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The Centre for the Study of Law and Governance adopts a multidisciplinary approach to framing research and teaching on the relationship between law and governance. The study of governance, in its various forms and at different sites, is central to several contemporary issues: the reform of public institutions and public law; the creation and establishment of procedures and rules that lead to greater efficiency, transparency, and accountability; and the challenge of making governance more inclusive and participatory through the strengthening of democracy and civil society.

The Centre’s interdisciplinary focus draws on critical social science approaches in its attempt to explore how practices of law and governance are embedded in political, economic, social and historical processes; how practices of governance are dispersed over various sites ranging from the government, bureaucracy, judiciary, community and family; the socio-legal processes that deter or provide access to justice; and notions of governmentality, sovereignty and rights in specific politico-jural regimes.

The manifold agendas of public policy and legal reform in India remain impoverished in the absence of substantial research in many areas that impact the everyday life of Indian citizens. Since its inception, the Centre has initiated a new interest in examining how practices of governance get stabilised through law and how these practices open law to further contestation. The normative ideals of justice, equity and freedom thus inflect the Centre’s critical interrogations of existing institutions and practices of law and governance. It is in this spirit that, while the Centre’s academic programme produces scholarly research in these areas, it also seeks to translate theory into practices of governance and by initiating debate, sharing research and providing a platform for dialogue between the academy, government, civil society and international agencies.

In the decade since it came into existence the Centre for the Study of Law and Governance has developed at least three attributes that make it a distinctive part of the intellectual landscape. First, the Centre is explicitly inter-disciplinary, as evidenced by the diverse academic trainings of its faculty and its student body as well as in the teaching and research programme it has fostered. Second, the Centre has developed a reputation as a location where academic rigour can be meshed with reflection on policy and advocacy. Third, the Centre has become a focal point for understanding the links between the formal legal framework and governance in practice.

The Centre for the Study of Law and Governance is the only academic space in India, and possibly one of the few academic spaces in the world, to have directed intellectual energy to an interdisciplinary focus on the relationship between law and governance. The establishment of similar centres in other Indian universities in the recent past is testimony to the relevance and significance of this perspective. It is not an exaggeration to claim that the Centre for the Study of Law and Governance has become an academic niche for those young scholars who wish to promote interdisciplinary research on law, and do not find the academic space to do so within the existing structure of law schools; as also those who wish to explore governance issues in an inter-disciplinary mode.
The Centre for the Study of Law and Governance offers an MPhil/PhD programme as well as a doctoral programme of study, which has generated enormous interest from prospective candidates, whether it is students who have just completed their Master’s degrees or employed professionals and officials. The Centre’s doctoral programme has a distinctive student profile, which includes members of the defence and civil services, lawyers, teachers and people working with civil society organisations.

The programmes of study offered by the Centre are as follows:

1. **Doctoral Programme of Study**

   Given its inter-disciplinary orientation, the Centre welcomes applications from scholars with M.Phil. degree in Political Science, Economics, Sociology, and Law. Those who do not have an M.Phil. degree should provide evidence of equivalent published work in the intended area of specialisation.

   **Eligibility for Admission**

   Admission to the doctoral programme of study is made through a viva voce examination. Only those candidates are considered for admission to the Direct Ph. D. Programme as have obtained an M.Phil. degree of a recognized University/Research Institution with minimum Final Grade Point Average (FGPA) of 6.00 in 10 point scale/comparable standard where the grading is based on system other than 10 point scale. The candidates who have obtained an M.Phil. degree from a University/Institution where the dissertation is not graded or grading is not on 10-point scale, are required to forward a copy of their M.Phil. dissertation along with the Application Form for the purpose of assessment of their credentials;

   **OR**

   at least 2 years research/administrative/legal experience in reputed institutions with research publication(s) comparable to M.Phil. standard. In addition, they should have obtained Master’s Degree with FGPA of 6.00 in the 10 point scale/comparable standard or equivalent percentage.

2. **MPhil/ PhD Programme in Law and Governance**

   The distinctive features of the M.Phil. Programme are its multi-disciplinary orientation in both course design and teaching plan; its substantive academic content; its distinctiveness when compared to available courses in other Indian Universities; and its coherence as a programme of study with a policy orientation.

   The objectives of the M.Phil./Ph.D. Programme in Law and Governance include the following:

   To prepare candidates for doctoral research in public policy and socio-legal research that is not limited by uni-disciplinary training.

   To provide an inter-disciplinary perspective on the study of law and governance, by introducing the basic concepts, debates and the now extensive literature on governance and legal issues,
emanating from the disciplines of political science, economics, public administration/public policy, sociology and jurisprudence.

To equip students with the skills necessary to undertake research in areas of public policy, including a special focus on the legal implications of these issues, by developing their expertise in these diverse disciplinary areas, and so to enable a more complex and multifaceted approach to issues of governance, public policy and law.

To acquaint the qualified practitioner—policy-maker, civil servant, lawyer or civil society professional—with the major issues in this area.

The M.Phil. programme is a two-year (four-semester) programme of study from which students may move on to the doctoral programme provided they meet the minimum grade requirements laid down by the University. The M.Phil. programme consists of 3 compulsory courses; 3 optional courses; and a dissertation. Each course carries 3 credits, and the course requirements are to be completed in the first two semesters of the programme. The dissertation carries 10 credits and is to be completed by the end of the fourth semester. Total number of credits required for an M.Phil. degree are thus 28.

While the three core compulsory courses provide a general overview of the issues and debates in the area of law and governance, the optional courses provide the students with the opportunity to develop a specialization, and so build up an expertise that can be further channelized in the dissertation work. The pedagogy adopted by the Centre faculty is innovative: films and other multimedia resources are routinely used.

Admission to the MPhil./PhD Programme

Admission to the M.Phil./PhD Programme is by an entrance examination conducted by the University, followed by a viva voce for those candidates who qualify in the written examination. The eligibility conditions for taking the examination are a Master’s degree in Political Science, Public Administration, Economics, Sociology, History, Philosophy or Law with 55% marks; or 60% in any branch of natural science. The written test has essay type questions from the fields of Political Science, Public Administration, Sociology, Economics, and Law. The test will evaluate the candidate’s analytical abilities and competence in her/his discipline. The areas covered by the test will relate to issues such as the following: the changing role of the state; the relationship between the state, market and civil society; civil service reform and the new public management; regulatory regimes; local governance, both rural and urban; the rule of law and access to justice; the social and economic bases of law; and global governance.
LIST OF COURSES

Compulsory Courses
LG 601 Research Methodology
LG 602 Governance I: Theories and Concepts
LG 603 Governance II: The Legal Dimension

Optional Courses
LG 621 Law, Constitutionalism and Political Theory
LG 622 Sociology and Politics of Law
LG 623 Law and Economics
LG 624 Administrative Reforms and New Public Management
LG 625 Contemporary Issues In Development
LG 626 Politics of Development
LG 627 Development Ethics
LG 628 Environmental Governance
LG 629 Urban Governance I: Definitions and Concepts
LG 630 Urban Governance II: Using a Practical Lens
LG 631 Thinking about Institutions
LG 632 Institutional Economics
LG 633 Regulation
LG 634 Economics and Ethics
LG 635 Global Governance
LG 636 International Economic Institutions
LG 637 History, Politics, and Ethics of Reparation, Restitution and Reconciliation
LG 638 Local Governance
LG 639 The Politics of Sustainable Development
LG 640 New thinking about Institutions and Development
LG 641 Law, Governance and Violence: Gendered Perspectives
LG 642 Enculturing Law
LG 643 District Planning and Implementation Process
LG 644 Citizenship: Challenges of Theory and Practice
LG 645 Political Anthropology in South Asia

1 All courses carry 3 credits.
COMPULSORY COURSES

LG 601  RESEARCH METHODS

This course has the twin objectives of introducing students to some issues in the philosophy of social sciences and research techniques—both qualitative and quantitative. The course is divided into three parts:—

Part I: Conceptual Issues in Social Sciences

Part II: Qualitative Methods (Ethnographic Methods, Historical Research and PRA Methods)

Part III: Quantitative Methods

I. Conceptual Issues in Social Sciences

1. The Science/Social Science Contrast
2. Causation
3. Interpretation and Meaning
4. Objectivity in Social Science
5. Methodological Individualism

II. Qualitative Methods

Ethnographic Methods

This section introduces students to ethnographic research methods. They are taught concepts like participant observation, emic and etic perspectives, informants, cultural patterning.

1. History, theory and ethics of anthropological fieldwork
2. Research methods: framing a research question, site selection, language learning, identifying informants, interviews (open ended, structured), questionnaires, surveys, participant observation, writing field-notes.
3. Personal accounts of fieldwork, with a special focus on gender.
4. Writing ethnographies
5. Visual anthropology (the use of photography and film in anthropology)

Historical Research

1. What is an archive and how to use it (including diaries, personal papers, letters, newspapers)
2. Oral History

PRA methods

1. Mapping, transects, focus groups, wealth ranking, preference ranking, season and historical diagramming (time lines, day in the life of etc.)
2. Critiques of PR
III: Quantitative Methods

The quantitative methods addresses the following issues:

a. To build familiarity with ideas and concepts of empirical investigation and modelling.
b. To develop technical skills for describing, analyzing, and presenting quantitative data.
c. To appreciate the role of judgment in drawing inferences from data and analysis.

The course covers the following heads:

1. Overview, Understanding Data, Measurement
2. Basic Probability, Probability Distributions, Statistical Inference and Hypothesis Testing
3. Sampling Strategies including Survey Design
4. Controlling for “Other” Variables

READINGS

I. Conceptual Issues in Social Sciences

II. Qualitative Methods


**III. Quantitative Methods**


**LG 602 GOVERNANCE I: THEORIES AND CONCEPTS**

*About the Course*

This foundational course provides students with a comprehensive survey of the literature on governance; the descriptive and normative dimensions of the concept, and, the theoretical approaches to its study; and the extensive literature on the measurability of governance. In its original formulation, provoked by neo-liberal policies of economic reform, and a concomitant reconceptualization of the role of the state, governance has been an embattled and contested
concept. It is however a concept that has shed some of these old associations and recovered new meanings, especially as it has come to inform the claims to justice, rights and accountability for disempowered groups.

Among the questions that the course addresses are the following. Should the state be the primary provider of public goods? If states have abdicated their central responsibility for citizen welfare, what is at stake in the claim that markets and civil society actors can do this better? Is civil service reform the answer, or should inefficient state institutions withdraw to make way for more effective public service provision through public-private partnerships? How can policy-making processes be made transparent, policy outcomes equitable, and policy-makers and implementers accountable? The course also discusses the multiplication in the levels of governance, from the local to the global.

