



SYLLABUS FOR PRE-PHD COURSEWORK
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
KRISHNAGURU ADHYATMIK VISVAVIDYALAYA
2020

The pre-PhD coursework offered in KAV will be of the duration of six (6) months comprising 6 (six) courses having four (4) credits in four courses and two (2) credits in another two courses.

Course- 1

Title of the course: Research Methodology

Course Code: PHD-C- 5014

Credit: 4

Marks: 80 (external) + 20 (internal)

Units	Topics	L	T
1	Methods of acquiring knowledge: Traditional, Empirical, Rational, Interpretative, Dialectical and Scientific. Meaning, objectives of research, significance of research, Types of research, criteria of good research.	15	2
2	Fundamentals of Research: Identification of research problem, defining and delimiting the Research problem. Formulation of objectives, Research questions. Hypothesis: characteristics and types. Review of literature Sampling: probability and non-probability, criteria of selection. Sources and types of data, techniques of data collection: questionnaire, observation, interview.	20	2

3	Research methods and designs: Research Designs: Need, features and designs. Quantitative Methods, Qualitative Methods, Mixed Methods, mixing of quantitative and qualitative methods, types of mixed methods.	18	2
4	Data Analysis: Coding, editing, Tabulation, preparation of the research report, referencing in research (foot notes, end notes, Bibliography, APA and MLA format, Plagiarism. Use of computer in Research: Basic concept of computer, MS-Word Application, Excel Application, Graphs.	19	2

Selected Readings:

Bryman, Alan. (2009). Social Research Methods, Oxford University Press.

Bell, J. (1993). Doing your research project: a guide for first- time researchers in education and social science (2nd ed.) Buckingham: Philadelphia: Open University Press.

Berg, B.L. (1995). Qualitative research methods for the social sciences (2nd ed.) Boston: Allyn and Bacon.

Course-2**Title of the course: Research and Publication Ethics****Course Code: PHD- C- 5022****Credit: 2****Marks: 40 (external) + 10 (internal)**

Units	Topics	L	T
1	Philosophy and Ethics: Introduction to Philosophy: Definition, nature and scope Ethics: definition, Moral philosophy, nature of moral judgement and reactions.	10	2
2	Scientific conduct: Ethics in respect to science and research Scientific misconducts: falsification, fabrication and plagiarism (FFP) Redundant publications: duplicate and overlapping publications, salami slicing Selective reporting and misinterpretation of data.	12	2
3	Publication Ethics: definition, introduction and importance Publication misconduct: definition, concept, problems that lead to unethical behavior Violation of publication ethics, authorship and contributorship, identification of publication misconduct, complaints and appeals.	12	2

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Engleberg I, Rainmes A. Pocket keys for writers. 1st ed. Boston, MA: Cengage Learning; 2003.

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Eysenbach, G. and Till, J. (2001). Ethical Issues in Qualitative Research on Internet Communities. *BMJ*, 323 (7321), 1103-1105.

Hoeyer, K., Dahlager, L. and Lynoe, N. (2005). Conflicting Notion of Research Ethics: The Mutually Challenging Traditions of Social Scientists and Medical Researchers Ethics: The Mutually Challenging Traditions of Social Scientistst and Medical Researchers, *Social Science & Medicine*, 61, 1741-1749.

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Stanton, J. and Rogelberg, S. (2001). Using Internet/Intranet Web Pages to Collect Organizational Research Data. *Organizational Research Methods*, 4 (3), 200-217.

Antonio Sandu, Anna Frunza and Elena Unguru (2018). *Ethics in Research Practice and innovations*. IGI Global: USA.

