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**Courses of Study  
For  
Semester P. G. Course**

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The Board of Studies  
Department of Philosophy  
Ranchi College, Ranchi**

# SYLLABUS M.A. PHILOSOPHY

## PHILOSOPHY OF LAW

### UNIT – I TRADITIONAL NATURAL LAW THEORY :

1. Law for the Common Good
2. Legal Positivism
3. Law as Command
4. Law as the Union of Primary and Secondary Rules
5. The Obligation to Obey the Law

### UNIT – II CONSTITUTIONAL LAW :

1. A brief Introduction to the Indian Constitution and its History.
2. The "Basic Structure" Doctrine
3. Rights : The Hohfeldian Framework, Positive and Negative Rights.
4. Fundamental Rights.

### UNIT – III CRIMINAL LAW :

1. Theories of Punishment
2. The Death Penalty
3. Criminal Responsibility
4. Justification and Excuses

### UNIT – IV CONTRACT LAW :

1. The Obligation to fulfil a Contract
2. Contracts and Promises
3. Blackmail
4. Tort Law : Causation in the Law

### Readings :

1. Feinberg, J. Coleman, J. and Kutz, C (2013) Philosophy of Law, 9<sup>th</sup> Ed. USA : Person.
2. Marmor, A. (2014) Philosophy of Law, Princeton University Press, Princeton.
3. Martin P. Golding and William A. Edmundson (ed.) (2004) The Blackwell Guide to the Philosophy of Law and Legal Theory, London : Blackwell.

# **COURSE-101**

## **METAPHYSICS (INDIAN)**

### **UNIT – I**

1. The Concept of Rta in Rg Veda.
2. Principal Upanisads, Concept of Self, Carvaka Materialism

### **UNIT – II**

1. Jaina Metaphysics, Anekantavada
2. Nyaya Vaisheshika Metaphysics

### **UNIT – III**

1. Buddhist Theory of Impermanence, Non-Soul Theory, Sunyavada.
2. Sankhya Metaphysics : Prakriti Purusa.

### **UNIT – IV**

1. Self, World and Liberation in Sankara
2. Self, World and Liberation in Ramanuja, Critique of Sankara's Mayavada

### **UNIT – V**

1. Theories of Causation : Satkaryavada, Asatkaryavada, Pratyak  
Samskrtavada, Vivartavada.

### **Readings :**

1. M. Phillips, Teaching of the Vedas, Ch.3, Seema Publishers, Delhi, 1976
2. F. Max Muller, The Vedas, The Idological Book House, Varanasi, 1969.
3. S.N. Dasgupta, History of Indian Philosophy, Motilal Banarasidas, Delhi, 1973
4. M. Hiriyand, Outlines of Indian Philosophy, George Allen & Unwin, London, 1973
5. C. D. Sharma, A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy, MBD, Delhi.
6. Radhakrishnan, Indian Philosophy Vol. 1 & 2 Allen & Unwin, London (Indian Edition)

## **METAPHYSICS (WESTERN)**

# **COURSE-104**

## **MORAL PHILOSOPHY**

### **UNIT – I**

1. Introduction to Moral Theory, Natural Law Theory, Moral Relativism, Moral Particularism.

### **UNIT – II**

1. Virtue Ethics (Plato and Aristotle)
2. Deontological Ethics (Kant)
3. Utilitarianism : Classical and Contemporary

### **UNIT – III**

1. G. L. Moore's Concept of Good, Critique of Naturalism.
2. Emotivism (Ayer, Stevenson)
3. Prescriptivism (Hare)

### **UNIT – IV**

1. The Concept of Rta, Law of Karma, Buddhist Theory of Action.

### **UNIT – V**

1. Niskama Karma and Lokasangraha from Bhagavad Gita, Purusartha

### **Readings :**

1. Aristotle, Nichomachean Ethics
2. G.E. Moore, Principles Ethics
3. G. E. Moore, Ethics, OUP, Latest Ed Chapt. 1 & 2.
4. R.M. Hare, The Language of Moral OUP, Freedom and Reason OUP
5. Mark Timmons, Moral Theory An Introduction, Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2002
6. Ayer, A. J. – Language, Truth and Logic, Penguin Books.
7. D. K. Chakraborty, Problems of Analytic Ethics, Manthan Prakash, Guwahati.
8. S. S. Barlingay- A modern Introduction of Indian Ethics, Perma Publication, Delhi.
9. B. G. Tilak-Srimad Bhagavadgita Rahasya