Course Outline

I. The Concept of Governance
   - Evolution of the concept of governance as part of the neo-liberal discourse, and its critique
   - Critical Approaches to Governance
   - The Idea of Governmentality

II. Theoretical Approaches to the Study of Governance
   - Rational Choice and collective choice
   - New Institutionalism
   - Governance networks

III. The State
   - State and Society: Autonomy, Strength and Weakness
   - Determinants of State Capacity
   - State and Development: the developmental state; embedded autonomy; regime types and development; the state and inclusive development
   - State and Inclusive Development: Seeing Like a State and Seeing the State

IV. Reforming the State
   - New Public Management and its critique
   - Transparency and Accountability
   - The rule of law and access to justice

V. State and Civil Society
   - Civil Society: Conceptual History and Issues.
   - Civil Society Organizations: Non-governmental Organizations, Social Movements, User Committees
   - Civil Society and Development: State-Society Synergy, Social Capital and Co-production

VI. States and Markets
   - The ‘Retreat of the State’ and emergence of neoliberal markets
– Limits of State power and politics of production and trade
– Internationalisation of production and the spatial mobility of capital
– Regulating markets

VII. Multi-level Governance
– Multilevel governance: context, institutional types and critiques
– Globalisation and Global Governance
– Global civil society and global social movements
– Local governance and decentralization: Conceptual rationale, institutional design and performance

VIII. Measuring Governance
– Rationale of measurement, major studies and their critiques
– Methodological and conceptual challenges
– Context-specificity of indicators
– Indian efforts at indices of governance: NHDR

READINGS

I. The Concept of Governance

II. Theoretical Approaches to the Study of Governance

### III. The State

**Essential Readings**


**Additional Readings**


### IV. Reforming the State

V. State and Civil Society

VI. States and Markets

VII. Multi-level Governance

Global Governance

Local Governance


**VIII. Measuring Governance**


**LG 603 GOVERNANCE II: THE LEGAL DIMENSIONS**

This course examines the relationship between “law” and “governance.” It examines questions such as: What is the “rule of law?” What are the legal dimensions of governance? How is legal authority constituted? How do judicial institutions have an impact on governance? How are judicial
institutions governed? Do social structures impinge upon the functioning of the judicial process? Does law actually have an impact? Is judicial decision-making socially efficient? In the process of answering these questions we will enter into a wide ranging examination of the place of law in economy and society and the different standpoints from which it can be assessed.

**Course Outline**

1. *The Indian Judicial System*
   - The formal allocation of powers in the Indian Judiciary
   - The relationship of the Judiciary to other branches of government
   - The appointment and administrative machinery of the judiciary, etc.

2. *Basic Concepts of Law, Jurisprudence and Ideas of Rights*
   - Legal positivism
   - Critical legal theory
   - Feminist jurisprudence
   - Post Colonial Legality

3. *The Concept of Law*
   - What is Law?
   - The Relationship Between Law and Morality
   - On Rights

4. *Constitutionalism and the Judiciary*
   - Judicial Review in Practice
   - Forms and Efficacy of Judicial Activism
   - The Normative and Legal Basis for Judicial Review

5. *Law and Society: Approaches*
   - Reading Durkheim’s sociology of law
   - Weber on Law in Economy and Society
   - Foucault and Law

6. *Legal Systems as Social and Cultural Institutions*
   - Cultural construction of law
   - Forms and politics of legal pluralism
   - The cunning of judicial reform
   - Law, violence and gender
   - Law, caste and sociality

7. *Substantive Topics in Law*
   - Gender
   - Violence
   - Caste
– Labour Law
– Tort
– Property

8. Law and Economics
– economic analysis of law
– transaction cost approaches
– the economic efficacy of legal decision making

READINGS

Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.


**OPTIONAL COURSES**

**LG 621  LAW, CONSTITUTIONALISM AND POLITICAL THEORY**

This course examines the trajectory of liberal constitutionalism in the context of Indian Law. Its first purpose is to bring out the normative presuppositions of the Indian constitution as revealed in the constitution itself and the ways in which it has been interpreted and modified by subsequent interpretations. Its second purpose is to normatively assess developments in key areas of Indian law. The guiding principle behind this inquiry is that a liberal constitution takes as its starting point the thought that all citizens are free and equal. This course will examine the various ways in which freedom and equality have been interpreted by Indian Courts and whether those interpretations can withstand normative scrutiny. This course will blend constitutional history, law and political theory. Each section will blend philosophical texts, historical materials and assigned cases.

**Course Outline**

- The Idea of Constitutionalism
- Normative Inquiry and the Law
- Liberalism in Relation to Law
- The Indian Constitution in a Normative Frame
- What Are Fundamental Rights?
- Harmonising Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles
- Equality with special reference to Article 14
- Equality and Affirmative Action
- Law and the Constitution of Secularism

**READINGS**

**The Idea of Constitutionalism**

**Normative Inquiry and the Law**

**Liberalism in Relation to Law**
The Indian Constitution in a Normative Frame
Constituent Assembly Debates (Selections)

The Constitution of India
What Are Fundamental Rights?

Assigned Cases

Harmonising Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles

Assigned Cases

Equality with special reference to Article 14

Assigned Cases

Equality and Affirmative Action

Assigned Cases

Law and the Constitution of Secularism
LG 622  THE SOCIOLOGY AND POLITICS OF LAW

This course is designed for students who will already have done the compulsory course on governance and law, and who are keen to do further reading in the sociology, politics and history of law. The course endeavours to:

- place legal processes within a particular social context and explain the manner in which these contexts influence outcomes
- study legal institutions—e.g. courts, tribunals, customary panchayats—as social institutions
- understand the legal system as a cultural phenomenon
- understand the ways in which laws create regimes of truth, by defining crime and criminals
- explore the political economy of law making and the definitional power of property laws
- enable students to critically examine judgements and legal issues relating to controversial issues in contemporary India.

Course Outline

I. Anthropological approaches to the law
   - Legal centralism
   - Legal evolution
   - Legal pluralism
   - Legal realism
   - Law as process
   - Law as discourse

II. Legal ethnographies (students to select one for critical reading)

III. Dispute Resolution and Panchayats in India
   - Dispute Resolution
   - Tribal Panchayats—panchayats in egalitarian communities
   - Village Panchayats—panchayats in stratified communities
   - Caste panchayats

IV. ‘Crime’ and Punishment
   - Defining Crime
   - Law as discourse
   - Concepts of Punishment
   - Critiques of the Rule of law

V. Civil Liberties and Extraordinary laws
   - Criminalising communities
   - Extraordinary laws and the Rule of Law
VI. Trials as spectacle and trial by media
- The role of race, sex and class in the working of the judiciary
- Media trials
- Trials as performance

VII. Law and Popular Culture
- How legal idioms influence our everyday lives
- Legal thrillers/novels
- Films on customary law (e.g. The story of Qiu Jiu, Massey Sahib)
- Impersonations and other ‘curious’ issues

VIII. Political economy of law-making: the Colonial Transformation of Property laws in India
- Political economy and law
- Rule by records
- Ideology of the Permanent Settlement

IX. The Legal Transformation of Common Property Resources
- Defining common property
- Privatisation of CPRs
- The role of judicial Interpretation of custom

X. Recognising Indigenous Property Law
- New Developments in Australian jurisprudence
- Culture, custom and law

READINGS

I. Anthropological approaches to the law

II. Legal ethnographies (students to select one for critical reading)

III. Dispute Resolution and Panchayats in India


IV. ‘Crime’ and Punishment


V. Civil Liberties and Extraordinary laws


VI. Trials as spectacle and trial by media

VII. Property in India: the Colonial Transformation


The Legal Transformation of Common Property Resources


Recognising Indigenous Property Law


LG 623 LAW AND ECONOMICS

This course addressed the following questions: What explains the evolution of various legal institutions? How people will respond to the existing legal rules and changes therein? Will such responses result in a socially desirable outcome?, etc. The analytical tools and normative criteria will be that of economics. The focus of the course is on three substantive bodies of civil law; namely, property law, contact law and the law of torts. The course also covers some important topics in criminal law, litigation, and law enforcement.

Course Outline

I. Economic Analysis of Law
   – What is economic analysis of law?
   – Efficiency criteria in law and economics; Pareto efficiency, Kaldor-Hicks criterion, wealth maximization
   – Price and sections

II. Property Law
   – Emergence and nature of property rights,
   – Acquisition and transfer of property rights
   – Externality; conflict in the use of property
   – Economics of property rights: property right and efficient use of resources
   – Economic justifications of what is privately and publicly owned
   – Property rights in information
   – Intellectual Property Rights

III. Contract Law
   – What is a (legal) contract?
   – When is a contract enforceable?
   – Efficient and inefficient contracts
- Risk sharing and remedies for breach: Specific Performance and Damage Measures
- Economics of various contract doctrines; formation defences—Incompetence and Unconscionability, performance excuses—Impossibility

**IV. Tort Law**
- What is a tort
- Three requirements of torts law—harm, causation and negligence
- The Hand rule and causation
- Various liability rules
- Economic analysis of tort law: Risk bearing and incentive to take socially desirable care
- Various issues in liability: Liability and insurance, non-tort systems
- Product liability

**V. Other Topics**
- Theory of enforcement
- Economics of crime and punishment
- Litigation costs and incentive to bring suits

**READINGS**


**LG 624 ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND NEW PUBLIC MANAGEMENT**

This course scans the footprints of administrative reforms in India and enables the student to understand both the desirability and the credibility of reform processes. An analysis of the institutional history of
reforms from transformation of the colonial institutions after independence to the adoption of the new institutional economics brings into focus the role of various actors in the application of substantive and procedural policy options. The changes in the context of globalization, liberalization and privatization combined with the expansion of the electronic governance has reduced the whole world into a global village and overlapping institutional governance. The issues related to the retreat of the state have given rise to a set of new problems such as those of citizen’s privacy and access to decision-making. The spread of trans-national business has evoked greater need for accountability and transparency in public dealings. The scope and tendency of rent-seeking and its socio-economic impact on developmental policies is an important issue explored in this course. The new public management reforms and the citizen’s role in the improvement of service delivery through voluntary and deliberate action may also highlight the direction and the difficulties of the changing character of democratic state.

Course Outline

• Context of Administrative reforms in India
• Institutional and the ethical dimensions of administrative reforms. The design and impact study to find answers to who benefits from reforms and who pays the price for restructuring.
• The values of the private and the public interest in the new institutionalism. Transformation of the welfare state to the entrepreneurial state.
• The efficiency and economy debate, de-bureaucratization of democracy to the Reinvention of government.
• Public-private partnerships in service delivery and poverty elimination programmes.
• Public sector enterprises and the disinvestment drive.
• Reforms in infrastructure esp. health services and education, social security systems like Child care services, retirement benefits, old age pension, crop insurance.
• Management of goods and services; institutional arrangements for outsourcing, contracting out and privatization.
• New Public Management and the global reform Movement.

READINGS

LG 625 CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN DEVELOPMENT

This course introduces students to the dilemmas of development theory and practice, particularly the complexities introduced by the varied socio-cultural contexts into which standard models of economic development are introduced. Students will be taught to understand the politics inherent in defining the problem, identifying the range of actors involved, exploring possible solutions in the light of consequences, both intended and unintended. The course will draw upon various ethnographic cases of development practice, seeking through these cases to introduce students to the range of possibilities open in any development encounter—from adoption and adaptation to resistance, to negotiation, to transformation. The course will also have a special focus on development in relation to the environment and gender. The course will be useful both for those interested in the theory of state practice and politics more widely as well as those who plan to take up a career in development, administration or the media.

Course Outline

I. Development: Definitions and Theories
• Defining development
• Modernisation theory
• Dependency and world systems theories
• Post-structural approaches

II. Anthropological Political Economy
• Ethnographic experiences with ‘development’
• Capitalism and resistance (also everyday resistance)
• Development practice and culture

III. Discourses of Development
• Constructions of backwardness and poverty
• Participation
• Community

IV. State and Civil Society
• NGOs
• Social movements
• Role of media and other institutions

V. Globalisation and the New Economic Order
• Aid Industry
• WTO regime
• Patents, indigenous knowledge

VI. India’s Development Experience
• History of capitalism in India
• Experience of Planned Development
• Human development
• Alternatives to standard model—Gandhian, Left etc.

