

Department of History

MPHIL & PHD COURSEWORK STRUCTURE

PHD COURSEWORK

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Semester III (July-December; Exam in end January)

- Paper IV: Book Review & Seminar Presentation (50+50=100)

Semester IV (January-June)

- Submission of Thesis by end of May
- Viva Voce to be conducted by end of June

MPHIL & PHD COURSEWORK SYLLABUS

Semester I: M.Phil. & Ph.D. Paper I (Compulsory)

Historical Method & Research Methodology

- What is History? Approaches to History
- Time, Space and Narrative
- Facts; Ontology of Facts: facticity versus factuality, fact versus fiction
- Medieval Historiography: Ibn Khaldun, Al Beruni, Ziauddin Barani, Abul Fazl
- Different *Genres* of History-writing: Positivism, Annales, Microhistory, Alltagsgeschichte, Marxism, Feminism, Nationalism, Subaltern, Structuralism, etc.

- Archives; Nature of archives; new forms of archives— oral history, visual records, performative records (*panchali*, dance, mime, etc), literary material, etc.
- What constitutes primary and secondary sources? Debates over the distinction—Is the distinction air-tight?
- Formulation of hypothesis; Review of existing literature; statement of the problem and testing
- Preparing a research proposal
- Organising the writing and drafting the thesis—chapters, sub-headings, footnotes, references & bibliography

Semester I: M.Phil. & Ph.D. Paper II (Optional)

In alphabetical order

- ❖ Agrarian History of Medieval India (SBS)
- ❖ Colonial History of North-East India (PKP)
- ❖ Corporate Identity of the Colonial Sepoy (SDG)
- ❖ Gender Studies (AS)
- ❖ Health and Medicine in Colonial India (BR)
- ❖ History in Memory (AK)
- ❖ Migration and History: A Theoretical Perspective on Why People Move (AG)
- ❖ Overseas Indian Ocean Trade in the Seventeenth Century (BJB)
- ❖ Political Violence in Twentieth-Century India (AG)
- ❖ Society and Culture: Colonial and Post-Colonial India (SC)

Semester II: M.Phil. Paper III (Optional)

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- ❖ Culinary History of Colonial India (BR)
- ❖ Endangered Environment: A Deep History of Humanity's Imperilled Future (AG)
- ❖ History of Performance in Colonial India (SC)
- ❖ Military Revolution in Europe (SDG)
- ❖ Military Technology in Medieval India (AK)
- ❖ Nineteenth and Twentieth Century Peasant Studies (SBS)
- ❖ Notions of Honour & Justice (SDG)
- ❖ Populism, or A History of Crisis in Twentieth-Century Politics in India (AG)
- ❖ Rabindranath, Nationalism and Rural Reconstruction (BR)
- ❖ State Formation in Medieval India (SBS)