

**DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
M.PHIL/PH.D SYLLABUS**

Paper No	Papers	Core/ Open	Credits	Marks
PSC-RS-C101	Research Methodology	Core	4	100
PSC-RS-C102	Governance and Politics in India	Core	4	100
PSC-RS-O103	State and Politics in South Asia	Open	4	100
PSC-RS-O104	India and International Political Economy	Open	4	100
PSC-RS-O105	Decentralisation and Development in India	Open	4	100

PSC-RS-C101: Research Methodology (Core)

Unit I: Foundations, Approaches and Epistemologies of Political Science Research

Idea of Social Science (Peter Winch), Social Science as a Science and question of Objectivity and falsification (Karl Popper and T. Kuhn)

Foundations of Political Science Research, Need and purposes of Political Science Research. Language of research; Philosophy of Research; Ethics in Research in Political Science.

Approaches to Research in Political Science: Traditional and Behavioural Approaches. Post-Behavioural Approaches: Critical, Constructivist.

Epistemologies: a. Hermeneutics and Hermeneutics Phenomenology (Gadamer and Paul Ricour)
b. Modernity and Post Modernity (Anthony Giddens, Edward Said, Foucault, Derrida and Spivak), Feminist Methodology.

Unit II: Statistics and Data Collection

Use of Statistics in research in Political Science. Data and methods of Data collection. Sampling and basics of Statistical Testing. Operationalisation and Measurement. Linking Data with Concepts and Units. Data analysis, basics of SPSS.

Unit III: Survey Research Methods

Questionnaire: Principles of Question Design; formulation of questions; selecting question types; evaluating responses – alternatives and non-committal responses. Administering the questionnaire.

Interviews: Face to face interview; Interview Schedule; interview guide; Telephone Interviews; Internet Interviews.

Fieldwork: Pre-testing of questionnaire and pilot study; selection and training of investigators; monitoring and data management.

Participant Observation Method: Focused Group Discussion; Interview with key informants; Ethnographic Method.

Unit IV: Research Design

Research Design. Qualitative and Quantitative research. Transforming Concepts into Units of measurement. Issues in Qualitative and Quantitative research. Writing Research Proposal.

Select Readings:

- Bleicher, J. *Contemporary Hermeneutics—Hermeneutics as Method, Philosophy and Critique*, 1980.
- David, McNabb. *Research methods for Political Science. Quantitative and Qualitative Methods*, (New Delhi: Prentice Hall, 2004).
- Giddens, Anthony. *The Consequences of Modernity*, (Stanford University Press 1991).
- Jain, Gopal. *Methods Tools and Techniques*, (Jaipur: Mangal Deep Publications, 1998).
- King, Gary, Robert O. Keohane and Sidney Verba. *Designing Social Inquiry: Scientific Inference in Qualitative Research* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1994).
- Nachmias, C., & Nachmias, D. *Research Methods in the Social Sciences* (4th ed.). (New York: St. Martin's Press, 1992).
- Pennings, Paul Hans Keman and Jan Kleinnijenhuis, *Doing research in Political Science*, (New Delhi: Sage, 2006).
- Spivak, Gayatri Chakravorty *A Critique of Postcolonial Reason: Toward a History of the Vanishing Present* (Harvard University Press, 1999).
- Verma, S. *Research Methodology in Political Science: Theory & Analysis*. (Jaipur: Rawat, 1989).
- Wagner, William E. *Using SPSS for social sciences and research methods*. (Sage 2006).

PSC-RS-C102: Governance and Politics in India (Core)

Unit I: Approaches and Perspectives to Indian Political System

Legal, Historical, Cultural, Political Economy; Rights and Accountability: Rule of Law, Civil and Political Rights, Corruption and Accountability, Institutional Mechanisms.

Unit II: Protection for Minorities and Deprived Groups

Role of Commissions, Special Officer on Linguistic Minorities, National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, National Human Rights Commission, Minorities Commission, National Commission for Women. Issues related to ethnic minorities. Politics of Identity. Judicial Review and Judicial Activism in India.

Unit III: Party System in India

Single Party to Dominant and Multi Party System, Regional and State Parties, Coalition Politics; Party Alliances and Government Formation, Federalism, Regionalism and Political Parties. Elections in India: Determinants of Voting Behaviour: Caste, Community, Class, Gender and Region. Electoral Reforms.

Problems relating to formation of States; Debates on Article 370 and 371; Problems of Union-State relations - Recommendations of the Rajamannar Commission and the Sarkaria Commission; Challenges of diversity, development and separatism.