VII. Gender and Development
• WID vs. GAD theories (empowerment etc.)
• Feminisation of poverty
• Women in the informal sector
• National income accounting and women’s work

VIII. Gender and Environment
• Ecofeminism
• Critiques of ecofeminism
• Women and property

IX. Environmental Politics
• Historicising degradation
• Theories of sustainable development
• Environment and security (the politics of oil and other natural resources)
READINGS

I. Development: definitions and theories

II Anthropological Political Economy
Culture, Resistance and Identity at the Peripheries of the World System, 1980s perspectives (capitalism and resistance)

1990s Perspectives (development and negotiation)

Poverty, Isolation, Backwardness

III. Discourses of Development
Participation and Community
IV. The State and Civil Society
Suman Sahai—articles on patenting (sumansahai-blog.blogspot.com/)

V. Globalisation and the New Economic Order

VIII. India’s Development Experience

VI. Gender and Development

VII. Gender and Environment

VII. Environmental Politics

Knowledge and practice

LG 626 POLITICS OF DEVELOPMENT

The rationale of the course lies in the formulation that development is not apolitical. Indeed, politics determines the choices made with regard to various options/ policies/ programmes for development, their implementation and outcomes. While the economic aspects of development are undoubtedly critical, the socio-political context of development is increasingly being recognised as crucial. Therefore, evolution, contestation and reformulation of theories of development that emerged since the 1950s and have been the leitmotif of national and international politics will be critically examined, with a special focus on India.

Course Outline

I. Invention of ‘Development’: Genealogy of Development Thought and Politics
Enlightenment, Rationality, Modernity and Development; Modernization and its critiques; Post-development; Sociology of Development; Development and Democracy; Alternative Development, Human Development
II. Politics and International Development
Eurocentricity, Development and Underdevelopment; World System, Role of donor agencies, International Politics of Development

III. State and Development
Role of State versus Market in Development; Political Definitions and Social Choices; Paradigm of Social Development versus Economic Development; corporatist state, predatory states and developmental state.

IV. Politics of Development in India
Planned Development; Liberalisation and Privatisation; Roll-back of the State; Expanding Domain of Public Policy and Governance; New Actors in Development

V. Idiom of Development and Political Mobilisation: Development, Politics and Identity
Participation and Development; Political Mobilisation around Developmental Issues in India; Development and Identity Articulation

VI. Issues in Development Politics: Gender and Environment
Development, Gender and Environment inter-linkages; Development and Environment in India; Gender Imbalances and Development; Gender Empowerment and Development, Sustainable Development

VII. Politics, Development and Civil Society Actors
Civil Society, Social Capital and Development, ‘De-politicised’ Development

READINGS

I. Invention of ‘Development’: Genealogy of Development Thought and Politics


II. Politics and International Development


### III. State and Development


### IV. Politics of Development in India


Corbridge, S. et. al. (2005) *Seeing the State: Governance and Governmentality in India*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.


VI. Issues in Development Politics: Gender and Environment


VII. Politics, Development and Civil Society Actors


ADDITIONAL READINGS


UNDP, Human Development Reports, various years.


LG 627 DEVELOPMENT ETHICS

Part I

• Development Ethics: the normative dimensions of development.
• The ethical underpinnings of the various discourses of development: development as economic growth; development as capability enhancement; anti-development.
• Efficiency and effectiveness as criteria of development planning and implementation.
• Equity: the costs of development, the rights of redress, and the responsibility for remedies.
• Alternatives to the mainstream approach to development: Basic Needs, Quality of Life and Capability Expansion.
• The Right to Development or a Right Against Development?
• Cross-cultural issues and the limits of ethical discussion on development.
• Culture, development and gender: ethical issues.

Part II
• Ethical Issues in Development
• Hunger
• Displacement and Development Refugees
• Environmental Ethics
• Bioethics and Indigenous Knowledge
• Global Justice: Inequality Between Nations

READINGS

LG 628 ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE

This course covers the major milestones in the evolution of environmental governance from the conservation syndrome to a major policy option for a sustainable and ethically just developmental process. It entails the study of institutions in the management of environmental crisis by seeking answers related to the role of grassroot institutions in selecting technology, structure of international
trade institutions, corporate governance, regulatory regime for biodiversity protection, climate change, wetland conservation and habitat rights. These issues are embedded into the moral outrage of marginalized communities since they are not party to decision making which robs them of their resources. The paper would analyse the impact of the Capitalist and the Socialist mode of growth pattern on environmental governance.

I. Concerns of environmental governance, the questions of property such as those of personal and the Common property and the State owned; The issues concerning ‘land ethics’ within the framework of natural resource management. The ecological niche of human and non-human or sub-human communities and its impact on the emerging paradigm of governance.

II. Role of the State; Environment–development debate and issues of equity and justice in global and local governance. Role of trans national companies and the theoretical framework of ‘Sustainable development’; issues of scarcity, of carrying capacity, intra-generational and inter-generational equity and justice, gender justice, habitat right.

III. Sustainable livelihood practices; Green Revolution sustainable agriculture, Joint forest management, Alternative or Appropriate technology, Watershed Treatment practices and the issues of big dams, Environmental practices and the village republics for the management of grasslands and wastelands.

IV. Environmental law; Regulatory framework in India, Public Liability of industries, Environmental Impact Assessment of Mega projects. Global Environmental standards and Trans-national companies.

V. Environmental Movements: Issues in Environmental Movements from the Coastal Zone to the Himalayas, the mainland protests, the stakeholders and the Green groups, the gene campaigners, forest rights, water rights and the rights over mineral resources.

READINGS

LG 629 URBAN GOVERNANCE I: DEFINITIONS AND CONCEPTS

This course will engage the students in exploring various facets of urban governance. We will begin with exploring some of the main approaches and unpacking definitions and concepts which will lead towards a better understanding of the processes and patterns of urbanisation. This will be followed by analysing the causes behind the current urban crisis, both in the international (brief synopsis) and Indian context; an assessment of key stakeholders and their roles; and finally the mechanisms adopted by State and other development agencies towards improving the general quality of urban governance.

Course Outline

I. Definition and concepts of urban governance
   - What is urban governance?
   - How similar or dissimilar is it to urban planning and management?
   - Understanding the larger processes of urbanisation

II. The Urban problematic-taking stock and addressing the challenges
   - Condition of public services in cities—especially in developing countries.
   - Reasons behind the poor distribution and quality of urban services

III. Who are the players?
   - Understanding the form, condition, challenges and limitations of:
     - Urban local government
     - Civil Society—NGOs, CBOs, Academia, Media, Consumer forums etc.
     - Private (corporate) agencies
     - The Donor community

IV. Modes of engagement of the players
   - Political (electoral) participation
   - Popular (civic) participation
   - Mixed forms of participation, Political will: progressive legislation for urban decentralisation
   - International examples of recent legislation for better governance: case studies from countries such as Bolivia, Brazil, Mexico, Mozambique, South Africa, India and the Philippines.
   - Detailed study of Indian urban legislation: 74th Constitutional Amendment Act—provisions in the Act, list of activities, critique.

VI. Mechanisms for change

– Transparency
  • Definition
  • Quality and content of public information
  • Issues regarding Right to Information
  • Sources (channels) of information dissemination
  • Mechanism to operationalise transparency

– Accountability
  • Definition
  • Various levels of accountability (such as bureaucrat to elected representative, bureaucrat to citizens and elected representative to citizens)
  • Mechanism to operationalise accountability

– Collaboration-synergy
  • Definition
  • Forms of collaboration (within and across sectors)
  • Segregated look at the role of different players in collaborative projects
  • Mechanisms to operationalise/initiate collaborative ventures

READINGS


**LG 630 URBAN GOVERNANCE II: USING A PRACTICAL LENS**

This course, which follows from Urban Governance I, is designed to encourage students to choose a particular city, Indian or international (subject to availability of data) with the intention of situating it within the theoretical debates discussed in the previous course.
Along with the city, the students will be required to choose a particular urban issue and devise indicators and sub-indicators to assess their proposition.

**Course Outline**

- Introductory session about the course.
- Selection of cities and sectoral issues as case studies.
- Discussion about research proposition, research question(s) and methodology.
- Presentation (in groups) of case studies by students. In case the batch is too small, they can do individual presentations.
- Based on the presentations, generate discussion-linking these case studies with the theoretical and conceptual issues discussed in the previous paper. This should give them an opportunity to reflect and even perhaps contribute their insights on broader issues of urban governance.
- Students choose a particular topic (or continue with what they presented) to write a term paper.

**READINGS**


LG 631 THINKING ABOUT INSTITUTIONS

What are institutions? How do institutions function? How do they evolve? What are the different trade-offs in designing institutions? This course examines these questions conceptually. The second half of the course uses the theoretical materials of the first half to shed light on some India’s leading public institutions. Why do some institutions function better than others? How do we appraise institutional effectiveness?

The course requires students to write two short papers on the readings and undertake a larger study of an institution of their choice.

Course Outline

I. What Are Institutions?
   - economic approaches
   - anthropological approaches
– evolutionary approaches
– political approaches

II. Issues in Institutional Design
– rules v/s discretion
– statutory autonomy
– transparency v/s effectiveness
– incentive structures

III. Explaining Institutional Change
– are institutions dependent or independent variables/
– theories of institutional transformation

IV. India’s Public Institutions: Design and Performance
– Parliament
– Independent Commissions–
– Institutions of Oversight–
– Institutions of Regulation

V. Explaining Variation Across Institutions
– Why do some institutions fare better than others?
– can institutional performance be explained by statutory design
– incentive structures within institutions

VI. Institutions and Civil Society
– Is Civil Society in India ‘weakly’ institutionalized?
– Does the character of social relations have an impact on institutions?

READINGS
LG 632 INSTITUTIONAL ECONOMICS

This course provides an understanding of economic institutions, which is rooted in a conceptual and theoretical apparatus. It is aimed that at the end of the course students will be in a position to embark on theoretical, public policy or empirical research projects using the tools and insights of institutional economics.

Course Outline

- Overview of Institutional Economics
- Economic Organization
- Contracting
- Employment
- Bureaucracy Government and State
- Law, Economics, and Organization
- Regulation
- Empirical Institutional Economics

READINGS


This course examines the needs and the modes of government interventions to regulate markets. Theories of socio-economic regulations and enforcement are reviewed. The course involves applying concepts introduced in the course to an appropriate regulatory matter. In the light of such theories, a variety of case studies are undertaken. The course also discusses liability vs. safety regulation, environmental regulation, etc.

**Course Outline**

**I. Public Interest Theories of Regulation, Justification for Intervention**
- Monopolies
- asymmetric information
- externalities
- co-ordination problems
- distributional justice.

**II. Regulatory Instruments and Forms**
- Standards
- information disclosure
- economic instruments
- price and quality regulation

**III. Regulatory Structures and Practices**
- Centralized versus decentralised regulation
- delegated and self-regulation
- accountability.

**IV. Case Studies: Case studies related to regulation in**
- Telecommunication
- Insurance
- Environment
- Production
- Liability vs. Safety etc.

**READINGS**


**LG 634 ECONOMICS AND ETHICS**

This course explores the interaction between moral concerns and the practice of positive and normative economics. It also investigates the relation between the discipline of economics and the construction of moral philosophy.

