

Course Name: Research Methodology (PhD)

Course Code: DPH101

Contact Hours: 40 hours (10 hours per unit)

Credits: 4 credits

Semester: First

Lectures: 3.30 pm-4.30 pm (Monday, Wednesday and Thursday)

Course Teacher: Dr. Siddhartha Mukerji and Ms. Manjari Raj Oraon

Course Objectives: The primary objective of the course is to familiarize students with research techniques, including quantitative and qualitative methods employed in social science research in general and political science in particular. This will set groundwork for undertaking research in the emerging issues and contemporary areas in political science. Also the course is designed to prepare students for venturing into interdisciplinary and multi-faceted areas of research in the field of political science. A unit is entirely devoted to explain the structure and framework of synopsis that will give a clear direction to students in undertaking future research.

Course Content

Unit 1: Scope and Issues in Philosophy of Social Sciences

Unit 2: Explanation and Understanding

- Empiricism in Social Science
- The method of falsification by Karl Popper
- Thomas Kuhn on Paradigm Shift and History of Science

Readings of Unit 1 & 2:

1. Samir Okasha (2002), *Philosophy of Science: A Very Short Introduction*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press; chapters 1,3, 5 and 7
2. K.R. Popper (2002), *Conjectures and Refutations*, Routledge
3. Thomas Kuhn (1962), *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions*, Chicago: University of Chicago Press
4. Gurpreet Mahajan (1997), *Explanation and Understanding in Human Sciences*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, chapters 1 and 3
5. Len Doyal and Roger Harris (1986), *Empiricism, Explanation and Rationality*, London: Routledge, chapters 1 and 2
6. Rogger Trigg (2005), *Understanding Social Science: A Philosophical Introduction to Social Sciences*, Blackwell Publishing, chapters 1, 2 and 6

Unit 3: Research Methods

- Research techniques (qualitative and quantitative techniques)
- Methods of data collection- (observation, interviews, types of questionnaire)
- Techniques of sampling- random and non-random sampling

Unit 4: Research Design

- Identification of topic
- Review of Literature
- Questions and Hypothesis

- Referencing

Readings of Unit 3, 4:

1. Nicholas Walliman, *Social Research Methods*, London: Sage Publications, 2006
2. Ranjit Kumar, *Research Methodology: A Step-by-Step Guide for Beginners*, New Delhi: Sage Publications, 2011
3. Ranjit Kumar, *Research Methodology*, New Delhi: Pearson Publications, 2009

Suggested /Additional Readings:

1. C.G. Hempel (1962), *Explanation in Science and History*, London: Allen and Urwin
2. W.H. Newton Smith (2001), *Explanation*, Blackwell Publications
3. L.Doyal and R. Harris (1986), *Empiricism, Explanation and Rationality*, London: Routledge
4. Lakatos and A. Musgrave (1970), *Criticism and Growth of Knowledge*, Cambridge University Press
5. P. Sapsford R (1999), *Survey Research*, New Delhi: Sage Publications,
6. Seale, Clive (2008) *Social Research Method*, Routledge

Course Outcome: This paper trains the students to undertake research by familiarizing them with the basic and advance tools and techniques of field studies. It would also familiarize them with the philosophical foundation of research methods in social sciences. Upon completion of this paper, students will be able to design research projects, conduct field investigations and carry out experimental plus qualitative research.

Mode of Evaluation:

Mid-Semester Examination- 20%

Class Presentation- 10%

End-Semester Examination- 70%

Course Title: Issues in Political Theory

Course Code: DPH 102

Course Teacher: Prof.SartikBagh

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Credits Allotted: 04

Course Objective: The paper basically aims at sharpening the understanding of Ph.D students with the main developments in political theory in modern times. It will help to familiarise and equip the students the dynamics and complexities with the relevant domains of knowledge on the subject.

