

BHAGWANT UNIVERSITY

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Rajasthan



Syllabus

Institute of Humanities & Social Sciences

M. Phil I Semester

History

Course Category

MHis : M.Phil in History

CCC: Compulsory Core Course

ECC: Elective Core Course

Contact Hours:

L: Lecture

T: Tutorial

P: Practical or Other

Marks Distribution :

IA: Internal Assessment (Test/Classroom Participation/Quiz/Presentation/Assignment etc.)

EoSE: End of Semester Examination

M. Phil (History)

(Course Structure)

Subject code	Subject Name	Teaching hours			Marks		
		L	T	P	External	Internal	Total
01MHis101	Historical Research:Theory and Method	3	0	0	70	30	100
01MHis102	Trends in Historiography on Ancient India	3	0	0	70	30	100
01MHis103	Trends in Historiography on Medieval India	3	0	0	70	30	100
01MHis104	Trends in Historiography on Modern India	3	0	0	100		100
Total		12	0	0	280	120	400

SEMESTER II

Subject code	Subject Name	Teaching hours			Marks		
		L	T	P	External	Internal	Total
02MHis101	ADVANCED RESEARCH METHODOLOGY	3	0	0	70	30	100
02MHis102	Historiography (GENERAL HISTORIOGRAPHY, WESTERN HISTORIOGRAPHY)	3	0	0	70	30	100
02MHis103	Indian National Movement(1857-1947)	3	0	0	70	30	100
02MHis201	DISSERTATION	3	0	0	50	50	100
Total		12	0	0	260	140	400

Paper-I

Historical Research: Theory and Method

Paper Code:

01MHis101.

Unit I

The historian and his facts; causation and generalization; problem of value judgement; challenges of Post Modernism.

Unit II

Historical Evidence: Archaeological findings; Literary; Documentary; Art forms: Myth, Folklore, Oral evidence, Internal and External criticism of evidence.

Unit III

The agenda for total History: Marc Bloch, Lucien Febvre and the early years;

Unit IV

The Braudelian perspective; the history of mentalities; the history of emotions, and the history of everyday life.

Unit V

History and allied disciplines: History in relation to Geography; Economics; Sociology; Ethnohistory; Political Science, Psychology and Literature.

Recommended Reading:

1. Aymard, M. and Harbans Mukhia *French Studies in History*, 2 vols, Orient Longman, Hyderabad, 1989 (reprint).
2. B. Sheik Ali, *History its Theory and Method*, Macmillan Col. Ltd., Delhi, 1978
3. Barzun, J and Henry Graff *The Modern Researcher*, Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, New York, 1977.
4. Beverley Southgate *History: What and Why*, Routledge, New York, 2001
5. Burke, Peter *Sociology and History*, George Allen and Unwin, London, 1980.
6. Carr, E.H. *What is History*, Pelican paperback, 1990
7. Clark, Stuart *The Annales Historians, Critical Assessment*, Vol.I, Routledge, London, 1999.
8. Cohn, B. *History and Anthropology: The State of Play*, Oxford University Press, Delhi, 1988.
9. Elton, G.R. *The Practice of History*, Collins/Fontana, Great Britain 1976 (7th impression).
10. Gottschalk, Louis *Understanding History: A Primer of Historical Method*, Alfred A. Knopf, New York, 1969.
11. Ishwar Dayal Gaur *Martyr as Bridegroom: A Folk Representation of Bhagat*

Singh, Anthem Press, New Delhi, 2008.

12. Jenkins, Keith *On 'What is History'?*, Routledge, London, 1995.

13. Jenkins, Keith *Why History?: Ethics and Postmodernity*, Routledge, London, 1999.

14. Joyce, Appleby, Lynn Hunt and Margret Jacob *Telling the Truth About History*, W.W. Norton, New York, 1994.

15. Ludmilla, Jordanova *History in Practice*, Arnold, London, 2000.

16. Peter Lambert & Philip Schofield (ed), *Making History: An Introduction to the History and Practices of a discipline*; Routledge, New York, 2006

17. Reader, Melvin *Marx's Interpretation of History*, Oxford University Press,

New York, 1979.18. Rosenav, Pauline Marie 'History with a French Accent', *Journal of Modern History*, vol.44, No.4, December 1972, pp.447-539.