**Course Outline**

- Morality and Economics (An Overview)
- Morality and Economic Rationality
- Morality and Welfare
- Liberty
- Equality
- Theories of Justice

**READINGS**


**LG 635 GLOBAL GOVERNANCE**

The course focuses on the emerging issues and patterns in Global Governance with a view to understanding its inter-linkages with the processes of globalisation in its multi-faceted dimensions. It examines the history of the evolution of the regime of Global Governance along with a critical discussion of various conceptual and theoretical approaches to the study of global governance. Having thus underlined the close inter-linkage between global governance and the processes of globalisation, the course examines the meaning and various conceptual approaches to globalisation and its economic, social, cultural dimensions. The concept of global civil society as a central issue in the inter-linkage between global governance and globalisation is analysed with the help of patterns and issues arising from global environmental governance regimes. Further, the course also focuses
on the institutional dimensions of global governance before evaluating the overall impact of these multifarious issues, processes and patterns on the state, sovereignty and democracy.

I. Global Governance
   Meaning, historical evolution, rationale, causal factors; Issues of transparency, accountability, equity and participation; theoretical approaches to Global Governance.

II. Globalisation: Meaning, Concept, trajectory and approaches
   World Systems; Underdevelopment and dependencia; Internationalism, Interdependence, Americanisation, multilateralism, integration, Transformationalism and the Sceptics theses and their critiques

III. Globalisation and the Economy
   The Bretton Woods System and the Washington and post-Washington consensuses, issues concerning openness and trade, integration, global markets, global financial flows; regionalism and regional trading regimes

IV. Globalisation: Social and Cultural Dimensions
   Globalisation and Modernity/ post-modernity, Globalisation, democracy and Global citizenship; homogenisation, polarisation, Creolisation and hybridisation of culture; Alternative forms of ethics and of community

V. Global Civil Society/ Global Social Movements and Global Governance
   Conceptual and definitional issues, global civil society, democracy and debates about re-constitution of citizenship; 'glocalisation’, defence and critique; GSM/ GCS and Global Environmental Governance

VI. Institutional Dimensions of Global Governance, Complex Multilateralism
   WTO, World Bank, IMF; the UN System and Environment Treaties Secretariats

VII. Global Governance, Globalisation, State and Sovereignty
   Nation-states in a globalising world; debates of state sovereignty and autonomy: sovereign state, competition state, security state, normative state and democratic state; new forms of political community; global politics and local impact.

READINGS


This explores the impact that international economic institutions such as the WTO, World Bank IMF, United Nations and its various branches have on law and governance—both domestic and international.

I. History and Description of Key International Economic Institutions

II. Impact on National and International Law and Governance

(In particular some areas discussed will pertain to intellectual property rights, dumping, international standards—environmental and labor, competition policy and international torts)
III. Political Economy of International Institutions

READINGS


LG 637 THE HISTORY, POLITICS, AND ETHICS OF REPARATION, RESTITUTION AND RECONCILIATION

This course is designed to make students think critically about contemporary demands for reconciliation and reparation. By taking up certain concrete cases of restitution and reparation demands (e.g. to Japanese Americans for internment during WWI, German reparations to Jews, the demand for reparations for slavery etc.), students are asked to reflect on why certain issues get taken up for reparation demands and others don’t or why certain groups are successful and others aren’t. They also discuss the ethics of providing distributive justice across time, of what the appropriate units of reparation should be, of the clash between new entitlements based on need or current legal standing and old entitlements based on expropriation.

Restitution claims also raise questions of memory; how historical injustices are framed and transmitted in national history texts and popular narratives; how the symbols of a nation—e.g. monuments, founding days, flags, anthems—are implicated in previous histories of conquest and violence; and whether restitution privileges certain moments in history as against others. In this context, the students are introduced to the German historians’ debate over the holocaust, and questions of individual culpability for national crimes.

The course also discusses the politics of Truth and Reconciliation Commissions, the ‘adequacy’ of positivist notions of truth, and the legal and moral discourses within which reconciliation commissions operate.

Finally, it addresses the politics of International War Crimes Tribunals and covers questions like victor’s justice, the retrospective application of laws, definitions of crimes against humanity etc.

Course Outline

I. Demands for restitution
   • German reparations to Jews
   • American recompense to Japanese Americans for WWII
• Korean Comfort Women vs the Japanese government
• Lustration in Eastern Europe
• Russian-German debates over artwork
• Reparations for slavery
• Native Americans: land and sacred objects
• Australian aborigines and the judicial revolution
• Ramjanmabhoomi issue

II. Individual vs. State culpability for genocide
• German historian’s debate
• The anthropology of genocide

III. Truth and Reconciliation Commissions
• Guatemala
• South Africa

IV. International War Crimes Tribunals
• Nuremberg
• Tokyo
• Rwanda
• Yugoslavia

READINGS

I. Restitution/Reparations

II. State vs. Individual Culpability
III. Truth and Reconciliation


IV. War Crimes


LG 638  LOCAL GOVERNANCE

In India, the issue of local governance tends frequently to be equated exclusively with the processes of decentralisation set in motion by the 73rd and 74th constitutional amendments. This course is underpinned by the recognition that, along with the revival of panchayati raj institutions, there has also, simultaneously, occurred a proliferation in the number and variety of actors involved in governance at the local level. Non-governmental organizations, for instance, are increasingly engaged in the delivery of public services; and user groups/committees are involved in the management of natural resources, sometimes in partnership with the state. There are also a number of Self-Help Groups engaged in a variety of activities from micro-credit to development programmes. This course provides an overview of the experience of the new panchayats as institutions of self-government, and especially the way in which the provisions for greater inclusion—through reservations for scheduled castes, scheduled tribes, women, and, in some cases, the backward classes—are working out. It examines legal and institutional aspects of panchayats, especially the rather minimalist way in which conformity laws in the States have interpreted the constitutional amendments, resulting in an inadequate devolution of powers and finances. Finally, will seeks to provide an understanding of the complex interrelationships that obtain at the local level between panchayat institutions, the local state and bureaucracy, the nongovernmental organisations, and various other civil society actors.

Course Outline

I. The concept of decentralisation.
   • Why decentralisation? Is decentralisation inherently democratic?
   • The economic argument for decentralisation
   • Decentralisation, devolution and deconcentration

II. The evolution of Panchayati Raj institutions in India: an historical perspective.

III. Pre-Amendment panchayats in select states
   • West Bengal, Karnataka, Kerala and Maharashtra.

IV. The legal framework for panchayati raj: the 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendments and the states’ conformity laws, an analysis of their provisions and lacunae.

V. Panchayats and the District Administration: the role of the District Collector;
   • District Planning Boards/Committees; and the Block Development Officer.

VI. State Election Commissions and the record of elections to panchayats in different states.

VII. An evaluation of the new PRIs in terms of their functions and powers.

VIII. Resourcing the PRIs: the State Finance Commissions and the devolution of finances to the three levels of the PR system.
IX. Panchayats and the project of social inclusion: an assessment of the experience of reservations for scheduled castes, scheduled tribes and women.

X. The experience of extending the PR system to scheduled areas: PESA [or the Panchayat (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996]

XI. Panchayats Old and New: Nyaya Panchayats as mechanisms of Alternative

- Dispute Resolution; and the persistence of customary panchayats today.

XII. Panchayats and Non-governmental organizations, Self-Help Groups and User Committees.

XIII. How region-specific is the impact of panchayats? What are the variables that explain the relative success or failure of the PRIs in different states? Comparative insights from other countries.

READINGS

Decentralization
Mill, J.S. (1861) *Considerations on Representative Government*. [Ch. XV: Of Local Representative Bodies]

Panchayati Raj Institutions in India: Before and After the 73rd Constitutional Amendment

Panchayats and Political Participation
Besley, T., Pande, R. & Rao, V. *Participatory Democracy in Action: Survey Evidence from South India.*
Patrick, H. *Building Local Democracy: Lessons from Kerala*. (on CD)
Fiscal Decentralization


Panchayats and Poverty Alleviation

Bardhan, P. & Mookherjee, D. (2005) *Pro-Poor Targeting and Accountability of Local Governments in West Bengal.* (on CD)

Panchayats and Social Inclusion


Panchayats in the Scheduled Areas

Nyaya Panchayats, Customary Panchayats and Case Law

Parallel Bodies

Comparative Perspectives: Indian and Global

LG 639 THE POLITICS OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

This course uses the notion of “sustainable development” as an entry point to the shifting politics of environmental sustainability in the developing world. Students examine the range of different actors—governments, NGOs, corporations and international organizations—engaged in debates over environment and development and the interaction between them. In particular, the course material will cover the alternative frameworks each brings to the debate, the methods they use to project their ideas, and the multiple scales at which the ideas of sustainable development are debated. It illustrates how local problems are shaped by national and international forces, and how international decisions are constrained by local factors. The course also examines whether and how “environmentalism” has become a mainstream political force, and with what impact.

The majority of the course is designed around case studies. The purpose is to encourage students to grapple with contemporary case materials, to develop greater facility with documentation of real cases, and to draw their own opinions about ongoing debates.

Course Outline

I. Sustainable Development Unpacked
  • The Brundtland Commission: Sustainable Development Defined and
  • Contextualized
• Critiques of Sustainable Development
• Environmental Sustainability: North and South

II. Political Ecology
• Political Ecology Defined and Debated: Access to and Control over Resources
• Case: Water Politics in India

III. The Rise of Social Movements Around Natural Resources and Environment
• Social Movements and their Transnationalization
• International Dams Campaign, with a focus on the Narmada Bachao Andolan
• Transnational Networks: The Case of the Multilateral Development Bank Campaign

IV. The “Greening of Business”
• The Next Bottom Line? Arguments for Green Business
• Case: The Monsanto Company and GMOs
• Critics of Green Business

V. Environmentalism in Global Governance
• Formal International Negotiations: Climate Change
• The “Mainstreaming” of Environmental Concerns: Financial Markets
• Multi-stakeholder Negotiations at the Global Scale: The Case of the World Commission on Dams
• The World Summit on Sustainable Development and Beyond

READINGS
LG 640  NEW THINKING ABOUT INSTITUTIONS AND DEVELOPMENT

Institutions are increasingly seen as a precondition for economic growth and a key variable in explaining alternative development trajectories. But the consensus on the importance of institutions is not accompanied by a similar clarity about what we mean by institutions, their role in development, and how they come to be constructed. This course surveys the conventional wisdom around the “institutional turn” in development thinking and critically examine this renewed attention to institutions from a variety of perspectives. The first half of the course examines theories around institutions from a range of disciplinary perspectives. In the second half, these theories are applied to one recent, and significant, institutional development in India—the emergence of independent regulatory agencies. By examining the political economy of regulatory agencies in the utility sector, students are encouraged to explore how institutional forms are embedded in historical, political and social context.

Course Outline

I. The Washington Consensus and its “Institutional Turn”
   • Emergence of a Washington Consensus
   • Critiques of the Washington Consensus
   • Articulation of a “Post-Washington Consensus”

II. Institutional Economics: Old and New
   • “Old” Institutional Economics
   • New Institutional Economics and its Variants
   • Historical Institutional Economics
   • Transaction Cost Economics
   • Economics of Information
   • Law and Economics

III. Beyond Economism
   • Institutionalism in Sociology
   • Institutionalism in Political Science
   • Institutionalism in Organizational Theory
   • Cultural Theory and History
IV. New Institutionalisms and Governance: What is the Link?

V. Lost in Translation? Policy Transfer and the Danger of Institutional Monocropping

VI. Independent Regulatory Agencies: An Example of Policy Transfer

- Economic Rationale for Regulation: Incentives and Credible Delegation
- Policy Transfer in Practice: The Emergence of Electricity Regulators
- Politics of Regulation: Independence and Authority
- Organizational Practices in Regulators
- Regulatory Governance: Regulators as Sites for Democratic Practice?