Course-3**Title of the course: METHODOLOGY OF RESEARCH IN POLITICAL SCIENCE****Course Code: PHD - POSC -5044****Credit: 4****Marks: 80 (external) + 20 (internal)**

UNIT	TOPIC	L	T
1	Science and scientific study of Political Science: Characteristics of scientific knowledge, scientific method, political science as a discipline, relevance of theory in political science research, components of research	19	2
2	Foundations of research in political science: Theory, research problem, research process, research designs, sampling, review of literature, data collection and analysis, objectivity, reliability and validity of research	20	2
3	Report writing: Writing a research proposal, preparation of the research report, research ethics	15	2
4	Referencing: Different formats of referencing, bibliography, plagiarism	18	2

Selected readings:

Burnham Peter, Karin Gilland Wyn Grand and Zig Layton- Henry Research Methods in Politics:
Palgrave Macmillan.

Goode, W.J. & P.F. Hatt Methods in Social Research, McGraw Hill: New York

Ghose B.N. (1993) Scientific Method & Social Research, Starling: New Delhi.

Kothari C.R. Research Methodology, Viswa Prakashan: New Delhi

Krishnaswami, O.R. Methodology of Research in Social Sciences, Mumbai, Himalaya
Publishing House

Moser, C.A. & G. Kalton Survey Methods in Social Investigation, London,
HeinemannEducationalBooks Ltd.

Thomas Alan, Joanna Chataway et al. Finding our Fast Investigative Skills for Policy and Development, N. Delhi, Sage Publications

Weber, Max The Methodology of Social Sciences.

Young, P.V. Scientific Social Survey and Research, New Delhi, Prentice Hall.

Berlin, I. (1958) "Two Concepts of Liberty". In Isaiah Berlin (1969) Four Essays on Liberty, Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Bhargava, Rajeev and Ashok Acharya, Political Theory: An Introduction, Pearson, Delhi, 2008

Dworkin, Ronald, Taking Rights Seriously, London: Duckworth, 1977

Farrelly, Colin, Introduction to Contemporary Political Theory, Sage, 2004

Heywood, Andrew, Political Theory: An Introduction, Palgrave, New York, 2005

Kymlicka, Will, (2002) Contemporary Political Philosophy: An Introduction, Oxford.

Lukes, Steven. 'Equality and Liberty: Must they Conflict?' in David Held (ed), Political Theory Today, Cambridge, UK: Polity Press, 1991.

Mckinnon, Catriona (2008) Issues in Political Theory(ed). New York: Oxford University Press.

Skinner, Quentin (2002) A Third Concept of Liberty, Proceedings of the British Academy, 117, pp 237-68

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Lele, Sharachchandra, et al. "Misleading the Issues and the Landscape." *Economic and Political Weekly*, vol. 46, no 22, 2011, pp. 107-108. JSTOR, www.jstor.org/stable/23018598.

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Ramnath, Madhu. "Surviving the Forest Rights Act: Between Scylla and Charybdis." *Economic and Political Weekly*, vol. 43, no. 9, 2008, pp. 37-42. JSTOR, www.jstor.org/stable/40277205.

Boot, Martijn (2012). 'The Aim of Theory of Justice' in *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, Vol.15, No. 1, (February 2012), pp. 7-21

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Gaertner W, P.K. Pattanaik and Amartya Sen (1998) An Interview with Amartya Sen, *Social Choice and Welfare*, Vol. 5, No. 1 (1988), pp. 69-79

Course- 4**Title of the Course: POLITICAL ANALYSIS: THEORIES AND METHODS****Course Code: PHD- POSC- 5054****Credit: 4****Marks: 80 (external) + 20 (internal)**

Units	Topics	L	T
1	Re- Structuring of Political Theory: Modernity and the Break- Down of Classical Consensus: Liberalism, Marxism, Challenges to Political Theory, Methodological Debates Since 70's	18	2
2	Contemporary Theories: Neo- Liberalism, Institutionalism, Communitarianism, Modernism, Post- Modernism, Structuralism, Post Structuralism, Feminism, Environmentalism, Theories Of Development	20	2
3	Democratic Theory: Traditional And Modern The Issues of Globalisation And Mass Participation In Politics, Challenges To Democratic Institutionalization, Contemporary Models of Democracy	18	2
4	Gender Issues: Differentiated Citizenship And Gender, Debates on Sexual Citizenship, Gender And Governance, Women, Sexuality And Violence, Conflict and Livelihood Security	16	2