Unit IV: Structural Concerns

Organised and unorganised sectors-labour issues, agrarian crisis and farmers suicide, Terms of Trade between Industry and Agriculture, policy of Special Economic Zones (SEZ), right to work and National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA), Right to Information (RTI).

Select Readings:

- Arora, Balveer and Verney, Douglas (eds.), *Multiple Identities in a Single State: Indian Federalism in Comparative Perspective*, (Delhi: Konark, 1995).
- Austin, Granville, *Working of a Democratic Constitution*, (New Delhi: Oxford, 2000).
- Austin, Granville, *The Indian Constitution: Cornerstone of a Nation*, (Oxford, 1999).
- Basu, D. D., *An Introduction to the Indian Constitution*, (Nagpur: Wadhwa, 2001).
- Hasan, Zoya (ed.), *Parties and Party Politics in India*, (New Delhi: Oxford, 2001).
- Kothari, Rajni, *Politics in India*, (New Delhi: Orient Longman, 1971).
- Kothari, Smitu, *Social Movements and the Redefinition of Democracy*, (Boulder: Westview, 1993).
- Roy, Ramashray and Paul Wallace (eds.), *Indian Politics and the 1998 Election: Regionalism, Hindutva and State Politics*, (New Delhi: Sage, 1999).
- Rudolph, L. I. and Sussane H. Rudolph, *In Pursuit of Lakshmi: The Political Economy of the Indian State*, (Delhi: Orient Longman, 1987).
- Sartori, G., *Parties and Party Systems: A framework for Analysis*, (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1976).
- Sathyamurthy, T.V. (ed.), *Social Change and Political Discourse in India: Structures of Power, Movements of Resistance*. (Delhi: Oxford, 1996).

PSC-RS-O103: State and Politics in South Asia (Open)

Unit I: Contextualising South Asia

Colonial History, National Movements, Independence and Partition, Culture & Society, Geo-Politics.

Unit II: Political and Economic Challenges

Failing States: Pakistan and Afghanistan, Terror as Tactics: Sri Lanka and Nepal, Civil Military Relations: Bangladesh, Political Economy of the Region, Civil Society.

Unit III: Protracted Disputes, Human Security and Environmental Issues

Partition and the War for Kashmir, The Sri Lankan Civil War, Nuclear issue, Terrorism, Insurgency, Human Rights, Gender Discrimination, Environment and Development Issues, Migration.

Unit IV: Foreign Policies of South Asian Countries and Regional Cooperation Initiatives

Foreign Policies of India and Pakistan towards their South Asian Counterparts, Regional Cooperation (Problems and Prospects): SAARC, SAFTA, SAPTA.

Select Readings:

- Cohen, Stephen P. *'Situating India' in India: Emerging Power*, (Washington, D.C: Brookings Institution Press, 2001).
- Dubey, Muchkund (ed), *South Asian Growth Quadrangle: Framework for Multifaceted Cooperation*, (Delhi: Macmillan, 1999).
- Farmer B.H. *An Introduction to South Asia 2nd edition*, (Routledge, 1996).
- Fuller C.J. *The Camphor Flame: Popular Hinduism and Society in India*, (Princeton: 1992).
- Jha, S.N. and P.C. Mathur (eds.), *Decentralisation and Local Politics*, (New Delhi: Sage, 1999).
- Mallick Ross, *Development, Ethnicity and Human Rights in South Asia*, (New Delhi: 1998).
- Mitra Subrata & Alison Lewis (eds.), *Sub National Movements in South Asia*, (New Delhi, Segment Publishers, 1978).
- Ramesh Thakur and Oddny Wiggen, *South Asia in the World: Problem-Solving Perspectives on Security, Sustainable Development and Good Governance*.
- Phadnis, Urmila & Rajat Ganguly, *Nation Building in South Asia*.
- Talbot Ian, *Pakistan: A Modern History*, (St. Martin's Press, 1998).
- Vernon, Hewitt *The New International Politics of South Asia*, (Manchester: Manchester University Press, 1997).

PSC-RS-O104: India and International Political Economy (Open)

Unit I: Political Economy

Political Economy as a Method and Approach, Evolution and Approaches to International Political Economy: Traditional Approaches; Marxian, neo-Marxian, Dependencies. Discourse on Globalisation in International Political Economy.

Comparative economic systems; Economic growth; Development; Backwardness; Reform.

