

UNIVERSITY OF KERALA
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY
M. Phil Programmes
Syllabus -2009 Admission onwards
SEMESTER –I
PAPER-I
PHILOSOPHY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE RESERARCH

Objectives of the courses:

- To familiarize the students with different philosophical approaches to the study of sociology
- To develop in students the need to use history, logic, philosophy and Epistemology in social research
- To develop a grounding in the philosophy of science and to acquaint with the debates in methodology.
- To understand the political philosophy and ideology behind the use of different methodologies

Unit-1 Sociological foundations of Social Research

Unit-2 Positivism-positivism and logical positivism, Giddens and critique of positivism

Unit-3 Alternatives to positivist methodology: Weber an and Marxist Approach

Unit-4 Phenomenological Sociology and experiments in Ethnomethodolgy

Unit-5 Post structuralism, Post Modernism and critical Theory

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16. Paul Rainbow-The Foucault Reader
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SEMESTER –I
PAPER-II
KERALA SOCIETY, CULTURE AND CHANGE

OBJECTIVES

- To familiarize the students with the traditional Kerala society
- To understand the changes in Kerala society.
- To understand the transformation in family, marriage and kinship.

UNIT-1

Nature of Kerala society: Population, age, sex, composition, religion, occupation, education, migration

UNIT-2

Culture and traditions: Growth of Malayalam tradition, role of temples, important festivals and functions

UNIT-3

Transformations in family: Marriage and kinship, Matriliney in Kerala, Transformations in tharawad, inheritance succession, marriage and descent, gender issues in patriarchy.

UNIT-4

Caste, class and tribes: Colonial caste structure, Caste and changes in occupational structure, Caste and class changing, Tribes of Kerala.

UNIT-5

Kerala's development and its impact: Kerala's model of development, Democratic decentralization. Developmental model and globalization, Social consequences, culture of Kerala's development model.

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SEMESTER –II
PAPER-III
CURRENT TRENDS IN SOCIOLOGICAL THEORIES

Objectives of the course

- To familiarize the students with the current trends/approaches to Sociological Theory
- To enable the students to examine the theoretical relevance analytical utility of diverse theoretical approaches
- To equip the students with the current theoretical insights to interpret the social scenario around them

UNIT-1

Neo-Functionalism
Re-interpretation of Parsons
Jeffrey.C.Alexander

UNIT-2

George Simmel –The Philosophy of Money

UNIT-3

Critical Theory

Louis Althusser

Antonio Gramsci

Zygmunt Bauman

UNIT-4

Post Structuralism

Derrida

Antony Giddens

UNIT-5

Post Modernism

Michael Foucault

Pierre Bourdieu

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SHARMA.S.L Development: Socio-Cultural Dimensions

STATISTICS FOR PLANNING