READINGS


LG641 LAW, GOVERNANCE AND VIOLENCE: GENDERED PERSPECTIVES

This course explores the relationship between law, governance and violence through an agendered perspective. It will explore how practices of governance stabilise through law and how these practices open law to further contestation. The course specifically addresses everyday and collective forms of violence to examine how “judicial governance” monopolises, sanctions and controls gendered violence. The course examines the following issues:

1. How the state law on rape, sexual harassment, murder, unnatural sexual offences and domestic violence institutes hetero-normativity and regulates sexuality in everyday contexts.
2. How specific forms of “democidal” governance are stabilised through the criminal law on riots in India.
3. The histories of mass violence through a gendered analysis of the use of the writ of habeas corpus during the Partition in India.
4. The practices of governance that are stabilised through non-state law, such as caste panchayats, to explore how these forms of adjudication sanction and control gendered violence.

The overall aim of this course is to establish how competing modes of judicial governance engender violence. It uses a range of sources including documentary films, statutory provisions and judgments to establish the ways in which judicial governance permits, sanctions, normalises and/or challenges gendered violence.

I. Overview
• Gender and Law
• Gender, and Governance
• Gender and Development
• Gender and Globalization

II. Colonial Law, Gender and Violence
• Sati
• Age of Consent
• Slavery: Dhareecha

III. Sexual Governance, “De-eroticizing” Law"
• Sexual regulation: the law on rape
• Pathologising sexuality: Unnatural sexual offences
• Domestic Violence
• Grave and Sudden Provocation
• “Crimes of Honour”

IV. Caste, Law and Sexual Governance
• The SC and ST [Prevention of Atrocity] Act
• Caste Panchayats, Governance of Communities and Gendered Violence
V. Engendering Citizenship, Nationalism and Law in the Context of Collective Violence

- Partition: The Writ of Habeas Corpus
- Riots: Diminished Responsibility of Crowds

READINGS

I. Overview


II. Colonial Law, Gender and Violence Sati
Nair, J. (1996) *Women and Law in Colonial India*. New Delhi: Kali for Women. [Chapters 1, 2, 6]

III. Sexual Governance, “De-eroticing” Law


**IV. Caste, Law and Sexual Governance**


**V. Engendering Citizenship, Nationalism and law in the Context of Collective Violence**


**LG 642 ENCULTURING LAW**

This course explores anthropological and sociological debates on law, culture and power. It critically interrogates classic and contemporary legal ethnographies detailing the cultural dimensions of law, and focuses on examining how the ethnographic method has been used to study law and legal institutions. In particular, the following themes are explored:

1. The colonial genealogies of legal anthropology to explicate how custom and law were defined through the study of “other cultures” that lacked western forms of law and legal institutions.
2. The role of law during colonization in India.
3. The debate on “legal pluralism” and the impact of these debates on the study of law in India in four specific contexts: nyayapanchayats, lokadalats, nariadalats and caste panchayats. The course raises the question whether “legal pluralism” is a useful category to understand the different sources of law and varied forms of institutions in India.
4. The course introduces courtroom ethnographies to understand how the power of state law is dispersed over different sites, and how legal discourse is constitutive of everyday life. The course maintains the emphasis on the ethnographic method as a technique of demonstrating how law is mediated by social and cultural categories.
5. The course engages with the relationship between law, violence and rhetoric. It also explores how the architecture of law is linked with picturing law and justice.
6. Finally, the course engages with the relationship between law and popular culture.

Course Outline

I. Finding Law in the Colony
   • Colonial Legal Ethnographies
   • Interrogating Legal Realism
   • Colonial and Postcolonial Law

II. Making Law in the Colony
   • Law and Colonialism in India: Overview
   • Customary Law
   • Colonial Law and Agrarian Society
   • Penal Institutions, Punishment and Torture
   • “Criminal” Tribes
   • Colonial law, science and power

III. Subaltern in the law

IV. Legal Pluralism
   • Legal Centrism
   • Legal Pluralism

V. Forms of Legal Pluralism in India
   • Caste Panchayats
   • Nyaya Adalats
   • Nari Adalats
   • Lok Adalats

VI. “Compromise” Or “Conciliation” in State Law: The Bhopal Catastrophe

VII. Law, Power and the State: Courtroom Studies

VIII. Picturing Law
IX. Law, Rhetoric and Violence

X. Thinking about History, Memory and Law: Race

READINGS

I. Finding Law in the Colony

II. Making Law in the Colony

II(a). Customary Law

II(b). Colonial Law and Agrarian Society

II(c). Penal Institutions, Punishment and Torture
II(d). “Criminal” Tribes

II(e). Colonial law, Science and Power

III. Subaltern Studies and Law

IV. Legal Pluralism

V. Forms of Legal Pluralism
V(a) Caste Panchayats

**V(b) Nyaya Adalats**


**V(c) Nari Adalats**


**V(d) Lok Adalats**


**VI. The Bhopal Catastrophe: “Compromise” Or “Conciliation”??**


**VII. Law, Power and the State: Courtroom Studies**


VIII. Picturing Law
Goodrich, P. (1990) Languages of law: from logics of memory to nomadic masks. Weidenfeld and Nicolson. (Chapter 6, Modalities of Legal Annunciation: A linguistics of Courtroom Speech)

IX. Law, Rhetoric & Violence

X. Thinking about History, Memory and Law: Race

LG 643 DISTRICT PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

Even though decentralized district planning found expression in the first Five Year Plan and the creation of District Development Councils (DDC) initiated the participation of districts in the planning process yet planning continued to be a top down vertical process. The role of local bodies, NGOs and voluntary support institutions has largely been ignored or has gone unnoticed. As a result most developmental programmes have worked in contravention to inclusive growth. As a result poverty and vulnerability of ordinary people could not be sufficiently addressed in most of the flagship programmes of governance.

Integrated District Planning is one of the crucial instruments for achieving inclusive growth. This has been consistently reiterated in the Eleventh Plan as well as subsequent Guidelines issued by the Planning Commission in 2006. Even the Fifteenth Report of the Second Administrative Reforms Commission on “State and District Administration” (2008) draws attention on the implementation challenges of developmental programmes. The term ‘District Planning’ held different connotations for different people. This paper attempts to bridge knowledge gaps
persistently prevailing in governance studies due to its distancing with the varieties of models, institutions and practices prevailing in the Indian districts which has been more than a 200 year old institution in Indian Administration.

I. District Planning and Inclusive Growth
   i. A Critique of decentralized district planning in India
   ii. Formulation of District/Sub-district Plans
   iii. Consolidating urban and rural planning
   iv. State legislation and constitution of District Planning Committees

II. Constitutional and Legal Aspects of District Planning
   i. Activity Mapping of the District Collector as a Magistrate and Revenue Collector of the District
   ii. Multilevel structures of Panchayats and Municipalities (3-levels in Panchayats, Wards and Area Sabhas in Municipalities)
   iii. Multiplicity of developmental sectors (health, education, nutrition, sanitation, livelihood etc.)
   v. Land and Dispute Resolution

III. Process Re-engineering and Application of Information and Communication Technology
   i. Knowledge management and the challenge of people’s participation
   ii. Harnessing GIS and ICT tools for integrating baseline data
   iii. District Statistical Cells and census data for implementing plans
   iv. NRDMS and the Study of NIC softwares for decentralized planning (Plan Plus, GRAM++, Riddhi Soft, DISNIC, PRIA Soft, CDAC, DIPS)
   v. Best Practices in e-governance (students will have to select and evaluate any one of the best practices listed on the GKC website of DARPG)

IV. Agencies and NGOs in Programme Implementation
   i. A study of major developmental programmes Health (NRHM), Education (SSA), Nutrition (ICDS, MDM, PDS), Sanitation (TSP, JNNURM), livelihood (SGSY, NREGA)
   ii. Fiscal Transparency and preparation of Potential Linked Credit
   iii. Plan (PLCP) for Districts along with NABARD.
   v. Collaboration with NGOs and Mother NGO scheme

V. Integrated Planning in the North-East
   i. Autonomous Regional/District Councils under the Sixth Schedule
   ii. Conflict between the 73rd Amendment and Village Self Governance
iii. Customary Bodies and Hill District Councils.
iv. A Study of Naga and Kuki traditional system in Manipur.
vi. Tribal Area Autonomous District Council (TTAADC-Tripura) in District Planning

READINGS


LG 644 CITIZENSHIP: CHALLENGES OF THEORY AND PRACTICE

Course Outline

Part I. Citizenship as Legal Status
• Why is Citizenship Important? What is its relation to nationality and the nation-state?
  Citizenship as the architecture of Inclusions and Exclusions.
• Can Immigrants be Citizens? What citizenship rights can they properly claim?
• Are alienage and statelessness a violation of people’s rights? What arguments can be adduced
to defend their rights? Do these arguments conflict with the rights of citizens?
• The Indian Law of Citizenship and its Judicial Interpretation
• Do Emigrants Have Rights? Arguments for and against Dual Citizenship and Political
  Rights.
• How can Citizens be Recognized and Identified? On what basis are new citizens admitted?

Part II. Citizenship as Rights
• What are the rights entailed by Citizenship? Why are civil and political rights typically
  privileged over social and economic rights?
• Social Citizenship: Theory and History.
• Social Citizenship: Comparative Perspectives

Part III. Citizenship as Identity
• Is Citizenship a bond forged by the glue of a common culture and the territorial boundaries
  of a nation-state? How are a people constituted? What can Citizenship mean in a global
  age?
• Citizenship in a Multicultural Society: Group-Differentiated Citizenship and the Possibility
  of a Civic Community.
• Competing Claims of Cultural and Social Citizenship: must the claims of recognition
  conflict with the demands of redistribution?
• Cosmopolitanism and the tension between universalism and nationally-bounded
  citizenship.

Part IV. Citizenship as Practice and Performance
• The Duties of Citizenship
• Civic Republicanism and the project of creating the good citizen.
READINGS

I. Citizenship as Legal Status

Why is Citizenship Important? What is its relation to nationality and the nation-state? Citizenship as the architecture of Inclusions and Exclusions.


Can Immigrants be Citizens? What citizenship rights can they properly claim?


Are alienage and statelessness a violation of people’s rights? What arguments can be adduced to defend their rights? Do these arguments conflict with the rights of citizens?


The Indian Law of Citizenship and its Judicial Interpretation

Must Westabir Begam and Syeda Begam and 2 Ors. v State of Assam and Ors.(2008)


Sarbananda Sonowal vs. Union of India and Anr. (MANU/SC/0406/2005)

The Citizenship Act 1955 (with subsequent Amendments).

Do Emigrants Have Rights? Arguments for and against Dual Citizenship and Political Rights.


How can Citizens be Recognized and Identified? On what basis are new citizens admitted?
Part II. Citizenship as Rights

What are the rights entailed by Citizenship? Why are civil and political rights typically privileged over social and economic rights?


Social Citizenship: Comparative Perspectives


Part III. Citizenship as Identity

Is Citizenship a bond forged by the glue of a common culture and the territorial boundaries of a nation-state? How are a people constituted? What can Citizenship mean in a global age?
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The Duties of Citizenship

Civic Republicanism and the project of creating the good citizen.