19. Rosenav, Pauline Marie *Post-Modernism and the Social Sciences*, Princeton University Press, Princeton, New Jersey, 1992.

20. Stone, Lawrence 'History and the Social Sciences in the Twentieth Century', *The Future of History* (ed. Charles Delzell), Vanderbilt University Press, 1977; 3-42.

21. Webster, John CB *Studying History*, Macmillan, Delhi 1997

Paper II

Trends in Historiography on Ancient India

Paper Code: 01MHis102.

Unit I

Western Perspectives of Ancient India: James Mill; Havell, Max Muller and V.A. Smith;

Nationalist Interpretation: K.P. Jayaswal, R.K. Mookerji.5

Unit II

Marxist Interpretation: Socio-economic changes in early India; identifying new areas of study; Communal Interpretation: Responses to Vedic and subsequent socio-religious developments.

Unit III

Major debates: The Aryan home land; the 'golden age' of the Guptas;

Unit IV

Origin and decline of Indian Feudalism; the paradigm of Urban Decay; the model of Segmentary State: the Cholas.

Unit V

Recent trends in historical research: Gender; Bio-ethics in Buddhism; Approaches to regional history with reference to the Punjab.

Recommended Reading:

1. Altakar, A.S. *The Position of Women in Hindu Civilization*, 2nd ed., Motilal Banarasidass, Delhi, 1978.
2. Chhatopadhyaya, B.D. *The Making of Early Medieval India*, OUP, 2005
3. Devahuti, D, *Bias in Indian History*, D.K. Pub., Delhi, 1980.
4. Devahuti, D.(ed.) *Problems of Indian Historiography*, D.K. Publications, Delhi, 1979.
5. Grewal, J.S., *Social and Cultural History of the Punjab*, Manohar, New Delhi, 2004
6. Jaiswal, Suvira *Studies in Early Indian Social History: Trends and Possibilities*, I.H.R., Vol. vi, nos.1-2 (July 1979- Jan.1980).
7. Jha, D.N. *Ancient India: An Introductory Outline*, People's Pub. House, Delhi, 1977.

8. Jha, D.N. *Studies in Early Indian Economic History*, Anupama Publications, Delhi, 1980.
9. Keown, D. *Buddhism and Bioethics*, Macmillan, London, 1995.
10. Philips, C.H. (ed), *Historians of India, Pakistan and Ceylon*, O.U.P., 1961.
11. Ray, Bharati (ed) *Different Types of History*, PHISPIC, Vol.XIV, Pt.4, OUP, Delhi
12. Ray, KumKum (ed) *Women in Early Indian Societies*, Manohar, New Delhi, 2001.
13. Shah, Shalini *The Making of Womanhood Gender Relations in theMahabharata*, Manohar, New Delhi, 1995. 6
14. Sharma, R.S. *Indian Feudalism c.AD 300-1200*, 2nd ed., Mac millan, Delhi, Reprint, 1985.
15. Sharma, R.S. *Urban Decay in India c. AD 300-1000*, Munshiram Manoharlal, New Delhi, 1987.
16. Sharma, R.S., *In Defence of Ancient India*, People's Publishing House, Delhi, 1978.
17. Sharma, R.S., *Perspectives in Social and Economic History of Early India*, unshiram Manoharlal, New Delhi, 1983.
18. Stein, Burton, *Peasant State and Society in Medieval South India*, O.U.P., Delhi, 1980.
19. Thapar, Romila; Chandra, Bipan and Mukhia, Harbans *Communalism in the Writing of Indian History*, People's Pub. House, Delhi, 1969.
20. Thapar, Romila *Cultural Past: Essays in Early Indian History*, OUP, Delhi, 2003.
21. Thapar, Romila *Social History of Ancient India: Some Interpretations*, Orient Longman, Hyderabad, Ist Pub. 1978, Rpt. 2004.

