**Workshop on *‘*Area Studies: Methodological Dimension’**

**Feedback**

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Based on the three-day experiences, I have divided my understanding and the results of the workshops into four sections:

**Objectives:**

There were three main objectives of the workshop. First, discuss and identify the relevance of ‘area studies’ as a mainstream academic discourse. During the course of time, the way area studies have been perceived has changed. Thus, the first task of this workshop was to position area studies as a discipline in contemporary academia. Second, finalize the preliminary course outline. After the discussion session about what the key approaches are and the aspects of the area studies, the workshop shifts its focus to course design. The third objective of the workshop was to finalize the functional issues related to the running of the courses.

**Methodology**

Discussion- After the introduction section, participants started to bring existing dynamics of area studies. Where professors presented the historical context and the us as students, participants presented our views regarding its applicability.

Note taking- While there were discussion and the different viewpoints on the floor, note was taken so that the group can reach the consensus based on those notes.

Finalization- After the discussion and the note taking, then the meeting moves forward to finalization the things set by the objectives.

**Results**

Brainstorming- We mainly saw three different perspectives while talking about area studies. Charles and Milan University mostly focused on the cultural, historical, and liguistical dynamics of area studies. Heidelberg University mainly focused on political science perspectives, where Warsaw University mainly brought the dynamics of area studies in international relations.

Final Course Outline- The workshop has finalized the course outline to run for the upcoming summer semester. There will be 12 classes focusing on various aspects of area studies including humanities and social science.

Resolved Administrative Issue-Warsaw University will be responsible for conducting course, while other participating universities will contribute in their assigned classes.

**Conclusion**

In general, the discussion and the outcome are highly satisfactory. Although at first it became a little difficult to put so many ideas into action, which finally got resolved in the third day. Personally, I think it would have been great to design the course completely based on contemporary international politics. However, considering the time constraint and diverse subject of study, the course has become quite broader. And I hope we can resolve this while designing the bigger course in the foreseen future.