LG 645 POLITICAL ANTHROPOLOGY IN SOUTH ASIA

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I. An Anthropology of Politics: Nature and Scope
II. Some Basic Concepts
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- Ideology and Resistance

III. Ethnographies of the State
- Bureaucracy
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VI. Democracy

READING LIST

Readers on Political Anthropology


Genealogies of Political Anthropology


Basic Concepts
New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
Oxford: Blackwell. (selected chapters)

Ethnographies of the State: Bureaucracy, Corruption, Populations

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RELEVANT ORDINANCES AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE CENTRE

A. Ordinance Relating to the Award of Degree of Doctor of Philosophy

1. Definitions
   1.1 “Course” means a Semester Course
   1.2 “Credit” (C) is the weightage assigned to a course in terms of Contact hours.
   1.3 “Grade” means a letter grade assigned to a student on the basis of evaluation of a course on the ten point scale.
   1.4 “Grade point” (g) means the numerical equivalent of a letter grade assigned to a student in the ten point scale.
   1.5 “Cumulative Grade Point Average” (CGPA) means a cumulative index grade point average of a student calculated in the following manner:
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   \text{CGPA} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} c_i g_i}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} c_i}
   \]
   Total number of credits offered by the student upto and including the semester for which cumulative index is required.
   1.6 “Final Grade Point average” (FGPA) is the final index of a student in the courses.
   1.7 The final grade point average of students in the courses be worked out on the basis of the formula indicated below:

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   \text{FGPA} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} c_i g_i}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} c_i}
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   c_i = \text{Credit of the ith course}
   
   g_i = \text{Grade point secured by the student in the ith course}
   
   n = \text{Total number of courses prescribed for the student}
   
   \text{FGPA} = \text{Final Grade point Average of the student concerned.}
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1 Approved vide Resolution No. 15.1/E.C/20.3.1971 and revised vide Resolution No. 5.5 (i)/E.C/11.5.1984.
2. A Candidate shall be eligible for admission to a course of research leading to the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) if he/she had taken the Master’s degree of the University or a degree recognized by the University for this purpose as its equivalent. However, candidates seeking admission direct to the Ph.D. Programme will be governed by Clause 6(iv) of the Ordinance.

3. The procedure for receiving applications for admission to the course shall be laid down from time to time by the Committee for Advanced Studies and Research of the School concerned.

4. The application shall be considered by the Department/Centre concerned which shall then forward the application along with its opinion to the Committee for Advanced Studies and Research and recommend the name of an Adviser or Supervisor(s) at the appropriate time.

5. (a) The Committee for Advanced Studies and Research shall satisfy itself:
   i. that research on the proposed subject can be profitably pursued;
   ii. that the research work can be suitably undertaken at the University; and
   iii. that the candidate possesses the competence for the proposed research.

   (b) If the Committee is so satisfied, it may, subject to confirmation by the Board of the School, admit the candidate provisionally to the course leading to the award of the Ph.D. degree, and at the appropriate time, appoint, on the recommendation of the Department/Centre concerned, a teacher of the University as an Adviser or Supervisor(s) to guide and supervise the work of the candidate.

   Provided that the Committee for Advanced Studies and Research may, on the recommendation of the Department/Centre concerned, appoint Joint Supervisors in any particular case.

   Provided further that in case a Supervisor, under whose guidance a thesis has been prepared in part or in full, ceases to be a teacher of the University he/she may subject to his/her availability and recommendation of the Department/Centre be continued by the Committee for Advanced Studies and Research as Joint Supervisor of the student concerned.

6. The candidate shall be considered for confirmation by the Committee for Advanced Studies and Research on the basis of any of the following requirements:

   (i) Completion of M.Phil./M.Tech./MPH programme of the University with a minimum CGPA of 6.00 including grade of dissertation/field work and courses (5.5 in case of SC/ST and disabled students).

   Provided that confirmation in Ph.D. programme of a student who has completed the course requirement of the M.Phil./M.Tech./MPH programme and the result of whose M.Phil./M.Tech./MPH dissertation/field work is awaited may be considered provisional and made final only after the result is known and he/she has secured the requisite CGPA/FGPA.

   (ii) Completion of M.Phil./M.Tech./MPH courses carrying a minimum of 14 credits with a minimum CGPA of 6.5;

   (iii) Completion of the courses carrying a minimum of 14 credits of prePh.D. programme

4 Amended vide Resolution No. 6.1/EC/2.6.2005.
of the University with a minimum CGPA of 6.5 (6.00 in case of SC/ST students).

(iv) In exceptional cases directly to the Ph.D. programme on the basis of their previous research experience in a recognized University/Research Institution or research publication(s) comparable to M.Phil./M.Tech./MPH standard. Where, however, course work is prescribed by the Centre/School for such category of students, as prerequisite for confirmation, they would be required to secure a minimum CGPA of 6.5 in the Course/ Courses to be eligible for confirmation and continuation in the programme. Every such prerequisite course, shall carry such credit as may be approved by the Board of the School on the recommendation of the Centre/ Department.

In case of a student admitted under this sub-clause 6.1(iv), the Centre/ School may advise him to audit a course or courses, which would be treated as noncredit course/ courses without subjecting him/her to evaluation process.

6.2 A student admitted to the Ph.D. Programme under 6.1 (iii) and 6.1 (iv) above shall be required to clear the course work within the first two consecutive semesters. In any course where an end semester examination is prescribed, a student clears the course only if he/ she has participated in the sessional work and appeared in the end semester examination and secured a weighted grade higher than ‘F’. In no case shall a student be allowed to repeat a course either in the event of failure or for improving the performance. However, after having registered in a semester, a student with the permission of the Centre/Department concerned be allowed to add, drop or substitute course(s) within a period of three weeks from the commencement of the semester.

6.3 A student shall be graded in each course on a ten point scale, that is:

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Note:
1. There shall be no rounding off of SGPA/CGPA/ FGPA.
2. The SGPA/CGPA/FGPA obtained by a student is out of a maximum possible 9 points.

6.4 The name of a student admitted to prePh.D./Ph.D. programme under (iii) and (iv) of Clause 6.1 above may be removed from the rolls of the University at the discretion of the

6 Amended vide Resolution No. 6.2/EC/6.7.2000.
7 Amended vide Resolution No. 6.2/EC/6.7.2000.
Committee for Advanced Studies and Research if the student:
(i) fails to clear at least 50% of the course work of the programme in the first semester; or
(ii) fails to secure SGPA of 5.5 in the first semester course (5.00 in the case of SC/ST/PH categories); or
(iii) lacks interest and motivation for research after completion of course work.
Note: The above (amended) clause shall apply to students admitted to the Ph.D. Programme from July, 1989 onwards.

7. Consequent upon the confirmation of admission of the candidate, the Committee for Advanced Studies and Research/ Special Committee of the School/ Special Centre shall on the recommendation of the Centre/ School concerned approve the Ph.D. synopsis/ broad area of work plan leading to the award of Ph.D. degree with a provision that the process of approval is completed within four semesters (two years) from the date of submission of M.Phil. dissertation or four semesters (two years) from the date of admission to the Direct Ph.D. programme.

8. No candidate shall be permitted to submit his/her thesis for the Ph.D. degree, unless he/she has pursued the said programme of research at the University for not less than two years after confirmation of his/her admission.

8.1 Provided that the residency period for the M.Phil./Ph.D. students whose admission to the Ph.D. programme has been confirmed from the date of award of M.Phil., the residency period of two years shall be counted from the date of submission of M.Phil. dissertation.

Provided further that in case of M.Phil./Ph.D. students whose admission to Ph.D. programme has been confirmed after the completion of course work with requisite CGPA the residency period shall be counted from the date of confirmation of admission to the Ph.D. programme by the CASR/ Special Committee of the Schools/ Special Centres.

Provided further that in the case of students directly admitted to the Ph.D. programme the residency period of two years shall be counted from the date of successful completion of course work in case course work has been prescribed and in other cases, the residency period shall be counted from the date of their admission to the Ph.D. programme.

Provided further that a student in employment may be given provisional registration to a maximum period of two semesters in order to enable him/her to get study leave from his/her employer. In case he/she fails to get study leave his/her admission will be cancelled. However, the residency period of two years in such cases will be reckoned from the beginning of study leave.

Provided that a semester or a year may be declared zero semester or zero year in the case of a student if he/she could not continue with the academic programme during that period due to illness and/ or hospitalization or due to accepting a foreign scholarship/ Fellowship subject to the fulfilment of requirements as laid down by the regulations. Such zero semester/ year shall not be counted for calculation of the total duration of the programme in case of such a student.

8.2 Provided further a student shall be permitted to de-register from the Ph.D. programme only after completion of two years residency period as prescribed in Clause 8.1

8 Amended vide Resolution No. 6.1/EC/20.11.2012.
9 Amended vide Resolution No. 6.1/EC/20.11.2012.
10 Amended vide Resolution No. 6.1/EC/20.11.2012.
9. **(a)** The name of the candidate shall stand automatically removed from the rolls of the University if he/she:

(i) fails in any course prescribed for prePh.D-/Ph.D. programme.

(ii) fails to secure a CGPA of 6.5 in the course work for prePh.D. programme (6.00 in case of SC/ST students) or 6.5 in the course work of Ph.D. Programme.

(iii) fails to secure the requisite CGPA/FGPA in M.Phil./M.Tech./MPH, if he/she was provisionally admitted to Ph.D. programme pending the result of his/her M.Phil./M.Tech./MPH dissertation/field work.

(iv) fails to submit his/her thesis within six years of the date of his/her initial admission to the M.Phil./M.Tech./MPH/Ph.D. Programme, or four years from the date of his/her confirmation to the Ph.D. Programme, whichever is earlier.

Provided, however, that in respect of candidates who had discontinued after obtaining their M.Phil. and who are readmitted to the programme by the Centre/School, the period for which such candidates had discontinued shall not be counted while calculating the period of six years as above.

***(b)*** The Committee for Advanced Studies and Research on the recommendations of the concerned Centre/Department may, however, subsequently accept the request of a candidate whose name has been removed from the rolls of the University under sub-clause 9(a) (iv) above, to get reenrolled and become eligible for submission of his/her thesis, provided that he/she submits his/her thesis within one year from the date of his/her reenrollment.

10. **(b)** Before completing the minimum period prescribed in clause 8, no candidate admitted to course of research for the Ph.D. degree shall:

(a) Undertake any employment:

Provided that those engaged in teaching and research in recognized institutions located in Delhi may be exempted from the limitation of this sub-clause;

Provided further that in no School/Centre should this category exceed 12½% of the number enrolled for M.Phil./Ph.D.

(b) Join any other course of study; or

(c) Appear in any other examination other than those prescribed by the Department/Centre concerned without the prior permission of the Committee for Advanced Studies and Research.

Note: The above (amended) clause shall apply to students admitted to the Ph.D. programme from July 1989 onwards.

11. The Committee for Advanced Studies and Research may cancel the admission of a candidate for a breach of the provisions of clauses 9 and 10 or on account of his/her unsatisfactory progress, in the manner prescribed in Regulations.

12. A candidate shall submit his/her thesis for the Ph.D. degree in the manner prescribed by Regulations. Any original paper(s) pertaining to the area of specialization published by the candidate during the course of work leading to the Ph.D. degree and/or the dissertation submitted by him/her for the Master of Philosophy degree, may be submitted as subsidiary or supporting material in favour of his/her candidature for the award of the Ph.D. degree.

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11 Amended vide Resolution No. 6.2/EC/6.7.2000.
12 Amended vide Resolution No. 5.4/EC/6.10.1989.
13. The thesis submitted by the candidates for the award of Ph.D. degree shall be examined by two examiners appointed by the Academic Council and the Executive Council on the recommendations of the Committee for Advanced Studies and Research and the Board of the School, from amongst those who are not on the staff of the University and/or on the Committee of the Centre/Board of the School concerned.

Provided further that in case of an examiner to whom the thesis has been sent for evaluation fails to forward the report to the University within six months from the date of dispatch of the thesis, the University may appoint another examiner out of the panel approved by the Vice-Chancellor to evaluate the thesis.

