

## BOOK REVIEW

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*Research Design: Qualitative, Quantitative, and Mixed Methods Approaches (3rd edition) /Dr. John W. Creswell. USA: Sage Publications, Inc. 2009. 260 P. ISBN 978-1-4129-6557-6 (pbk.)*

### ***About author***

John W. Creswell is a Professor of Educational Psychology at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He teaches courses on mixed methods research, qualitative inquiry, and general research design. In these three areas, he has authored numerous scholarly journal articles, book chapters and books.

### ***Audience and format***

The **Third Edition** of the text **Research Design** (2009) by John W. Creswell is designed for the graduates and faculty to prepare research proposal. It enables readers to compare three approaches to research in a single research methods text. The book presents these three approaches side by side within the context of the process of research from the beginning steps of philosophical assumptions to the writing and presenting of research. Text is written in a user-friendly manner, a new researcher can easily understand the steps and process of three approaches in research. He makes the complex ideas simple helping reader to select research approach. Tables and figures have been used to support text.

### ***Important Features***

This book:

- Discusses the philosophical assumptions related to different research methods
- Offers an extended discussion on ethical issues
- Highlights new Web-based technologies for literature searches
- Provides updated information about mixed methods research procedures
- Contains a glossary of terms
- Highlights “research tips” throughout the chapters incorporating the author’s experiences over the last 35 years

### ***Structure***

The book is divided into two parts. First part deals with the steps that researchers need to consider before preparing a research plan i.e. The selection of a research design that best suit to the topic, and the expertise of researcher, The Review of the Literature; discussing literature search, drawing visual map of studies, and especially compiling and writing literature review, Then use of theory, writing strategies and ethical considerations at different steps of research discussed in detail and in very convincing manners.

The second part discusses components of research proposals tailored with simple examples of three research approaches i.e. Quantitative, Qualitative and Mixed Method approach. The discussed components of research proposal include how to write an introduction, purpose statement, research questions and hypotheses, and selection of research procedures thoroughly.

This book is very helpful for beginners especially for writing research proposal of dissertations.