of resources and guidance for proper research and writing. The workshops are open to faculty, staff, and other members of the SSLA community as well. A part of this series was a workshop on approaching academic writing in an organized fashion called "Organizing Your Writing: Basics of APA Citation Style". The workshop aimed to provide students with tips and techniques to include in-text citations and references in the APA format and resources that they could use related to making sure they are following all the nuances of the APA format.

### Workshop Facilitator



Dr. Vaidyanatha Gundlupet has a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Chicago and is Assistant Professor for Political Science at the Symbiosis School for Liberal Arts. His research and teaching interests focus on political rhetoric, international relations theory, and international security issues, particularly the impact of nuclear proliferation on strategic stability and diplomatic practice. He has a passion for thinking about philosophy of science, its implications for the practice of research, and teaching qualitative research methods.

**Number of workshop participants: 65**

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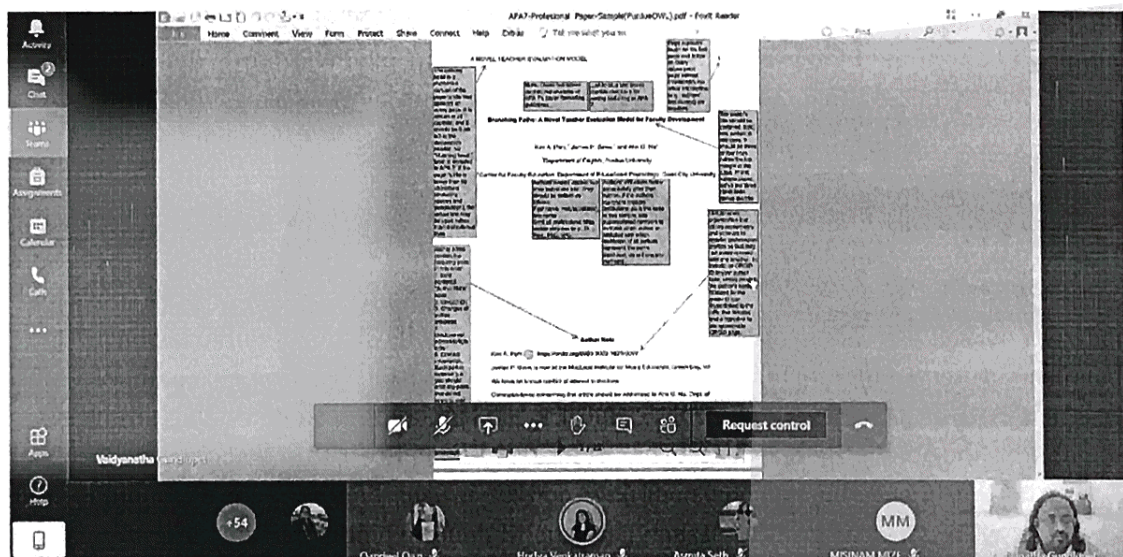
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## Workshop Outcomes

The following topics were covered in the workshop -

1. Purpose of citation - Why to cite, differentiate between quotations and citations, when should one cite, and what should one cite.
2. Format of citation – Instructions were given on where a citation is placed in a research paper, how are the citations organized, and what type of citation must be used.
  - Citation styles – Under this the two broad types of citation styles – bracket citation and footnote citation were introduced. The facilitator further elaborated on what style should fit under each of the broad types.
  - Introduction of the APA style – APA citation style was introduced as a bracket citation style.
3. How to cite under the APA style - This portion covered a major part of the workshop. Under this, the facilitator made use of a flowchart by UCSD libraries and a sample professional paper from Purdue Owl. A few of the many major highlights under this section included:
  - In-text citations
  - Citations with page numbers and citations without page numbers
  - Citations with an unknown author
  - Citations with multiple authors
4. Understanding capitalization – In this part, tips were given on how to identify what kind of source needs to capitalize and what does not. The same was demonstrated through the sample professional paper from Purdue owl.

The workshop was two hours long that included explanations and demonstrations of the techniques, a question and answer session with the students, and general feedback. The workshop was conducted online through Microsoft Teams.



Screenshot from the workshop on "Organizing your writing: Basics of APA citation style" conducted by Dr. Vaidyanatha Gundlupet on 11 July 2020.