14. Each Examiner, after examining the thesis submitted by the candidate for the award of the Ph.D. degree, shall submit a report to the Dean of the School concerned containing a clear recommendation whether, in his/her opinion: (a) the viva—voce examination of the candidate should be held; or (b) the thesis should be referred back to the candidate for revision; or (c) it should be rejected.

The examiner shall not recommend that the viva voce examination be held unless he/she certifies that the thesis constitutes a contribution to knowledge characterized either by the discovery of new facts or by reinterpretation of known facts or development of new techniques and that the methodology pursued by the candidate is sound and its literary presentation satisfactory.

15. (a) If the Dean of the School is satisfied that the examiners have unanimously recommended that the viva voce examination of the candidate be held, he/she shall accordingly arrange to hold it.

(b) In case the Dean of the School notes that the examiners of the thesis have not recommended unanimously that the viva voce examination of the candidate be held or if he/she is satisfied that in the course of either report an adverse opinion of a substantive nature has been expressed materially affecting the validity of the same examiner’s otherwise positive recommendation, then the Dean shall place the reports of the examiners before the Committee for Advanced Studies and Research for further action.

(c) The Committee for Advanced Studies and Research may, at its discretion and shall, if the recommendation of one examiner is positive and that of the other negative, recommend to the Academic Council for the appointment of a third examiner, one not in the service of the University and/or on the Committee of the Centre/Board of the School concerned to examine the thesis and act according to the recommendations of the third examiner;

Provided that the recommendation is not to be considered negative if a revision is recommended and this revised thesis is accepted by the examiner;

Provided, further, that if the thesis after revision is not accepted by the examiner, the original and the revised version of the thesis shall be sent to the third examiner as per (c) above and the version approved by the third examiner shall be considered as final.

Note 1: No thesis shall earn a degree unless there are two positive recommendations;

2: Where one recommendation is positive and the other asks for revision, the Committee shall ordinarily get the revision carried out and the revised thesis sent to the same examiner.

16. The viva voce examination of the candidate shall be conducted by a Board of examiners consisting of one of the external examiners of the thesis and the Supervisor(s). Provided, where neither of the examiners who evaluated the thesis is in a position to conduct the viva voce examination, another examiner shall be appointed in his/her place.

13 Amended vide Resolution No. 6.1/EC/20.11.2012.
14 Amended vide Resolution No. 6.2/EC/6.7.2000.
Provided that where the Supervisor is unable to be present within a reasonable time to participate in the viva voce examination, the Committee for Advanced Studies and Research may recommend another member of the faculty in his/her place.

17. (a) At the viva voce examination, the viva voce Board shall satisfy itself: (i) that the thesis submitted by the candidate is his/her own work; and (ii) that the grasp of the candidate of the broad field of his/her study is satisfactory.

(b) The viva–voce Board may, on the basis of the unanimous opinion of its external members, recommend either: (i) that the candidate be awarded the Ph.D. degree; or (ii) that the thesis be referred back to the candidate for revision; or (iii) that the thesis be rejected and the candidate be not awarded the Ph.D. degree.

18. The manner in which the viva voce examination is to be conducted shall be prescribed by the Regulations.

19. (a) In case the Committee for Advanced Studies and Research is satisfied that the viva–voce Board recommends that the candidate be awarded the Ph.D. degree, it shall recommend to the Academic Council through the Board of the School that the Ph.D. degree may be awarded to the candidate.

(b) In case the viva voce Board recommends that the thesis of the candidate be rejected, the Committee for Advanced Studies and Research shall direct accordingly.

(c) In case the recommendation of one external member of the viva voce Board is positive and of the other negative, the Board shall refer the case to the Committee for Advanced Studies and Research for its consideration and decision.

20. A candidate whose thesis has been referred back for revision shall be permitted to resubmit it for the award of the degree not later than one year of the intimation of the decision of the University to him/her.

Provided that, in exceptional cases, the Academic Council may, on the recommendations of the Committee for Advanced Studies and Research, extend the period by another year.

21. A thesis which has been resubmitted shall normally be examined by the original examiner(s) unless any one of them is, or both of them are, unable or unwilling to act as such, in which case another examiner(s) may be appointed.

22. No candidate shall be permitted to resubmit his/her thesis for the award of the Ph.D. degree more than once.

23. A member of the teaching staff of the University may submit his/her thesis for the award of the Ph.D. Degree of the University in the following manner:

(i) He/she shall intimate to the Department/Centre the topic of his/her research work leading to the award of the Ph.D. degree;

(ii) If the Department/Centre concerned is satisfied that: (a) research on the proposed topic can be profitably pursued and (b) research work can be suitably undertaken at the University, it shall (1) recommend to the Committee for Advanced Studies and Research that he/she may be permitted to submit his/her thesis for the award of the Ph.D. degree of the University. (2) prescribe for him/her course or courses, if necessary as a partial requirement for the award of the Ph.D. degree. (3) appoint an Advisor(s) to generally guide him/her in completion of his/her thesis.

(iii) The Committee for Advanced Studies and Research, if so satisfied, shall subject to confirmation by the Board of the School concerned, permit him/her to submit his/her thesis in not less than two years from the date of his/her obtaining the permission to undertake research work leading to the award of the Ph.D. degree.

(iv) The viva voce Board, as provided in clause 16, shall in the case of those submitting their
thesis for the award of the Ph.D. degree under this clause, include his/her Adviser in lieu of the Supervisor who has been appointed for him/her by the Board.

(v) Explanation: For purpose of this clause, Research Assistant shall be deemed to be members of the teaching staff.

24. Notwithstanding what is contained in the Ordinance, the Academic Council may in exceptional circumstances and on the recommendations of the Committee for Advanced Studies and Research concerned, or an appropriate Committee and the Board of the School, as well as on the merits of each individual case consider, at its discretion and for reasons to be recorded, relaxation of any of the provisions except those prescribing CGPA requirements.

25. No Candidate shall be eligible to register for the programme/course if he/she is already registered for any full time programme of study of this University or in any other University/Institution.

B. Ordinance Relating to the Award of Master of Philosophy Degree

1. Definitions

1.1 “Course” means a Semester Course

1.2 “Credit” (C) is the weightage assigned to a course in terms of Contact hours.

1.3 “Grade” means a letter grade assigned to a student on the basis of evaluation of a course on the ten point scale.

1.4 “Grade point” (g) means the numerical equivalent of a letter grade assigned to a student in the ten point scale.

1.5 “Cumulative Grade Point Average” (CGPA) means a cumulative index grade point average of a student calculated in the following manner:

1.6 “Final Grade Point Average” FGPA is the final index of a student at the time of the award of a degree.

1.7 “Final Grade” is the letter equivalent assigned to a student on the basis of his/her final grade point at the time of the award of the degree.

1.8 The Final Grade Point Average of a student will be worked out on the basis of the formula indicated below:

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FGPA = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} c_i \times g_i}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} c_i}
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\(c_i\) = Credit of the ith course

\(g_i\) = Grade point secured by the student in the ith course

\(n\) = Total number of courses prescribed for the student

FGPA = Final Grade point Average of the student concerned.

15 Amended vide Resolution No. 6.2/EC/6.7.2000.

16 Approved vide Resolution No. 18/EC/12.6.1971 and revised vide Resolution No. 5.5(I)/EC/11.5.1984 and Resolution No. 6.2/EC/6.7.2000.
2. **Eligibility for Admission to the Course**
   A candidate shall be eligible for admission to the course leading to the Degree of Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.) hereinafter called the course, if he/she had taken the Master’s degree of the University or a degree recognized by the University for this purpose as its equivalent thereto:
   
   Provided, however, that the cases of students who have passed examination outside the Indian Universities system and who may not have obtained a Master’s degree may be considered for admission to the course subject to the condition that each case shall be examined on its own merit by the Admissions Committee and in accordance with the recommendations of the Equivalence Committee.

3. **Procedure for Applying for Admission**
   The procedure for receiving the applications to the course shall be that laid down from time to time by the Committee for Advanced Studies and Research of the School concerned, hereinafter called the Committee.

4. **Procedure for Admission**
   4.1 The Department/Centre concerned shall consider the applications and forward them with its recommendations on matters specified in Clause 4.2 below to the committee.
   
   4.2 The matters referred to in clause 4.1 are: (i) whether the candidate should be admitted to the course; or (ii) whether the candidate should be admitted to the course and also provisionally enrolled for Ph.D. degree as provided for in the Ph.D. ordinance; (iii) the nomination of an Adviser for the candidate.

5. **Duties of the Committee**
   The Committee may after considering the recommendations of the Department/Centre concerned:
   
   (i) admit a candidate only to the course;
   
   (ii) admit a candidate to the course and provisionally enroll him/her for the Ph.D. degree also whereupon the provisions of the Ordinance relating to the Ph.D. degree shall apply to him/her;
   
   (iii) appoint an Adviser.
   
   Provided that in case an Adviser under whose supervision a dissertation has been prepared in part or in full, ceases to be a teacher of the University, he/she may, subject to his/her availability and recommendations of the Centre/Department, be continued by the Committee for Advanced Studies and Research as Joint Adviser of the student concerned.

6. **Courses of Study**
   The Department/Centre shall prescribe the course(s) and specify the methodology and instructional devices to be used. Every such course shall carry such credits as may be approved by the Board of the School on the recommendations of Centre/Department concerned. In any course where an end semester examination is prescribed, a student clears the course only if he/she has participated in the sessional work and appeared in the end semester examination and secured a weighted grade higher than ‘F’. In no case shall a student be allowed to repeat a course either in the event of failure or for improving the performance.
   
   Provided, however, that a student may, with the permission of Centre/Department concerned, be allowed to add or substitute courses within the period of three weeks from the commencement of the semester.

Provided further that a student may, with the permission of Centre/Department concerned, be allowed to drop courses latest by 5th September for Monsoon semester and 20th February in the case of Winter Semester.

No student shall be allowed to add, substitute and/or drop a course after these deadlines.

7. **Duration of the programme**

The M.Phil., course work shall be spread over two semesters in such a way that at least 50% of the total course work shall be completed in the first semester. The entire M.Phil. programme including M.Phil. dissertation shall be completed within four consecutive semesters. No registration shall be permissible beyond the period of four semesters from the date of admission to the programme.

Provided that a semester or a year may be declared zero semester or zero year in the case of a student if he/she could not continue with the academic programme during that period due to illness and hospitalization, subject to the guidelines as laid down by the Regulations.

Provided further that such zero semester/year shall not be counted for calculation of the duration of the programme in case of such a student.

8. **Removal of Name of a Student from the Rolls of the University**

8.1 The name of a student who fails in any course shall automatically stand removed from the rolls of the University if he/she

(a) fails in any course

(b) fails to secure a CGPA of 5.00 on completion of course work at the end of second semester of the programme.

8.2 The Committee for Advanced Studies and Research/Special Committee of School/Special Centre may remove the name of the student from the rolls of the University for unsatisfactory progress at any time during the duration of the programme.

9. **Credit Requirements**

No student admitted to the course shall be eligible for the award of M.Phil., degree unless he/she secures 24 credits in all out of which at least 14 credits shall be for course work (including Research Techniques/Methodology) and at least 6 credits for the dissertation.

10. **Topic of Dissertation**

The topic of dissertation shall be approved by the Centre/Department on a proposal submitted by the student through his/her Adviser.

11. **Evaluation**

11.1 Subject to confirmation by the Committee, the method of evaluation in the courses leading to the M.Phil., degree shall be prescribed and assessment conducted by the Department/Centre concerned.

