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Syllabus

Institute of Humanities & Social Sciences

M. Phil I Semester

Political Science

Course Category

MPol : M.Phil in Political Science

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 (Political Science)

(Course Structure)

Subject code	Subject Name	Teaching hours			Marks		
		L	T	P	External	Internal	Total
01MPol101	Research Methods in Social Science	3	0	0	70	30	100
01MPol102	Philosophy Of Social Science	3	0	0	70	30	100
01MPol103	Introducing Politics of Regional States	3	0	0	70	30	100
01MPol104	Federalism in India: Process, Issues and Reforms	3	0	0	100		100
Total		12	0	0	280	120	400

Paper-I

Research Methods in Social Science

Paper Code:

01MPol101

Unit-I

Fundamentals of social science research

Critical thinking: seeing the structure of arguments, uncovering hidden assumptions.

Planning a research project

Picking a study topic, conducting literature review, choosing a research question,

Formulation of central question and hypotheses, Difference between a Research Interest, Area, Problem and Question Preparing Research design, different types of research design - Experimental Design, Longitudinal Design, Cross-Sectional Design, Case-Study Design Use of concepts, operationalization of concepts and variables, Measures and indicators, issues of Reliability and Validity

Unit-II

Quantitative Research Methods

How numbers are used in Society

Survey and Aggregate Data

Other types of database- longitudinal, qualitative, meso, panel

Sampling Techniques: central concepts, probability and non-probability techniques,

Sampling representative-ness and error

Designing a questionnaire

Questions and response categories

Translation

Missing data

Data Analysis

Quantitative data analysis

Basics of SPSS

Unit-III

Qualitative Research Methods

Ethnography

Oral History

Different kinds of Interviews

Focus groups

Case Study

Unit-IV

Content analysis

Participant and Non-participant Observation

Quantitative Data Analysis

Issues of representation and translation

Unit-V

Archives, Texts and Documents

What is a text? Reading different kinds of texts

Textual Exegesis, Hermeneutics and Interpretation

Issues posed in archival research

Suggested Readings:

1) King, Keohene and Verba: Designing Social Inquiry: Scientific Inference in

Qualitative Research

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Qualitative

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PAPER II

Philosophy of Social Science

Paper Code:
01MPol102

Unit-I

The Idea of Social Science

The idea of knowledge Notion of science and claims of scientificity in Social Science Human Inquiry and Science, Approaching the difference between natural and social science. Is the Study of Politics a Science?

Unit-II

Explanation in Social Science

Nature of Social Theory. The role of theory in Social Science. Objectivity in Social Science, Facts and Values, neutrality and the issue of relativism The Idea of Causation in Social Research

Unit-III

Scientific method and social science explanation

Rationalism, Empiricism, Vienna circle positivism

Post-empiricist conceptions of science- Popper and falsification, Kuhn and Paradigm shift. Recent developments in science and the implications for science/social science debate

Unit-IV

Are Explanations Sufficient?

The question of Understanding and Interpretation, Hermeneutics

Post structuralism and implications for knowledge

Linguistics construction of Social Reality- Wittgenstein and Derrida

The idea of Discourse- Foucault and Power/knowledge

Critical Theory, Critical Realism, Existentialism, Phenomenology.

Postmodernism

Unit-V

The Politics of Social Research

Cross cultural studies- how to study the other, feminist methodology, indigenous conceptions of knowledge, Marxism and method, social science in the third world context.

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Open the Social Sciences, Report of the Gulbenkian Commission on the Restructuring of the Social Sciences, Stanford University Press, Stanford, 1996

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Bohman, J., New Philosophy of Social Science, Polity Press, Cambridge, 1991.

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Olson, Richard, Science and Scientism in Nineteenth-Century Europe, 2008.

Paper-III

Introducing Politics of Regional States

**Paper Code:
01MPol103.**

Unit-I

Rethinking State Politics in India: Regions within Regions

Unit-II

Politics of Identity and Representation in a comparative Perspective

Region, Religion and Politics of Autonomy: Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir

Unit III

Dalits on the Margins: Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan

State Parties: Shiromani Akali Dal and National Conference

Unit IV

Politics of Development: Regional Experiences Deceleration of Economic Growth:
Punjab

Unit V

Political Economy of a Crisis State: Jammu and Kashmir

Developmental Experience of a Small State: Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh.

Reading List:

Ahluwalia, Montek Singh (2000): 'Economic Performance of States in Post-Reforms Period', Economic and Political Weekly (EPW hereafter), 6 May.

Baruah, Sanjib (1999): India Against Itself: Assam and the Politics of Nationality, Oxford University Press (OUP hereafter), Delhi,

Bose, Sumantra (1999): States, Nations, Sovereignty: Sri Lanka, India and the Tamil Eelam Movement, Sage, New Delhi.

Chadha Behera, Navneeta (2000): State, Identity and Violence; Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh, Manohar, New Delhi.

Chandra, Kanchan (2005): Why ethnic Parties succeed: Patronage and Ethnic Headcounts in India, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.

Chibber, Pradeep K (1999): Democracy Without Associations: Transformation of the Party System and Social Cleavages in India, Vistaar, New Delhi.

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1980's and Part 11: The 1990's and Beyond', EPW, April 1 and 8.

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Kumar, Ashutosh (2003): 'State Electoral Politics: Looking for the Larger Picture', EPW, July 26.

Kumar, Pradeep (2000): The Uttarakhand Movement: Construction of a Regional Identity, Kanishka Publishers, New Delhi.

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Paper-IV

Federalism in India: Process, Issues and Reforms

Paper Code:

01MPol104.

Unit-I

Origins and Development

Historical Context, Strong-Centre Framework: Resilience and Adaptation

Judicial pronouncements and Interventions on Indian Federalism

Era of Federal Coalitions and Assertive States

Unit-II

Issues

First Generation Strains: Language and Linguistic States; Central Intervention,

Role of Governors, States' Rights and Competencies. Flexibility of the Federal Design:

Unit-III

New States, Asymmetrical Federalism. Centre-State Coordination, Cooperation, and Interaction: Channels and Agencies. Federalisation of the Party System, Conclave Politics, Government-Opposition Relations

Unit-IV

Economic Reforms, Fiscal Federalism and New Tension Areas: Land acquisition, resettlement and rehabilitation issues, agriculture and treaty making powers. Third Tier of Federalism: Panchayats

Unit-V

Reform Agendas

Sarkaria Commission on Centre-State Relations

NCRWC, ARC, Punchhi Commission on Centre-State Relations

Suggested Readings

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