

Department of History

Programme Name : M.Phil History

Semester : 1st Sem.

Course Details

Sl. No.	Course Code	Course Title	Credit	Specify Type of Course- Core/Compulsory or optional/Elective	CBCS (Yes/No)
1	MPH 101	Research Methodology	04	Core	No
2	MPH 102	Historiography	04	Compulsory	No
3	MPH 103	Discipline Specific Any one of the following 1. Environmental History in North East India 2. Modern Buddhist Movement 3. Ecological History of India 4. Research Methods in Ancient History and Archaeology	04	Optional	No
3	MPH 104	Social History of India	04	Compulsory	No
3	MPH 105	Research and Publication Ethics	02	Compulsory	No

MPH -101 : Research Methodology

Objectives of the Course

This course intends to provide basic training in social research in general and historical research in particular. Orientation would be provided in handling several approaches in writing history and approaches. At the end of course student is expected to acquire proper understanding on the basic concepts of historical methods.

Module-I

Methods of Social Science/history Research:

- I. Interdisciplinary method
- II. Case study method
- III. Interview method (oral history)
- IV. Statistical method
- V. Positivist method
- VI. Historical method

Module-II

Preparation of Research Topic and Location of Research Material

- I. Identification of areas of research
- II. Identification of specific topic of research
- III. Sources of research
- IV. Conceptual framework of research
- V. Objectives of research
- VI. Methodology of research

Module-III

- I. Research design
- II. Contextualizing Research Topic
(Context, Scope, objective, methodology etc.)
- III. Citation and referencing styles
- IV. Essential for writing of research topic

Module-IV

Objectives Social Science Research

- I. objectivity and subjectivity in History
- II. Meaning of hypothesis
- III. Inductive and directive method
- IV. Use of logic in history research (Philosophy of History)
- V. Nature of historical facts

Suggested Readings

E.H. Carr, What is History, 1992
R.G. Collingwood, The idea of History, 1986
G. Garmer, Theories of History, 1980
Shaik Ali, History its method and purpose, 1981
Arthur Marvik, History and Methods, 1975
M. Chatnis, Historical Research, 1990
Bhupendra Yadav, Framing History, Context and perspective
Anole Bhattacharjee, Social Science Research: Principles, Methods and Practices, 2012.
G. Firebaugh, Seven Rules for Social Research, 2008.

MPH 102: Historiography

Aim: The broader aim is to make a researcher acquainted with the basic understanding of research methodology in history.

Objective:

- i. To inculcate the idea of discipline centric Historiography;
- ii. To make researcher understand the process of research in history;
- iii. To develop a sense of critical reading of texts;

Syllabus:

Module I:

What is History: Meaning, Scope, Definition & Subject matter. The role of Individual and society in Historical Development.

Module II

Varieties of History: Social, Political, Economic, Agrarian, Urban Psychological & Art; Ideology and Writing of History.

Module III

Philosophy of History: Objectivity, Determinism, Relativism, Historicism, Causation, Generalization, Historical Inevitability, Chance and Contingency in History.

Module IV

Trends in Twentieth Century- Towards total history: Annales School of France: Lucien Febvre, Marc Bloch, Fernand Braudel and E. Le Roy Ladurie. British Marxist approach: E.P. Thompson & E.J. Hobsbawm. Postmodernism and Foucauldian interpretation of History; Art and Scientific Characteristics of Historical Study

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4. D.D. Kosambi, An Introduction to the study of Indian History, 1956.
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15. John Cannon et. Al. (ed.), The Blackwell Dictionary of Historians, Oxford Basil Blackwell, 1988.
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17. Marc Bloch, the Historian's Craft, 1954, MUP, Manchester. (Translated Book Available in Hindi)
18. Marnie Hughes- Warrington, Fifty key Thinkers on History, Routledge, 2007.
19. Michael Standford, The Companion to the Study of History, 1996, Blackwell, Oxford.
20. Mohibbhul Hassan (ed.) Historians of Medieval India, Meerut, Meenakshi Prakashan, 1968.
21. Peter Hardy, Studies in Indo-Muslim Historical Writing, London, 1997.
22. R.C. Majumdar, Historiography in Modern India, Bombay, Asia Publishing House, 1967.
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26. Richard J. Evans, In Defence of History, London Granta Books 1997.
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30. Webster, C.B. John, An Introduction to History, 1977, Macmillan, Delhi

MPH 104 : Social History of India

About the course

1. Social history as sub-discipline of history acquired prominence in the last fifty years world over and in India as well. It deals with history of human kind from the perspective of social phenomenon. This approach is critical in a country like India which has complex social structures. The twin objective of this course as follows: firstly, it deals with conceptual landscape of social history at global level and

secondly, it maps out social changes in Indian history in general and modern Indian history in particular. The main objective of this course is to provide capacity to research students to acquire skills to capture social aspects in history and able to contribute to the contemporary social issues in India.