Mode of Assessment:

Tutorial/ Book Review / Class presentation- 50%

Presentation of Seminar Paper- 50%

Unit-I (5 lectures)

Introduction

Issues and Scope

Reading List

Political theory:Methods and approaches, David Leopold and Marc Stears, Oxford

Introduction to political theory, John Hoffman, Paul Graham, Pearson

What is political theory and why do we need it, Rajeev Bhargav

Issues in political theory, Catriona McKinnon, Oxford

Unit-II (5 Lectures)

Nation, State

Reading List

Benedict Anderson,Imagined Communities

Jean-Marie Guéhenno.The End of the Nation-State

Walter C. Opello,Nation-State and Global Order: A Historical Introduction to Contemporary Politics

The State: Theories and Issues, Colin Hay, Michael Lister and David Marsh

Unit- III (5 lectures)

- Justice
- Reading List

Idea of Justice, Amartya Sen, Penguin

A theory of Justice, John Rawls

Principles of Social Justice, *David Miller*

Justice, Michael J. Sandel

Unit- IV (15 lectures)

Democracy: Contemporary debates

Multiculturalism

Feminism

Citizenship

Reading List

The Oxford handbook of political theory, John S. Dryzek, Bonnie Honig, Anne Phillips, Oxford

Handbook of political theory, Sage reference online

Politics, Andrew Heywood

Citizenship: A Very Short Introduction, Richard Bellamy

Course Outcome: At the end of the paper, the students would familiarize with the subject and relate the world outside class room. The paper would bring out the best of the student to comprehend the day to day society critically.

Ph.D Course Work

Course Title: Issues in Contemporary Global Politics

Course Code: DPH103

Contact Hours: 40 hours (08 hours per unit)

Credits: 4 credits

Semester: First

Lectures: 4.30 pm-5.30 pm

Course Teacher: Prof. Ripu Sudan Singh

Objectives

1. To familiarize the students with the politics beyond the domestic realm
 2. To develop an understanding how states behave in a transnational set-up
 3. To build a critical understanding of the issues which are global in nature
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Unit-I (8 lectures)

- Human Rights
- Democratization

Unit-II (8 lectures)

- National Security
- Nuclear Proliferation

Unit-III (8 lectures)

- Environment and Sustainable Development
- Human development

Unit-IV (8 lectures)

- Ethnic Conflicts
- Global Terrorism

Unit- V (8 lectures)

- Feminism
- Multiculturalism
- Globalization and the Role of International Financial Institutions

Readings:

- A Hurrell, "Collective Security and International Order Revisited", International Relations, II (I) April.

- Adams, N.B, *Worlds Apart:the North-South Divide and the International System*, (London:Zed, 1993)
- B. Robertson, *The Crisis of Resources: Some Studies and Exploration of Industrial Resourcesfulness*,
- Bhagwati, Jagdish (2007), *In Defense of Globalization with a new Afterword* (Oxford University Press).
- Barnett, J., *The meaning of Environmental Security: Ecological Politics and Policy in the New Security Era* (London, Zed book, 2001)
- Bosh, Olivia, and Van Ham, Peter (ed), *Global Non-Proliferation and Counter-Terrorism* (Washington, D.C:Brookings Institute Press, 2007)
- Cronin, B. , *Institutions for Common Good:International Protection Regimes in International Society* , (Cambridge:Cambridge University Press, 2003)
- Dauvergne, P. (ed), *Handbook of Global Environmental Politics* (Cheltenham:Edward Elgar, 2005)
- Donnelly, J. *Universal Human Rights in Theory and Practice*, (Ithaca, NY:Cornell University Press, 2002)
- Gruber, L. , *Ruling the World:Power Politics and the Rise of Supranational Institutions*, (Princeton, NJ:Princeton University Press, 2000)
- H. Bull (1977), *Anarchical Society: A study of order in world politics*, (London: Macmillan)
- H.J. Morgenthau (1985), *Politics among Nations*, (New York: Alfred Knopf).
- I. Claude (1962) *power and International Relations*, (New York: Random House).
- N.D Palmer and Perkins (1986), *International Relations*, (Calcutta: Scientific Book Press).
- Jonathan Kirshner, *Globalization and the National Security*, (Routledge, 2006)
- K. Booth and T. Dunne, *Worlds in Collision: Terror and the Future of Global Order*, (London:Palgrave, 2002)
- Kiely, R. , *The New Political Economy of Development:Globalization, Imperialism and Hegemony*, (Basingstoke:Palgrave Macmillan, 2006)
- Krasner, S. D. (ed) *International Regimes*, (Ithaca, NY:Cornell University Press, 1983)
- K.N.Waltz (1979), *Theory of International Politics*, (Massachusetts: Addison-Wesley).
Press).
- Karl Cordell and Stefan Wolff, *Ethnic Conflict: Causes, Consequences and Effects* (Cambridge: Polity, 2009)
- Laurence Whitehead, *Democratization: Theory and Experience*, (Oxford University Press, 2003)
- L. James, and P. Morgan, *Security Studies Today*, (Cambridge:Polity Press, 1999)
- Rapley, J. , *Understanding Development* (Boulder, Col: Lynne Rienner, 1996)
- Sagan, Scott D., and Waltz Kenneth N. *The Spread of Nuclear Weapons,. A Debate* (New York and London. W.W Norton, 1995)
- Sageman, M, *Understanding Terror Networks*(Philadelphia, Penn: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2004)
- Stefan Wolf, *Ethnic conflicts: A Global Perspective*, (Oxford University Press, 2006)
- Schmid, A.P., Jongman, A.J., *Political Terrorism: A New Guide to Actor, Authors, concepts, Data Bases, Theories, and Literature*, (New Brunswick, NJ: Transaction Books, 1988)

