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

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 Ethnomethodology

Unit-5 Post structuralism, Post Modernism and critical Theory

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3. Alan Swinge woood-A short History of Sociological Thoughts”
5. Alexander.C.Jeffery, “Social Theory”
7. Calhoun Carig,” Critical social Theory”
9. Elliot, Antony (Ed) “Contemporary Social Theory”
10. Fragnis James, “Reading in Social Theory the Classical Tradition to Post-Modernity”
11. George Simmel, the Philosophy of Money: London Routledge & Kegan Paul
12. Giddens Antony, “Politics, Sociology and Social Theory”
14. Ian, Graib-Modern Social Theory from Parsons,
16. Paul Rainbow-The Focault Reader
17 Ritzer George,” Sociological Theory”
18. Roy Boyne-Facault and Derrida-The other Side of Reason
19 Seidman Stevan & Alexander.C.Jeffrey (Ed) “The New Social Theory Reader Contemporary Debates “.
20. Swingewood,: A Short History of Sociological Thoughts”
21. Seidman Steven (Ed) “Contested Knowledge Social Theory in Post-Modern Era”
    Swartz Dawid, : “ Sociology of Pierre Bourdieu”
22. Tones Rob,” Key Sociolgical Theories”
23. Waters Malcom, “Modern Sociological Theory”
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, Matriliny 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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Tucker, Kenneth H; Anthony Giddens and Modern Sociological Theory Willey, Nobert (ed); The Max – Weber Debate, 1987
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
Zygmaunt Bauman

UNIT-4

Post Structuralism
Derrida
Antony Giddens

UNIT-5

Post Modernism
Michael Facault
Pierre Bourdieu
REFERENCES

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MALCOLM WATERS & MARFLEET (ed), Globalization and Third World.

MENON & SREEDHARAN, 1979, Social and Cultural History of Kerala, New Delhi, Sterling Publishers


SHARMA.S.L Development: Socio-Cultural Dimensions

STATISTICS FOR PLANNING