2. Intended outcomes of the course

3. This course is essentially designed to provide basic skills in practicing social research in general and social history in particular. Research students are expected to be acquainting with conceptual, methodological and operational aspects of social history which would help them in selecting their topics and enhance their quality of research.

4. Module: I

5. Sources, Basic concepts of social history: meaning, definition, nature and scope of social history- relationship of social history with other branches of history.

6. Module: II

7. Social history of India: history and Annals School of historical approach-social history in Britain-British socialist social historians: debates on nature and content of social history.

8. Module: III

9. History of India from the perspective of social history: ancient, medieval and modern periods: social policies of the British rule and socio-religious reform movements from above and below: social character of Indian national movement from below and above.

10. Module: IV

11. Recent advances in methodological and conceptual aspects of social history: subaltern studies approach, post colonial approach, social history or science and technology, popular histories, women histories, Dalit histories, tribal histories, peasant histories.

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16. David Thompson, *The Making of English Working Class*, London, 1984.
17. Dipesh Chakrabarty, "Minority Histories, Subaltern Pasts," in his *Provincializing Europe*, 2000.
18. Hobsbawm, Eric. *The Age of Revolution: Europe 1789-1848*.

19. Gyan Prakash, *Bonded Histories: Genealogies of Labor Servitude in colonial India*, Cambridge, 1990.
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22. Richard Eaton, *Social History of Deccan*, Cambridge, 2005.
23. Ram Sharan Sharma, *Perspective on Socio-economic history of early India*, 1999.
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26. Samita Sen, *Women labour late colonial rule in India: The Bengal Jute industry*, Cambridge, 1999.
27. Sumit Sarkar, *Writing Social History*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 1999.
28. Tilly, Charles. "The Old New Social History and the New Old Social History," *Review* 7 (3), Winter 1984: 363-406.
29. Rivendra Kumar, *Essays on Social History of Modern India*, Oxford University Press, 1992.
30. Mishra, B.B. *Indian Middle Class: Their growth in modern times*, Oxford University Press, 1979.

MPH 105: Research and Publication Ethics

Theory

- **RPE 01: Philosophy And Ethics**
 1. Introduction to philosophy : definition, nature and scope, concept, branches
 2. Ethics: definition, moral philosophy, nature of moral judgments and reactions
- **RPE 02: Scientific conduct**
 1. Ethics with respect to science and research
 2. Intellectual honesty and research integrity
 3. Scientific misconducts: Falsification, Fabrication, and Plagiarism (FFP)
 4. Redundant publications: duplicate and overlapping publications, salami slicing
 5. Selective reporting and misrepresentation of data
- **RPE 03: Publication Ethics**
 1. Publication ethics: definition, introduction and importance
 2. Best practices/standards setting initiatives and guidelines : COPE, WAME, etc.
 3. Conflicts of interest
 4. Publication misconduct: definition, concept, problems that lead to unethical behavior and vice versa, types
 5. Violation of publication ethics, authorship and contributorship
 6. Identification of publication misconduct, complaints and appeals
 7. Predatory publishers and journals

Practice

- **RPE 04: Open Access Publishing**
 1. Open access publication and initiatives
 2. SHERPA/RoMEO online resource to check publisher copyright & self –archiving policies
 3. Software tool to identify predatory publications developed by SPPU
 4. Journal finder/journal suggestion tools viz. JANE, Elsevier Journal Finder, Springer Journal Suggester, etc.
- **RPE 05: Publication Misconduct**
 - A. Group Discussions**
 1. Subject specific ethical issues, FFP, authorship
 2. Conflicts of interest
 3. Complaints and appeals: examples and fraud from India and abroad
 - B. Software tools**

Use of plagiarism software like Turnitin, Urkund and other open source software tools
- **RPE 06: Databases and Research Metrics**
 - A. Databases**
 1. Indexing databases
 2. Citation databases: Web of Science, Scopus, etc.
 - B. Research Metrics**
 1. Impact Factor of journal as per Journal Citation Report, SNIP, SJR, IPP, Cite Score, Metrics: h-index, g index, i10 index, altmetrics

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Semester : 2nd Sem.

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1	MPH201	Dissertation	08	Compulsory	No
2	MPH202	Pre Presentation Seminar	04	Compulsory	No
3	MPH 203	Viva-Voce	04	Compulsory	No