

COUSES OF STUDIES FOR THE
Course Work for Ph. D. in Philosophy
UNDER SEMESTER-CUM- COURSE CREDIT SYSTEM
(Effective / Due to start from the academic session 2012-13)

Course – 501
(Philosophical Methods)

Unit-I

Dialectical Method: Socrates, Hegel and Marx

Unit-II

Method of Doubt: Descartes and Scepticism

Unit-III

Analytic method: Logical Positivism, Linguistic Analysis

Unit-IV

Phenomenological Method

Hermeneutics

Unit-V

Deconstruction

Critical Theory

(The course instructor will suggest the reference materials)

Course – 502
(Epistemology and Metaphysics)

1. Knowledge and belief: selected approaches of some western philosophies
2. Concept of reality: Indian and Western
3. Knowledge and reality
4. Self and the world
5. Knowledge and mysticism

Readings:

1. E. Gettier: "Is Justified True Belief Knowledge", *Analysis*, 23.6, June 1963.
2. Noah Lemos: *An Introduction to the theory of Knowledge*, CUP, 2007 (selected portions)
3. J.N. Mohanty: "Theory and Practice in Indian Philosophy" in *Exploration in Philosophy, Essays by J.N. Mohanty*, Bina Gupta (ed.), OUP
4. Balsubrahmanium: "Modernisation of Vedanta" in *Traditional Advaita Vedanta*, Balsubrahmanium (ed.), MLBD
5. B.K. Matilal: *Perception*, Chapter III, OUP
6. J. Searle: "Minds, Brains and Programs" in the *Behavioural and Brain Sciences*, Vol. 3, 1980, CUP.
7. M. Buber: *I & Thou*, (Selected Portions)
8. E. Levinas: "The Understanding of Spirituality in French and German Culture", Trans. Andrius Valevicius, *Continental Philosophy Review* 3 (19998)
9. P.F. Strawson: "Freedom and Resentment" in *Freedom and Resentment and other Essays* by P. F. Strawson

10. Harry Frankfurt: "Freedom of the Will and the Concept of Person", *The Journal of Philosophy*, vol. 68, No. 1. (Jan 14, 1971), pp. 5-20.
11. S. Radhakrishnan: "Mysticism and Ethics in Hindu Thought" in *Eastern Religion and Western Thought*, OUP
12. B. Russell: *Mysticism and Logic* (selected portions)

(The course teacher may suggest further readings on the themes as per the availability of the research materials/titles and according to the requirement of the students)

Course -504

The student has to select any one of the following optional.

(Optional-1)

Contemporary Indian Philosophy

1. Consciousness
2. Knowledge
3. Existence
4. Freedom
5. Morality

Readings:

1. Swami Vivekananda: "Collective Human welfare", Selections from the *Complete Works of Swami Vivekananda*, Advaita Ashrama, Calcutta.
2. Nirad Baran Chakraborti: "Sri Aurobindo's Concept of Integral Knowledge", *Visva Bharati Journal Philosophy and Religion*, March 1977
3. Michel Damino: *Sri Aurobindo's View of Indian Culture*
4. J. Krishnamurti: "Total Revolution and the Religious Mind" in *Freedom from the known*, Krishnamurti Foundation India, Chennai
5. S. Radhakrishnan: "Intellect and Intuition" in *Idealist View of Life* by S. Radhakrishnan
6. K.C. Bhattacharya: "Subject as Freedom" from *Studies in philosophy* by K.C. Bhattacharya MLBD.
7. Raghavan N. Iyer : "Nonviolence as a Creed and a Policy" in *The Moral and Political Thought of Mahatma Gandhi* by Raghavan N. Iyer, Oxford
8. Rabindranath Tagore : "Angel of Surplus" in *Philosophy of Our People*, S. Ghosh (ed.)
9. S. Radhakrishnan: "Spiritual Ideal and Hindu Ethics" in *Eastern Religion and western Thought* by S. Radhakrishnan ch. II, Oxford
10. J.N. Mohanty: "A Critique of the Concept of Truth as Correspondence" in *Explanations in Indian Philosophy*, Bina Gupta (ed), Oxford, 2001
11. T.M.P. Mahadevan: *Mechanics of Thesis Writing*, Published by Madras University

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Course -504 (Optional-2)

Applied Ethics

1. Environmental Ethics: global crises, deep ecology
2. Bioethics: informed consent and confidentiality, research with animal and human subjects
3. Business Ethics: ethical principles in business, employee's obligation and organisation's duties
4. Equality: gender equality and reverse discrimination
5. War and Terrorism: state violence, group violence and conflict resolution

Readings: (The course instructor will suggest 10-12 selected articles/portions from the following books (sl. no. 1-5) and may suggest further readings)

Singer, Peter: *Practical Ethics*, Cambridge Univ. Press, 1993.