10. Rajendra Prasad-Karma Causation and Retributive Morality.
11. Purusottam Bilmoria-Chapter on Indian Ethics in Manual of Ethics ed. by Peter Singer Purusottam Bilmoria, Indian Ethics.
12. S. K. Mitra, Ethics of Hindus
13. Hiriyana, The Indian Conception of Values.

# **COURSE-105**

## **PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION**

### **UNIT – I**

1. Nature of Philosophy of Religion
2. Nature and Scope of Philosophy of Religion (Attributes of God, Problem of Evil) Its relation to Theology and Philosophy.

### **UNIT – II**

1. Arguments for the Existence of God
2. Cosmological Argument, Teleological Argument, Ontological Argument, Moral Argument.

### **UNIT – III**

1. The Rationality of Religious Belief.
2. The Concepts of Faith, Reason and Revelation, Soren Kierkegard and Paul Tillich on Faith and Reason, Contemporary Debates on Faith-Reason Relationship.

### **UNIT – IV**

1. Religion of Culture
2. Religion as Culture : Religion, Science and Morality : Religious Pluralism, Interreligious Dialogue.

### **UNIT – V**

1. The nature of Religious Language.
2. Realist and Non-Realist Religious Language, Religion and Deconstruction.

### **Readings :**

1. Murray, Michael J. and Michael Rea, An Introduction to Philosophy of Religion, CUP, 2008
2. Hick, John, Philosophy of Religion, Prentice Hall Publication.
3. Hick John, The Problem of Religion Pluralism, Philadelphia, 1995
4. Hick John, Interpretation of Religion
5. Tillich. P. –Dynamics of Faith, Allen & Unwin.

6. Darrengard. S. Subjectivity and Truth
7. Mann Villiam E. – The Blackwell Guide to Philosophy of Religion, 2005, Oxford.
8. Hick. John – Classical and Contemporary Reading in the Philosophy, Englewood Cliffs, N. J, Prentice Hall, 1970.

# COURSE-201

## EPISTEMOLOGY (INDIAN)

### UNIT – I

1. The Nature and Terms of Knowledge (Indian)
2. Definition of Prama, Pramana, Apramana, Memory and Dream, Samasya, Viparyaya, Tarka (With reference to Nyaya, Buddhist, Vedanta)

### UNIT – II

1. Pranayavad
2. Swatah Pranyavada, Pratahpranayavad (Pratyaksha, Aumana)

### UNIT – III

1. Pramana : Asda, Upamana, Arthapatti, Aupalabdhi.

### UNIT – IV

1. Pramanasampada Pramanvagavastha

### UNIT – V

1. Theories of Error : Aklryati, Anyathakhyati, Viparitakhyati, Anirvacaniyakhyati.

### Readings :

1. Annambhata : Tarkasangraha
2. Dharmaraja Adhvarindra : Vedanta Pribhasa
3. Dinnaga : Nyayapravesi
4. Visvanatha : Bhasaparccheda
5. Uddyotakra : Nyayavartika
6. Radhakishnan S. : Indian Philosophy, Vol.-II
7. Barlingay, S. S. : A Modern Introduction to Indian Logic
8. F. Th. Stecherbatsky : Buddhist Logic, Vol.-I & II
9. B. K. Matilal : Perception Oxford University Press
10. B. K. Matilal : Logic Language & Reality.
11. Zizek, Slavoj. (2004) Against Human Rights.