11.2 The dissertation shall be examined by two examiners at least one of whom shall not be a member of the staff of the University/Committee of the Centre//Board of the School concerned. Such an examiner shall be appointed by the Executive Council of the University on the recommendations of the Academic Council, the Board and the Committee for Advanced Studies and Research of the School concerned.

Provided further that in case an examiner to whom the dissertation has been sent for evaluation fails to forward the report to the University within four months...

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19 Amended vide Resolution No. 6.1/EC/20.11.2012.
20 Amended vide Resolution No. 6.1/EC/20.11.2012.
of the date of dispatch of the dissertation, the University may appoint another examiner from the panel of examiners approved by the Vice-Chancellor to evaluate the dissertation.

Provided that in case of difference of opinion between the two examiners with regard to the evaluation of dissertation, the Dean of the School shall arrange to have placed before the Committee of Advanced Studies and Research (CASR) of the School the evaluation reports of both the examiners for its consideration.

Provided further that after due consideration of the reports, the Committee may recommend the appointment of a third examiner (not connected with the University) in the manner as laid down in clause 11.2 above for the evaluation of the dissertation.

Provided further that if the recommendation of the third examiner is in the negative, the student concerned shall not be awarded the degree of M.Phil.

11.3 The courses and dissertation of the student shall be graded on a ten point scale, that is:

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Note:
(i) There shall be no rounding off of SGPA/CGPA/FGPA
(ii) The SGPA/CGPA/FGPA obtained by a student is out of a maximum possible 9 points.

11.4 The examiner, while recommending the approval of the dissertation for the award of M.Phil. degree, shall also award grade for the dissertation according to the grading system in clause 11.3 above. The final grade for the dissertation shall be determined by taking the average of the grade awarded by two examiners.

11.5 A student in order to be eligible for the award of Master of Philosophy degree of the University must have a minimum Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of 5.5 (inclusive of dissertation and course work).

Provided that a student may take courses carrying more credits than the number of credits prescribed for optional courses by the Centre in the course work of M.Phil. programme, in which case in the calculation of Final Grade Point Average (FGPA) only the prescribed number of optional courses in the descending order of the grades obtained by the student shall be included. For example, if the M.Phil. programme has course work comprising two optional courses and the student credits four optional courses, his/her Final Grade Point Average (FGPA) shall be calculated on the basis

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of the best two courses, when all the four optional courses are ranked according to the descending order of grades obtained by him/her.

Note 1: The above amended Clause shall be applicable in the case of optional courses only.
Note 2: The above amendment shall be effective for M.Phil. students admitted during July 2003.

12. Notwithstanding what is contained in the Ordinance, the Academic Council may, in exceptional circumstances and on the recommendations of the Committee for Advanced Studies and Research concerned or an appropriate Committee and Board of the School, as well as on the merits of each individual case, consider at its discretion and for the reasons to be recorded, relaxation of any of the provisions except those prescribing CGPA/FGPA requirements.

13. No candidate shall be eligible to register for the programme/course if he/she is already registered for any full-time programme of study in this University or in any other University/Institution.

14. No candidate admitted to a course of research for the M.Phil. degree shall:
   (a) undertake any employment: (i) provided that those engaged in teaching and research in recognized institutions located in Delhi may be exempted from the limitation of this sub-clause; (ii) provided further that in no School/Centre should this category exceed 12½% of the number enrolled for M.Phil./Ph.D.
   (b) join any other course of study; or
   (c) appear in any examination other than those prescribed by the Department/Centre concerned without the prior permission of the Committee for Advanced Studies and Research.

Note: The above (amended) clause shall apply to students admitted to the M.Phil. programme from July, 1989 onwards.

C. Ordinance Relating to the Use of Unfair Means by Students in Evaluation*

1. Definitions
   For the purposes of this Ordinance:
   (a) Evaluation means and includes all learning processes followed by evaluation such as quizzes, term papers, assigned readings, laboratory tests, seminars, mid-semester examinations and end-semester examinations and research papers including dissertations and theses.
   (b) Student means a student on active rolls of the University.
   (c) Semester implies Monsoon or Winter semester of an Academic year.
   (d) The use of unfair means implies any dishonest or unfair means or indulging in disorderly conduct including plagiarism during the course of study in a programme at the University.
   (e) Committee means the Standing Committee of the Academic Council for looking into the cases of use of unfair means by the students.

2. Constitution of the Standing Committee
   (a) On the recommendations of the Vice-Chancellor, the Academic Council shall constitute a Standing Committee consisting of the following:
      (i) Two Deans and
      (ii) The Dean of the School from where the case of use of unfair means by student(s) reported (to be co-opted);

23 Amended vide Resolution No. 6.2/EC/6.7.2000.
24 Amended vide Resolution No. 5.4/EC/6.10.1989.
Provided that if the reported case of the student(s) happens to be from the School whose Dean is already represented in the Committee, then the Vice-Chancellor shall nominate another Dean to be a member of the Committee.

(b) An Officer of the University nominated by the Vice-Chancellor will function as non-member Secretary of the Committee.

3. A student of the University who is reported to have indulged in use of unfair means in any aspect of evaluation inclusive of quizzes, term papers, assigned readings, laboratory tests, seminars, mid-semester or end-semester examinations and/or have indulged in plagiarism while writing research publications/articles including dissertations and theses, would make himself/herself liable for disciplinary action as may be determined by the committee of the Academic Council dealing with cases of use of unfair means.

4. (a) Any faculty member finding a student of the University indulging in the use of unfair means will report in writing to the Chairperson of the Centre with copies to the Dean of the School concerned and the Coordinator (Evaluation), for placing before the Committee dealing with cases of use of unfair means for its appropriate consideration and directions.

(b) The concerned Centre/School shall forward their views to the Committee within 15 days of the receipt of the said communication from the faculty member. In case no views are received from the concerned Centre/School, the Committee will proceed suo moto.

5. The Committee will provide a student alleged to have been involved in the use of unfair means, fair and reasonable opportunity to prove his/her innocence before pronouncing him/her as guilty.

6. The Committee shall be entitled to exercise all or any of the powers relating to discipline and disciplinary action in relation to any student as contained in the Statute 32 of the Statutes of the University as may be delegated to it by the Vice Chancellor.

7. A student awarded punishment by the Committee dealing with the cases of use of unfair means shall be entitled to make an appeal to the Vice Chancellor within 30 days of the award of punishment.

8. In all matters relating to discipline and disciplinary action against students for use of unfair means, the decision of the Vice-Chancellor shall be final and no further appeal shall be against it.

D. Centre’s Academic Requirements for M.Phil./Ph.D. and Direct Ph.D. Students

On the recommendation of the Faculty Committee, the Special Committee (Board of Studies) of the Centre in its meeting of 23 July 2012 approved norms for ensuring timely completion of high-quality dissertations and theses by the students of the Centre. The Special Committee authorised the Faculty Committee to frame detailed norms for this purpose, which were approved in its meeting of 03 October 2012. Following a discussion in the Dean’s Committee meeting, the Rector has also proposed such a schedule for regular interaction of research students with the faculty.

The Centre has accordingly adopted the following requirements, which will apply with immediate effect to all students enrolled at the Centre.

Students Enrolled for their M.Phil. degree in the M.Phil./PhD Programme

All students enrolled in the MPhil programme are advised to read widely during their courses in the first two semesters of the programme with the objective of a close engagement with all subject
areas covered in the courses taught at the Centre; as also to be able to identify a suitable area for
their MPhil dissertation.

All students are required to discuss their prospective areas of research with every faculty member
of the Centre across the two semesters of their course-work and seek advice and assistance in framing
their research topics.

All students admitted to this programme are required to devote their winter vacations (between
the first and second semesters) to developing their research areas so that they may be able to refine
and further develop their topics during the second semester.

During the second semester, MPhil students will be asked to present their proposed synopsis
before the faculty committee during the month of February, exact dates of which will be notified
in the beginning of the semester.

All students must ensure that their synopsis is approved before the University breaks for the
Summer Vacation following their second semester, failing which registration for the third semester
may be disallowed.

All students are required to present a draft chapter of the first chapter of their dissertation at a
seminar to be attended by all faculty members and students of the relevant course to be organised
in the month of October (exact dates of which will be notified in the beginning of the semester)
during the third semester. This presentation is to be followed by a written submission of the same.

All field studies must be completed latest by the end of the Winter Vacation between the third
and fourth semesters.

All students will be required to present their second and third chapters in seminar attended by all
faculty members and students of the relevant course to be organised in the month of March during
the fourth semester (exact dates of which will be notified in the beginning of the semester).

All students must submit a full first draft of their dissertations to their respective supervisors
before the University breaks for the summer vacation on 12 May (fourth semester, at the end of
which dissertations must be submitted by July 21 of that year).

A pre-submission seminar will be required for all students before they submit their dissertation
for evaluation.

Any student who does not fulfil these requirements may be disallowed from submitting her/his
dissertation for examination.

All students are advised to recognise that academic dishonesty is recognised as a university offence,
which meets with severe punishment. The least severe punishment is the award of the grade F (Fail)
either for the particular assignment or for the entire course. Other punishments range from a two-
semester suspension to disciplinary probation for a set period of time, with the severest punishment
for plagiarism being expulsion. Universities have elaborated guidelines defining plagiarism, and
specifying the punishment for it. In this context, attention of the students is drawn to Statute 25 of
the Jawaharlal Nehru University Ordinance Relating to the Use of Unfair Means by Students in
Evaluation. Clause 3 of this Statute provides:

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evaluation inclusive of quizzes, term papers, assigned readings, laboratory tests, seminars, midsemester
or endsemester examinations and/or have indulged in plagiarism while writing research publications/ articles including dissertations and theses would made himself/herself liable for disciplinary action as may
be determined by the committee of the Academic Council dealing with cases of use of unfair means.

Students Enrolled in the PhD Programme

All PhD students are required to ensure that their PhD synopsis is approved
within one year of their registration as provisional PhD students, irrespective of
whether they join the doctoral programme after completing their MPhil or as Direct PhD students.

All students who are registered as provisional PhD students while awaiting their MPhil viva voce examination are advised to work on their PhD synopsis while awaiting their MPhil results. They will be asked to present their PhD synopsis in the month of March, exact dates of which will be notified in the beginning of the semester.

All Provisional PhD students who enter the doctoral programme after completing their MPhil degree will be required to make a presentation of their MPhil research in seminar attended by all faculty members and students of the relevant course to be organised in the month of October following their submission in July of that year (exact dates of which will be notified in the beginning of the semester).

Direct PhD students are advised to develop their research area and finalise their synopsis for presentation before the faculty committee with a view to making a presentation before the Faculty Committee in March (in case of July admission) or in the month of October (in case of January admission).

All students enrolled in the PhD programme will be required to make a presentation in a seminar to be attended by all faculty members and all doctoral students at least once in each semester − in the months of March and October. This presentation should be followed by a written submission of the presentation.

All doctoral students are advised that no application for extension under Clause 9(b) will be accepted unless accompanied by a first draft of their entire theses.

All doctoral students are advised that they must plan their work in a manner to be able submit a full draft of their thesis to their respective supervisors at least one year before the deadline for submitting their thesis.

Please note that first drafts of chapters submitted to supervisors within the last three months of the deadline for submission will not be considered by any supervisor.

A pre-submission seminar will be required for all students before they submit their theses for evaluation.

Students who fail to follow these norms without cause to the satisfaction of the Faculty Committee may be disallowed from registering in the subsequent semester.

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