22. Thapar, Romila *The Past and Prejudice*, N.B.T., New Delhi, 1st ed. 1975; revised ed.2000.

23. Trautmann, Thomas R. (ed.), *The Aryan Debate*, OUP, New Delhi, 2005.

Paper III

Trends in Historiography on Medieval India

Paper Code: 01MHis103.

Unit I

British writings from the late eighteenth century onwards: Alexander Dow; James Mill; Mountstuart Elphinstone; Henry Elliot. 7

Unit II

Pre-independence phase: Mohammad Habib's interpretation of Sultan Mahmud of Ghazni; his contribution to the study of Sufism; Jadunath Sarkar's interpretation of the reign of Aurangzeb.

Unit III

Post-independence phase: Marxist understanding of socio-economic changes in the Delhi

Unit IV

Sultanate; explanations of the decline of the Mughal Empire; emergence of the communalist approach; historian's response to Ayodhya.

Unit V

New fields of historical research; theories of Islamization; a subaltern perspective on the Meostreatment of the eighteenth century in historical writings; approaches to regional history with reference to north-western India; Recent debates in Sikh History.

Recommended Reading

1. Alam, Muzaffar *The Crisis of Empire in Mughal North India: Awadh and the Punjab 1707-1748*, OUP, Delhi, 1986
2. Alam, Muzaffar & Subrahmanyam, Sanjay, (ed.), *The Mughal State 1526-1750*, OUP, Delhi, 1998
3. Alavi, Seema, (Ed.), *The Eighteenth Century in India*, OUP, Delhi, 2002
4. Chandra, Satish *Historiography, Religion and State in Medieval India*, Har-Anand, New Delhi, 1996.
5. Chandra, Satish *Essays in Medieval Indian History*, OUP, Delhi, 2003
6. Eaton, Richard.M, *The Rise of Islam and the Bengal Frontier 1204-1760*, OUP, Delhi, 1997
7. Grewal, J.S. *Muslim Rule in India: The Assessment of British Historians*, OUP, Calcutta, 1970. 8. Grewal, J.S. *Contesting Interpretations of Sikh History*, Manohar, New Delhi,
9. Habib, Irfan, 'An Economic History of the Delhi Sultanate: An Essay in Interpretation', *The Indian Historical Review*, Vol. IV, 1978.
10. Habib, Irfan *The Agrarian System of Mughal India 1550-1707*, Second Revised Edition, OUP, Delhi, 1999.
11. Kulke, Hermann (ed.), *The State in India 1000-1700*, OUP, Delhi, 1997.
12. Kumar, Sunil *The Emergence of the Delhi Sultanate 1192-1286*, Permanent Black, Ranikhet, 2007.
13. Lal, Vinay *The History of History: Politics and Scholarship in Modern India*, OUP, Delhi, 2003.
14. Marshall, P.J. (ed.) *The Eighteenth Century in Indian History: Evolution or*

Revolution?, OUP, New Delhi, 2005.

15. Mayaram, Shail *Against History, Against State: Counterperspectives from the Margins*, Permanent Back, New Delhi, 2004.8

16. Nizami, K.A. (Ed.), *Politics and Society During the Early Medieval Period: Collected Works of Professor Mohammad Habib, Vol.I*, Peoples Publishing House, New Delhi, 1974.

17. Pawar, Kiran *Siri Jadunath Sarkar: A Profile in Historiography*, Books and Books, New Delhi, 1985.

18. Ray, Bharati (ed) *Different Types of History*, Phisbic, Vol.XIV, Pt.4, OUP, Delhi

19. Sachdeva, Veena *Polity and Economy in the Punjab during the late Eighteenth Century*, Manohar, New Delhi, 1993.

20. Singh, Chetan *Region and Empire: Punjab in the Seventeenth Century*, OUP, Delhi, 1991.

21. Subodh, Sanjay *Historiography of Medieval India: A Study of Mohammad Habib*, Manak Publications, New Delhi, 2000.

22. Thapar, Romila, Harbans Mukhia and Bipan Chandra *Communalism and the Writing of Indian History*, Peoples Publishing House, New Delhi, Reprint, 1987.

