

TRAINING-WORKSHOP ON THE FUNDAMENTALS OF STRUCTURAL EQUATION MODELING FOR SOCIAL SCIENCES

April 16-18, 2026 | Days Hotel by Wyndham Iloilo, Iloilo City

The International Association of Scholarly Publishers, Editors and Reviewers (IASPER) with the SEC Registration No. CN201433407 is inviting you to participate in the **Training-Workshop on the Fundamentals of Structural Equation Modeling for Social Sciences** on **April 16-18, 2026** at **Days Hotel by Wyndham Iloilo, Iloilo City, Philippines**.

RATIONALE

In the ever-evolving landscape of social sciences, the ability to rigorously analyze complex relationships between variables is paramount. Structural Equation Modeling (SEM) is a powerful statistical technique that allows researchers to test and estimate causal relationships using both direct and indirect effects. This method integrates multiple regression analysis, factor analysis, and path analysis, providing a comprehensive approach to understanding and interpreting complex data structures.

Despite its utility, SEM can be intimidating due to its complexity and the mathematical rigor it requires. Many researchers in the social sciences are often deterred by these challenges, resulting in underutilization of this valuable analytical tool. To bridge this gap, we are introducing a specialized training program with an emphasis on using JAMOVI software. JAMOVI is a user-friendly, open-source statistical software that simplifies the implementation of SEM, making it accessible to a broader audience.

The training-workshop aims to:

- 1. Understand the Theoretical Foundations and Concepts of Structural Equation Modeling (SEM).** This objective aims to provide participants with a solid understanding of the underlying theories and principles of SEM. The training will cover the historical development of SEM, key concepts such as latent variables, measurement models, and structural models, and the distinction between reflective and formative indicators. By grasping these foundational theories, participants will be better equipped to apply SEM techniques appropriately and effectively in their research.
- 2. Develop Practical Skills in Applying SEM Using JAMOVI Software.** The practical application of SEM can be daunting due to the complexity of the statistical calculations involved. This objective focuses on equipping participants with hands-on skills in using JAMOVI software to perform SEM analysis. Participants will learn how to input data, specify models, estimate parameters, and interpret the results. By the end of the training, participants will be proficient in using JAMOVI to conduct SEM, enabling them to independently analyze their research data and draw meaningful conclusions.
- 3. Enhance the Ability to Critically Evaluate and Interpret SEM Results in Social Science Research.** Beyond technical proficiency, it is crucial for researchers to critically evaluate and interpret SEM results within the context of their studies. This objective aims to develop participants' ability to assess the validity and reliability of their SEM models, understand fit indices, and make informed decisions based on the analysis. The training will include case studies and examples from published social science research to illustrate best practices and common pitfalls in SEM application.

RESOURCE SPEAKER

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Director of the Research Development and Publication Office (RDPO)
Head of Institutional Accreditations
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Our trainer currently serves as the Director of the Research Development and Publication Office (RDPO) and Head of Institutional Accreditations at Jose Maria College Foundation, Inc. A committed academic leader and scholar, he holds a Doctor of Philosophy in Development Research and Administration from the University of Southeastern Philippines and multiple master's degrees in Corporate Management, Economics, and Predictive Analytics from institutions in the Philippines and Australia. His educational background is firmly rooted in multidisciplinary learning, allowing him to lead research initiatives that intersect data science, social policy, and educational innovation.

He is a prolific researcher with more than 30 publications in Scopus-, Web of Science-, ASEAN Science Citation-indexed and international peer-reviewed journals, covering a wide range of topics such as macroeconomic forecasting, data-driven education management, financial behavior, and applied machine learning. As a data analyst and public intellectual, he has been actively engaged in government-funded research projects, including those supported by DOST-PCIEERD and CHED. He also serves as a consultant for local government units, higher education institutions, and regional development councils, contributing to research-based policymaking and institutional performance measurement.

Finally, he regularly speaks in national and international conferences on data analytics, research ethics, scholarly publishing, and accreditation systems. He leads capacity-building initiatives across institutions and advocates for the use of open-source statistical tools to democratize research accessibility. As a mentor to both faculty and students, he remains dedicated to fostering a research culture that is ethical, innovative, and responsive to the evolving demands of 21st-century education and governance.

CONFIRMATION

For interested participants, please send your confirmation slip (as attached) at iasper@aseanresearch.org or register via Google Form at <https://forms.gle/AxvaTcGhY8JmqMvE8>.

Confirmation of participation is required to reserve a slot for the Training-Workshop. The deadline for confirmation will be on **April 10, 2026**.

REGISTRATION FEE

The regular registration fee is **6,500.00 PHP** inclusive of **two days lunches, AM and PM snacks, training Kits, ID and certificates**. The organizer will not be shouldering the accommodation of each participant since the training is in a live-out arrangement. A list of hotels will be provided as guidance to the participants reflecting the hotel address and contact information, estimated rate per night, and proximity to the hotel venue.

Deadline of payment for regular registration will be on **April 10, 2026**. For onsite payments the following additional documents are required: *Travel Order, Hotel Accommodation, and Flight Details, among others*.

PERSONALIZED INVITATION LETTER

Kindly provide us the following details should you wish to request for a personalized invitation letter:

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- Email address to send the CC of the invitation letter

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Name of Bank: Bank of the Philippine Islands
Address: Georgetown Cybermall, RN Pelaez Blvd. Kauswagan,
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Account Number: 8991-0002-76 (Peso Checking Account)

Payment through GCASH (GCASH to BPI Bank Transfer Option):

Name of Bank: Bank of the Philippine Islands
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Account Number: 8991000276

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