

BHAGWANT UNIVERSITY

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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

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, 1st 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 Black, 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
Communist approach; Communists 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. Mukhopadhaya, Subodh Kumar *Evolution of Historiography in Modern India, 1900-1960*, K.P.Bagchi & Co., Calcutta, 1981.
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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
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