Paper IV

Trends in Historiography of Modern India

Paper Code:

01MHis104.

Unit I

European writings on Indian history in the 19th & 20th centuries;
Orientalism British interpretation of Indian polity, society, and economy;
Nationalism in history writing; Nationalist response to colonial historiography. 9

Unit II

Marxist approach to Modern Indian History: Marxist approach in understanding Colonialism; Indian National Movement and Partition; Emergence of the Communalist approach; Communalists and the Indian National Movement, Secularism and communalism; Communalism and Fundamentalism.

Unit III

Subaltern approach to Modern History : Concept of 'history from below'.

Unit IV

Early Subaltern historiography with special reference to their content, sources & methodology; Changes and new trends in subaltern writing; Challenges of Post-modernism and its impact.

Unit V

New fields of historical research: Gender, Science, Technology and environmental history; Study of Regional history with reference to North-western Region; Current debates.

Recommended Readings

1. Chandra, Bipan 'Nationalist Historians Interpretations of the Indian National Movement', *Situating Indian History for Sarvapalli Gopal*, eds.

Sabyasachi Bhattacharya and Romila Thapar, OUP, Delhi, 1986, 194-238.

2. Chandra, Bipin *Communalism in Modern India*, 2nd edn., Vikas Publishers, Delhi, 1987.

3. Das, Veena 'Subaltern as Perspective' *Subaltern Studies VI* (ed. Ranjit Guha),

Oxford India Paperback, Delhi, 1994, 310-24.

4. Desai, A.R. *Social Background of Indian Nationalism*, People's Publishing House, Bombay, 1959.

5. Desai, Neera & Maithreyi Krishnaraj: 'Introduction', *Women and Society in India*, Ajanta, Delhi, 1987, 1-24.

6. Everett, J.M. *Women and Social Change in India*, Heritage, New Delhi, 1981

7. Forbes, Geraldine *Women in Modern India*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1996

8. Grewal, J.S. *Historical Perspectives on Sikh Identity*, Manohar, New Delhi, 2000.

9. Guha, Ranjit 'On some Aspects of the Historiography of Colonial India', *Subaltern Studies I*, OUP, 1982, 1-8.

10. Guha, Ranjit *An Indian Historiography of India: A nineteenth century agenda and its implications*, K.P. Bagchi & Co., Calcutta.

11. Habib, Irfan *Problems of Marxist Historiography*, *Social Scientist*, 16 (12) December, 1988. 10

12. Habib, Irfan *Science and Technology*, OUP, New Delhi, 2007

13. Hobsawm, Eric J. *Nations and Nationalism since 1780. Programme, Myth, Reality*,

Canto, Cambridge, 1992.

14. Kumar, Deepak *Science and the Raj*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 1995.

15. Lal, Vinay *The History of History: Politics and Scholarship in Modern India*, Oxford University Press, Delhi, 2003.

16. Majumdar, R.C. *Historiography in Modern India*, Asia Publishing House, Bombay, 1970.
17. Mukhopadhyaya, Subodh Kumar *Evolution of Historiography in Modern India, 1900-1960*, K.P. Bagchi & Co., Calcutta, 1981.
18. Mukhopadhyaya, Subodh K *Evolution of Historiography in Modern India, 1900-1960*, K.P. Bagchi, Calcutta, 1981.
19. Phillips, C.H. (Ed.), *Historians of India, Pakistan and Ceylon*, Oxford University Press, 1961.
20. Prakash, Gyan, *Writing Post-Orientalist Histories of the Third World: Perspectives from Indian Historiography*, in *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, Vol.32, No.2 (April 1990), pp.383-408
21. Raina, Dhruv and Habib, Irfan (Eds.) *Situating History of Science: Dialogues with Joseph Needham*, Oxford University Press, Delhi, 1999, pp.1-25
22. Ray, Bharati (ed) *Different Types of History*, PHISPIC, Vol.XIV, Pt.4, OUP, Delhi.
23. Sangari, Kum Kum & Vaid *Recasting Women*, Kali for Women, New Delhi, 1989.
24. Sarkar, Sumit *Modern India*, Macmillan 1983 (reprint 1984, 1985), Introduction, 4-11.
25. Sarkar, Sumit 'Popular Culture Community Power: Three Studies of Modern Indian Social History', *Studies in History*, Vol.8, No.2, 1992, 309-24.
26. Sarkar, Sumit *Marxian Approaches to the History of Indian Nationalism*, K.P. Bagchi, Delhi, 1990.
27. Sen, S.P. (ed.), *Historians and Historiography in Modern India*, Institute of Historical Studies, Calcutta, 1973.
28. Sen, S.P., ed. *Historians and Historiography in Modern India*, Institute of