12. Derrida, Jacques, (2005), *Rogues : Two Essays on Reason*, Trans, Pascal-Anne Brault & Michael Naas, Stanford, Stanford University Press,
13. Badiou, Alain, (2001), *Ethics : An Essay on the Understanding of Evil*, Trans Peter Hallward, London, Verso.
14. Habermas, Juergen, (1998), *The Inclusion of the Other: Studies in Political Theory*, London, Polity.
15. Habermas, Juergen, (1996) *Between Facts and Norms : Contributions to a Discourse Theory of Law and Democracy*, Trans. William Rehg, London, Polity, 1996

# **COURSE-303**

## **APPLIED ETHICS**

### **UNIT – I**

1. Applied Ethics/Definition and Nature and its Branches : Environmental Ethics, Animal Ethics, Business Ethics, Bio-Medical Ethics, Feminist Ethics, Media Ethics, Teacher Ethics
2. Ethic of Public Life and Morality and Legal Ethics.

### **UNIT – II**

1. Corporate Ethics : Ethics of Business, Corporate Social Responsibility, Individual Vs Corporate Responsibility, Corporate Ethics and the Critique of Consumerism.

### **UNIT – III**

1. Sanctity of Life : Suicide, Euthanasia, Abortion

### **UNIT – IV**

1. Genetic Engineering and Cloning, Organ Donation, Informed Consent.

### **UNIT – V**

1. Poverty and Equality, War and Just War Theory, War and Human Rights, Terrorism and Human Rights.
2. EVS Ethics : Climate Change, Geology and Conservation Chipko Movement.

### **Readings :**

1. Singer, P, Practical Ethics Cambridge University Press, 1998
2. Blackwell Companions to Philosophy, A Companion to Ethics, Edited by Peter Singer Evans, JDG, Moral Philosophy and Contemporary Problems, Cup
3. RACHels, James (Ed.) Moral Problems (Third Ed.) 1979, Parper & Row
4. Beauchamp, T. L. – Principal of Biomedical Ethics, Recent Edition.
5. Fox R. & Marco, J. D. – New Directions in Ethics, Routledge & Kegan Paul
6. Beauchamp, T. L. , LeRoy Walter – Contemporary issues in Bioethics, Wadsworth Publishing Company, 1989
7. Bio-Ethics : The Patient – Doctor Relationship, Medical Research, Abortion, Surrogate Motherhood, Female Feticide, Cloning Evithasia.

# **COURSE-404**

## **SET-7**

### **CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY -II**

#### **UNIT – I SOCIALISM**

1. Forms of socialism; contemporary versions and theories of socialism.

#### **UNIT – II COMMUNISM**

1. Communist-Marxist Theory; Classical, Euro and Contemporary Theories of Communism.

#### **UNIT – III FASCISM**

1. Fascism and Nazism : The Historical Significance; Contemporary Overview of Fascism.

#### **UNIT – IV ANARCHISM**

1. Anarchism as a Political Ideology : The Historical Significance; Contemporary Anarchism.

#### **UNIT – V DEMOCRACY**

1. Democracy : A Historical Assessment; Forms of Democracy; The Future of Democracy.

#### **Readings :**

1. Will Kymlicka, Contemporary Political Philosophy : An Introduction, Oxford : Oxford University Press, Second Edition, 2002
2. David Miller, Political Philosophy : A very Short Introduction New York, Oxford University Press, 2003
3. Political Philosophy : Classic and Contemporary Readings, Edited by Louis P. Pojman, New York, MacGraw Hill, 2002
4. The Blackwell Guide to Social and Political Philosophy, Edited by Robert L. Simon, Blackwell Publishing Ltd, 2002
5. Bhargava, Rajeev and Ashok Acharya Eds. (2008), Political Theory : An Introduction, New Delhi, Person.

# **COURSE-.....**

## **EPISTEMOLOGY (INDIAN)**

### **UNIT – I**

Cognition : It's Definition and Nature, Division of Cognition : Valid (Prama) and Invalid (Aparma) : VALidity (Pramanya) It's nature, conditions and definition, Valid Congnition (Prama), Classification, Instrument of Congnition (Indriya) and their nature.

### **UNIT – II**

The debate about the nature, origin (Utpatti) and Ascertainment (Jnyapti) of Validity : Svatahapramanyavada, and Pratahapramanyavada.

### **UNIT – III**

The theories about Invalid perceptual cognition (Khyativada) : Akhyati, Anyathakhyati, Viparitkhyati,