- Weiss, T.G., T (ed), Bringing Transnational Relations Back In (Cambridge:Cambridge University Press, 1995)
- Zacher, M. w., With Sutton, B.A. Governing Global Network: International Regimes for Transportation and Communications ((Cambridge:Cambridge University Press, 1996)

Course Outcome: After completing this course, PhD students will be familiar with the emerging research areas of international politics and the theoretical developments in the field. This will help them develop both empirical and theoretical insights on diverse issues of global politics.

Assessment:

Tutorial/ Book Review / Class presentation- 50%

Presentation of Seminar Paper- 50%

Ph.D. Coursework

Course name: Women and Politics in India

Course Code: DPH 105

Contact Hours: 40 to 48 hours (10 to 12 hours per week)

Credit : 4 Credits

Semester: First

Lectures: 3.30 pm-4.30pm (Monday to Friday)

Course Teacher: Dr. Preety Choudhari, E.mail: preetychoudhari2009@gmail.com

Course Objectives: The course aims at understanding diverse issues pertaining to gender politics in India. The course is broadly organised in three major sections. First part of the course aims to explain different theoretical traditions of feminism beginning from the liberal feminist movement to the post-modern discourse distinguishable from each other in their understanding about both causes and consequences of gender inequality and gender-based power structures in the society. The second section traces the history of feminist movements and struggles in India starting from the social reform movement of the early nineteenth century. Following this, specific aspects concerning gender-discrimination in different spheres starting from family, politics, economy, culture and religion etc. and policy measures to address the same are dealt in the next section. Overall, the course offers a broad perspective to analyze the challenges to Feminist movement in India that in contemporary times make desired claims not simply for civil and economic rights but greater representation in political and administrative bodies.

Evaluation:

Term paper- 10% weightage

Mid-semester examination- 20% weightage

End-semester examination- 70% weightage

Unit I Theoretical traditions in Feminism (18 July- 30 August)

- Concepts and categories in Feminist literature- sex and gender, patriarchy, justice and care distinction, public-private dichotomy
- Liberal Feminism- struggle for civil and political rights

- Socialist Feminism- linkages between class and gender
- Radical feminism- patriarchy and sexual liberation

Readings:

- Barrett Michelle, *Women's Oppression Today: Problems in Marxist Feminist Analysis*, London, Verso, 1980
- C. Chamber's (2008), 'Gender' in MicKinnon C., ed., *Issues in Political Theory*, New York: Oxford University Press
- Andrew Heywood, *Political Ideologies*, Palgrave Macmillan (chapter on Feminism)
- J.S. Mill on *Subjection of Women*, edited by Susan Okin
- Lynda J. Nicoloson(1990), *Feminism/Post-modernism*, London: Routledge
- Shanley M.L. and Narayan V.(1997), ed., *Reconstituting Political Theory: Feminist Perspectives*, Polity Press
- Afhar Helen (1996), *Women and Politics in the Third World*, London: Routledge
- Kumari Jaywardhane 91986), *Feminism and Nationalism in the Third World*, London: Zed Books

Unit II Women's movement in India(2September –11 October)

- Women in Indian history- Social Reform movements, freedom struggle
- Post-colonial women's movement in India- claims for political representation, education, property rights and protection from sexual violence
- Women, customs and constitutional law

Readings:

- Nivedita Menon (1999), *Gender and Politics in India*, London: Oxford University Press
- Leslie J. Calman, "Women and Movement Politics in India", *Asian Survey*, 29 (10), October 1989
- B.K. Ray and A. Basu (1977), *From Independence Towards Freedom: Indian Women since 1947*, Oxford University Press
- GeraldinForber (1998), *Women in Modern India*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press
- Kumkum Roy (2001), *Women in Indian Societies*, New Delhi: Manohar Publishers

- Nirmala Banerjee (1999), “Analyzing Women’s Work Under Patriarchy”, Uma Chakravarty’s., ed., *From Myths to Markets: Essays on Gender*, New Delhi: Manohar

Unit III- Women’s issues in contemporary politics(14 October –08 November)

- Women and political representation- role of women in local government, women’s leadership, political debates on women’s reservation bill
- Women’s employment- status in organized and unorganized sectors, women migrant labourers
- Sex determination, reproductive health and women’s rights
- Issues concerning Dalit and Adivasi women

Readings:

- Nivedita Menon (1999), *Gender and Politics in India*, London: Oxford University Press
- Niraja Gopal Jyal and Pratap Bhanu Mehta (2011), *The Oxford Companion to Politics in India*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press (chapter on Gender)
- Falvia Agnes (1999), *Law and Gender Inequality*, New York: Oxford University Press
- JeemolUnni, “Changes in Women’s Employment in Rural Areas”, *Economic and Political Weekly*, 24 (17), 29 April 1989
- Gopal Guru, “Dalit Women Talking Differently”, *Economic and Political Weekly*, 30 (41/42), 14-21 October 1995

Unit IV Organizational efforts for women empowerment(11 November – 5 December)

- Initiatives of National Commission for Women, Ministry of Women and Child Development
- Women SHGs
- Role of NGOs

Additional/Suggested Readings:

1. Sunder Rajan (1993), *Real and Imagined Women: Gender, Culture and Post-Colonialism*, London: Routledge
2. Alison Jagger (1983), *Feminist Politics and Human Nature*, London: Harvester Press

3. Gerda Lerner (1986), *The Creation of Patriarchy*, New York: Oxford University Press
4. ShilaRowbotham (1993), *Women in Movements*, New York and London: Routledge
5. Zilliah Einstein (1979), *Capitalist Patriarchy and the Case for Socialist Feminism*, New York: Monthly Review Press
6. Nandiat Gandhi and Nandita Shah (1991), *Issues at Stake- Theory and Practise in Contemporary Women's Movement in India*, Delhi: Zubaan
7. Zoya Hasan (2010), "Gender, Religion and Democratic Politics in India", *Third World Quarterly*, 31 (6)

Course Outcome:

Upon successful completion, students will have the knowledge and skills to:

- A developed capacity to present strong theoretical arguments in their written work and to deploy relevant key facts, concepts and theories (as developed through written assessments, in-class discussions and tutorial-based activities).
- Reflect on the importance of gender and feminist perspectives to understand political phenomenon.
- Explain the key concepts and themes in the study of women and politics.
- Apply these concepts and themes to current cases and/or countries.
- Research and argue about a specific topic concerning gender issues.

Evaluation:

Term paper- 10% weightage

Mid-semester examination- 20% weightage

End-semester examination- 70% weightage