Historical Studies, Calcutta, 1973. 11

29. Thapar, Romila and others, *Communalism and the Writing of Indian History*, NBT, Delhi, 1979.

30. Thapar, Romila, Chandra Bipin and Mukhia Harbans, *Communalism in the Writing of Indian History*, People's Publishing Housing House, Delhi, 1969.

SEMESTER II

02MHIS101ADVANCED RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Unit-I

History as a subject

- a. Its meaning
 - b. Nature and Scope
 - c. Causation in History
- Its relations with Political Science, Sociology and Geography
- (d) History – Nature, Meaning, Scope and Objective.
 - (e) Sources of History – Primary & Secondary
 - (f) Collection and selection of data.
 - (g) Analysis and interpretation of data – Hermeneutics & Heuristics analysis.

Unit-II

- a. Source : Primary and Secondary
- b. Authenticity of sources
- c. Interpretation of Facts
- d. Objectivity
- e. Generalisation
- (f) History and its relation with other Sciences.
- (g) Objectivity and Bias in History.
- (h) Various Theories & Methods of History.
- (i) Micro & Macro levels in History.

Unit-III

Techniques of Research

- a. Selection of subject
- b. Hypothesis
- c. Synopsis
- d. Chapterisation
- e. Bibliography
- (e) Causation and generalization in History.
- (f) Progress in History.

(g) Historical Imagination.

(h) Historical Evidence.

Unit-IV

Execution of Research

a. Collection of material

b. Presentation of evidences

c. Documentation and references

d. Preliminary draft and Final draft

e. Final bibliography

(f) Choice of subject.

(g) Preparation of Synopsis.

(h) Footnotes and Indexing.

(i) Bibliography and documentation

UNIT V (a) Book review-Essential features.

(b) Interdisciplinary and Multidisciplinary approach.

(c) Quantitative and Qualitative research.

(d) Interviews & Fieldwork in research.

Books Recommended :

