

**Ph.d Course : Historical Method 4 credits**

The course is designed to convey to the students both the interconnectedness as well as the contextual and chronological particularities that are time and region specific within the three branches of history – ancient, medieval and modern. It begins by setting a general framework for understanding the importance of methodologies that are essential to comprehend how the writing of history problematizes the research paradigms that researchers use for their research areas. The themes that will be covered are set down below:

1. The Problematic of History Writing
2. The Framing of Research Questions
3. Is Theory necessary for the writing of History?
4. Is History a Narrative, or a Science?
5. Sources, their nature and utility in reconstruction of History
6. Oral History
7. Quantitative History
8. Archaeology and Numismatics

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**Ph.D Course: Historiography 4 Credits**

This course is intended to provide an introduction to the evolution of historical thought, with a special emphasis on recent trends in historiography, and to acquaint the student with the new approaches thrown up by various schools of historians.

**Broad Areas:**

- a) Evolution of the classical tradition in Europe and Asia.
- b) The Contribution of Arab Historians.
- c) The practice of History in Medieval Europe and Medieval India.
- d) Post renaissance developments in the History of Historical Writing.
- e) 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century Revolutions and the Rise of Scientific History.
- f) Positivism and the Empirical School.
- g) Historical Materialism and its Impact on the Nature of History Writing in Europe and Asia
- h) Annales School
- i) Recent Trends in Historiography with reference to
  1. People's History
  2. History of the Working class
  3. Peasant movements
  4. Women's History.
  5. Cultural History
  6. History of Political Institutions and Social Movements
  7. History of Technology, Ecology and Environment
  8. History of Medicine
  9. Intellectual History
  10. History of Communalism
  11. Understanding of Marginal Groups in History
  12. Historical Studies on Caste
  13. Histories of Religion

**Select Booklist:**

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