Velasquez, Manuel, G.: *Business Ethics: Concept and Cases*, 5th edition, Pearson, Prentice Hall, New Delhi, 2002.

Rachels, James (ed.): *Moral Problems* (Third Ed) Harper & Row, 1979

Beauchamp, T.L. and LeRoy Walters (ed.): *Contemporary Issues In Bioethics*, Wadsworth Publishing Company, 1989

Adams, David M. (ed.): *Philosophical Problems in the Law*, Wadsworth Inc. 1992

Holmes, Robert L.: "Terrorism, Violence, and Nonviolence"

COURSE: 504 (OPTIONAL-3)

HERMENEUTICS AND CONTEMPORARY WESTERN THOUGHT

1. Classical Conceptions of Hermeneutics
2. Philosophical Hermeneutics and the Fusion of Horizons
3. Dialogical Hermeneutics
4. Critical Hermeneutics
5. Later Developments in Hermeneutics

READINGS:-

1. Josef Bleicher: *Contemporary Hermeneutics*, London, Routledge, 1980.

2. Kurt M. Vollmer: *The Hermeneutic Reader*, London, Basil Blackwell, 1986.

3. Martin Buber : *I & Thou*, (Selected Portions)

4. Hans Georg Gadamer: *Truth And Method*, 2nd Edition, Trans.: Joel Wiemsheimer & Donald G.M, London, Sheed & Ward, 1989. (Selected Portions).

5. Hans Georg Gadamer: *The Relevance Of The Beautiful And Other Essays*, Trans.: N.Walker, Cambridge, CUP, 1986. (Selected Portions).

6. Jacque Derrida: *Writing And Difference*, Trans.: A. Bass, London, Routledge & Kegan Pual,1978 (Selected Portions).

7. Juergen Habermas: *On The Logic Of The Social Sciences*, Trans.: S.W. Nicholson & J.A Stark, London, Polity, 1990 (SELECTED PORTIONS).
8. Paul Ricoeur: *Interpretation Theory: Discourse And The Surplus Of Meaning*, Fortworth, Christian University Press, 1976. (Selected Portions).
9. Charles Taylor: *The Ethics Of Authenticity*, Massachusetts, Harvard University Press, 1991.(Selected Portions)

Additional/Further Readings:

1. John B. Thompson, *Critical Hermeneutics*, Cambridge, CUP, 1981.
2. Josef Bleicher, *The Hermeneutical Imagination*, London, Routledge, 1982.
3. Maurice S. Friedman Ed., *Martin Buber: The Life of Dialogue*, London, Routledge (Paperback), 2002.
4. J. Caputo, *Radical Hermeneutics: Deconstruction and the Hermeneutical Project*, Bloomington IN, Indiana University Press, 1987.
5. Linda Nicholson and Steven Seidman, Ed.: *Social Postmodernism*, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 1995.
6. Stephen K. White Ed.: *The Cambridge Companion to Habermas*, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 1995.

COURSE: 504 (Optional- 4)
Classical Indian Philosophy

Unit 1: Vedic Cosmology --Rta and Karma

Unit2: Studies in Vedanta Philosophy

Unit3: Buddhist understanding of Karma, Rebirth, Nirvana

Unit4: Nyaya theory of Truth, Knowledge; Hetvabhasas

Unit5: Theory of Sphota—Mimamsa

Readings:

1. The correlation of Rta and karma—Jeanine Muller, *Cosmology of the Vedas*
2. Sankara's interpretation of Mahavakyas—Brahmasutra with Sankara's commentary
3. Hinduism and the proper work of reason—Jonardon Ganeri, *The Blackwell companion to Hinduism*.
4. The One and the Many; The Absolute and God—R. Balasubramanian, *The Tradition of Advaita*, Munshiram and Manoharlal Pub.
5. Karma, rebirth and nirvanain Buddhism—M. Hiriyanna, *Outlines of Indian Philosophy*, MLBD, Delhi.
6. The Mimamsa theory of 'Sphota'
7. Dharma, Svadharma and Lokasamgraha—M. Hiriyanna, *The Indian Conception of Values*
8. Knowledge, Truth and Pramatva—B.K.Motilal, *The Philosophy of J.N.Mohanty*, ICPR.
9. Hetvabhasas (fallacies)—Annambhatta, *Tarkasamgraha*.
10. Syncretic Nyaya-Vaisesika in Anam Bhatta's *Tarkasamgraha* and *Tarkadipika*—Yelena Ostrovskya, *History of Indian Philosophy*.MLBD.
- 11.T.M.P. Mahadevan: *Mechanics of Thesis Writing*, Published by Madras University.