1 Carr E.H. What is His tory (London : Macmillan, 1961)

2 Collingwood, R.C. Idea of History (London : OxfordUniversity Press, 1967)

3 Elton, G.R. Practice of History

4 Marwick, Aurthur The Nature of History (London :Macmillan, 1982)

5 Butterfield, H. Man on his Best (London : G.Bell,1968)

6 Childe, V.G What Happened in His tory (Harmondsworth : Penguin, 1946)

7 Gardiner, Ratrick (ed.) Theories of History (New York: Free Press, 1959)

8 Walsh, W.H. *An Introduction to the Philosophy of History* (London : Hutchinson,1967)

9 Cornfoth, Maurice Historical Materialism (London :Lawrence & Wish art, 1953)

10 Thomson, D. The Aims of History (London :Thames and Hudson, 1969)

11 Renier, G.J. History : Its Purpose and Method (London : George Allen & Unwin,1950)

12 Webster, John C.B An Int roduct ion to His t ory(Meerut : Macmillan, 1967)

13 Postan, M.M. Fact and Relevance : Essays in theHistorical Methods (Cambridge :Cambridge Univer sity, Press,1971)

14 Leff, G. His tory and Social Theory (London : Macmillan, 1967)

15 Hockett, H.C. The Critical Method in Historical Research and Writing (New York: Macmillan, 1966)

16 Vasina, Jan The Oral Tradition - A Study inHis tor ical Methodology (New Burnswick : Aldine Transaction,2006)

17 Barzun J. & Graff H.P. The Modern Researcher (New York Harcourt, 1970)

18 Plekhnov, G.V. Fundamental Problem of Marxism(New York : International Publishers, 1944)

19 Ghosh S. Archives in India (Ca lcut ta, Firma, 1963)

20 Low, D.A. (ed) Archives in South Asia (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press,1969)

21 Vincent, John M. Historical Research : An Outlines of Theory and Practice

22 Ausubal, Herman Historians and their Craft (New York : Russell and Russell, 1967)

23 Hexter, J.H. Reappraisals in History (London: Longman, 1961)

24 Rissavousky, A.V. Generalisation in Historical and Rizink, V. Writing (Philadelphia : University

Paper -II Historiography (GENERAL HISTORIOGRAPHY, WESTERN HISTORIOGRAPHY)

Unit – I History : Meaning; Nature and Scope

- (a) Various approaches to Indian History.
- (b) Colonial / Imperialist approach to Indian History.
- (c) Nationalist approach to Indian History.
- (d) Marxist approach to Indian History.

Unit – II History and Allied Disciplines; Historical Evidence : Its Nature and Transmission

- (a) Ancient Indian Historical Traditions- rise & development.
- (b) Historicity of the Buddhist & the Jain Traditions.
- (c) Major Historical works- Harshacharita, Vikramankadeva Charita and Rajatarangini.
- (d) South Indian Historiography- Sangam Literature, works of Cholas & Vijyanagara Empire.

Unit – III Objectivity in History; Causation in History; Collection and Selection of Historical Data

Unit IV Early Trends of Historiography: Greeco-Roman; Chinese and Ancient Indian

Unit – V Medieval Historiography : Western; Arabic and Persian

- (a) Subaltern studies in India.
- (b) Communal issues and Indian Historiography.
- (c) Cambridge School- Major assumptions.

Suggested Readings :

- 1 Ali, B. Sheikh *History : Its Theory and Method*
- 2 Bajaj, Satish, K. *Recent Trends in Historiography*
- 3 Bentley, Michael (ed.) *Companion to Historiography*
- 4 Bloch, Marc *The Historian's Craft*
- 5 Buddha Prakah *Itihas Darshan* (Hindi)

- 6 Carr, E.H. *What is History ?*
- 7 Collingwood, R.G. *The Idea of History*
- 8 Elton, G.R. *Practice of History*
- 9 Gardener, Patrick *Theories of History*
- 10 Habib, Irfan *Interpreting Indian History*
- 11 Hale, J.R. *Evolution of British Historiography*
- 12 Hardy, Peter *Historians of Medieval India*
- 13 Johnson, Allen *Historian and Historical Evidence*
- 14 Ladurie, L. R. *Territory of the Historian*
- 15 Leonard, M.M. *The Nature of Historical Inquiry*
- 16 Majumdar, R.K. & Srivastava, A.N.

Historiography

- 17 Marwick, Aurthur *The Nature of History*
- 18 Marwick, Aurthur *What History Is and Why It is Important ?*

Paper – III : Indian National Movement(1857-1947)

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UNIT - 01

INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS - FOUNDATION - AIMS - PRINCIPLES
BRITISH REACTION - INC UNDER MODERATES

UNIT - 02

INDIAN NATIONALISM - ORIGIN - EARLY YEARS - INFLUENCE OF
WESTERN IDEAS - INDIAN RENAISSANCE MOVEMENT .

UNIT - 03

PARTITION OF BENGAL - DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL MOVEMENT -
NATIONALISM AND THE CONSEQUENCES OF PARTITION OF BENGAL

UNIT - 04

EXTREMISMS AND THE GROWTH OF INDIAN NATIONALISM - EXTREMIST
POLICY - CHANGING PHRASE OF CONGRESS - VIOLENT ACTIVITIES OF
EXTREMISTS –LEADERS OF EXTREMIST

UNIT - 05

MUSLIM LEAGUE - FORMATION AND DEVELOPMENT - SURAT SPLIT –
MINTOMORLEY REFORMS - DIVIDE AND RULE POLICY OF BRITISH

PAPER IV 02MHIS201 DISSERTATION