Unit II: International and Multilateral Economic Institutions and Developing Countries

WB, IMF, GATT to World Trade Organisation (WTO). Political Economy of Regionalism: European Union, Asia Pacific Economic Community (APEC), ASEAN, SAARC.

Unit III: Land Reforms in India

New Agricultural Strategy, Farmers Movements, Rural Indebtedness & landlessness, impact of New Economic policy.

Economic Reforms, Public Sector, New Industrial policy, Corporate Sector, Impact on Labour. Transnational Corporations (TNCs) Non Governmental Organisations (NGOs), Protest Movements.

Unit IV: Public Policy Analysis

Approaches and Methods; Models: Institutional, Process, Rational Model, Elite Model, Group Model. Public Policy and analysis in Indian context. Energy Policy of India.

Select Readings:

- Baran, Paul A., *The Political Economy of Growth*, (New York: Monthly Review Press, 1957).
- Brass, Paul R., *The Politics of India Since Independence*, (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1992).
- Brzezinski, Zbigniew, *The Soviet Bloc Unity and Conflict*, (Massachusetts: Harvard Univ Press, 1971).
- Byres, Terence, J., (ed), *The State and Development Planning in India*, (Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1994).
- Chatterjee, Partha, *A Possible India: Essays in Political Criticism*, (Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1997).
- Chopra, V.D. (ed), *NAM Summit: New Delhi to Harare*, (New Delhi: Patriot Publishers, 1986).
- Commons, John R., *Institutional Economics: Its Place in Political Economy*, (London: Macmillan, 1986).
- Das, Arvind N., *India Invented: A Nation in the Making*, (New Delhi: Manohar Publishers, 1994).
- Frank, AG, *Crisis in the World Economy*, (New York: Holmes and Meier, 1980).
- Khilnani, Sunil, *The Idea of India*, (London: Hanush Hamilton, 1997).
- Kohli, Atul, *Democracy and Discontent: India's Growing Crisis of Governability*, (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1990).

PSC-RS-O105: Decentralisation and Development in India (Open)

Unit I: Conceptualising and Measuring Decentralisation

Concept of Decentralisation; Theoretical Foundations of Decentralisation (Classical liberal, Development and Neo-liberal theories); Advantages and Disadvantages; Major Dimensions of Decentralisation and their links, Decentralisation and Centralisation, Decentralisation in Developing Countries.

Unit II: Decentralisation, Governance and the Structure of Local Political Institutions

Politics of Decentralisation: Evolution, Goals, Dimensions and Challenges; Decentralisation and Citizen Participation: Instruments, Mechanisms and Spaces; Democratic Accountability in Local Governance Institutions (Local election, Transparency & RTI, Media and Civil Society).

Unit III: Decentralisation and Community Empowerment

Decentralised Governance and Right-based Approach; Social and Economic Rights of vulnerable groups in decentralised system of governance; Gender Equity and Women's Participation.

Unit IV: Participation and Local Development

People's Participation in (rural) Development; Role of local governments in Service Delivery and Poverty Reduction, Decentralised Planning and District Planning Committee.

Select Readings:

- Aziz, Abdul and David D. Arnold (eds), *Decentralised Governance in Asian Countries*, (New Delhi: Sage, 1996)
- Behn, Robert Rethinking Democratic Accountability. (Washington: Brookings Institute, 2001)
- Cooke, B. and Kothari, U. (eds.), *Participation: The New Tyranny?* (London: Zed Books, 1999)
- Crook, R.C. and J. Manor, *Democracy and Decentralisation in South Asia and West Africa: Participation, Accountability and Performance*, (Cambridge University Press, 1998)
- Fung, A. and Wright, E. (eds) *Deepening Democracy, Institutional Innovations in Empowered Participatory Governance*. (London: Verso, 2003)
- Grindle, M., *Going Local: Decentralization, Democratization, and the Promise of Good Governance*. (Princeton and Oxford: Princeton University Press, 2007)
- Isaac, T.M. and R. Franke, *Local Democracy and Development: People's Campaign for Decentralised Planning in Kerala*, (New Delhi: Left Word Books, 2000)
- Jha, S.N. and P.C. Mathur (eds.), *Decentralisation and Local Politics: Readings in Indian Government and Politics*, (London: Sage, 1999)
- Litvack J, Ahmad J, Bird R., Rethinking Decentralization in Developing Countries. (The World Bank: Washington, DC, 1998)
- Maddick, Henry, *Democracy, Decentralisation and Development*, (New Delhi: Asia Publishing, 1963)