Selected readings:

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Hurter, Estelle (2011), 'Access To Justice: To Dream The Impossible Dream?' In The Comparative And International Law Journal Of Southern Africa, Vol.44, No.3 (November 2011), Pp.408-427

Kaufman, Alexander (2004) 'The Myth Of The Patterned Principle: Rawls, Nozick And Entitlements' In Polity, Vol.36, No.4 (July, 2004), Pp.559-578

Kumar, Anand, Understanding Lohai's Political Sociology: Intersectionality Caste, Class, Gender And Language, Economic And Political Weekly, Vol.45, Issue No.40, 02 October 2010

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Lederkramer, David M. (1979) 'Quest On The Entitlement Theory' In Analysis, Vol.39, No.4 (Oct., 1979), Pp.219-222

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Dryzek, John S., Bonnie Honig and Anne Philips, The Oxford Handbook Of University Press, 2006

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Heywood, Andrew, Political Theory, Palgrave, New York, 2005

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Kymlicka, Will, Multicultural Citizenship: A Liberal Theory Of Minority Rights, Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1996

Mann, Michael (1987) 'Ruling Class Strategies and Citizenship' in Sociology, Vol.21, No. 3 (August 1987), Pp.339-354

Marshall, T.H., Citizenship and Social Class, Cambridge, Uk: Cambridge University Press, 1950

Mckinnon, Catriona (Ed), Issues in Political Theory, New York: Oxford University Press, 2008

Richardson, Diane (1998) 'Sexuality and Citizenship' In Sociology, Vol. 32, No. 1 (February 1998), Pp. 83-100

Roy, Anupama, Gendered Citizenship: Historical and Conceptual Explorations, New Delhi: Orient Longman, 2005

Roy, Anupama, (2010) Mapping Citizenship in India, Oxford, New Delhi

Sandel, Michael, Liberalism and the Limits of Justice, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1989

Young, Iris Maron, Justice and the Politics of Difference, Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1990

Yuval- Davis, Nira, 'Women, Citizenship and Difference', Feminist Review, No 57, Autumn, 1997., P 4-27

Course- 6

Name of the Course: Term Paper/ Project Work/Research Work

Course Code: PHD-POSC-5062

Credit: 2

Marks: 40 (external) + 10 (internal)

- The structure of the paper:
(5000- 9000 words excluding references)

PART- A

- a) Introduction- Background, statement of the problem, objectives, significance
- b) Literature Review- Theme wise analysis of the existing literature
- c) Methodology- analyzing the primary and the secondary data
- d) Findings – Interpretation of the secondary datas along with the theoretical framework
- e) Conclusion and findings- the final result and output, the scope for further research
- f) References- APA format

PART-B

Submission & Evaluation

PART-C

Paper Presentation

Selected Readings:

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

9. Verma, S. Research Methodology in Political Science: Theory & Analysis. (Jaipur: Rawat, 1989).
10. Wagner, William E. Using SPSS for social sciences and research methods. (Sage 2006).

PhD Coursework Syllabus Structure: 2024-25

Core and Compulsory Courses:

Course-1:

Name of the Course: Research Methodology

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Course-2:

Name of the Course: Research and Publication Ethics

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Non- Credit Compulsory Paper (Value Added)

Course-3 Krishnaguru Studies (KGS-5032)

Credit: 2

Marks: 50

Departmental Core Course:

Course-4

Name of the Course: Methodology of Research in Political Science

Course Code: PHD - POSC -5044

Credit: 4

Marks: 80 (external) + 20 (internal)

Departmental Optional Course:

Course- 5

Name of the Course: Political Analysis: Theories and Methods

Course Code: PHD- POSC- 5054

Credit: 4

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Course- 6

Name of the Course: Term Paper/ Project Work

Course Code: PHD-POSC-5062

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