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Programme: BA

Proposed Courses: Department of Philosophy Paper II: Social
Philosophy and Paper III: Philosophy of Religion

**Credit Based Semester and Grading System (CBCS) with effect from the
academic year 2019-20**

S.Y.B.A. Philosophy Syllabus

Academic year 2018-2019

Semester III			
Course Code	Course Title	Credits	Lectures /Week
APHI301	Social Philosophy	3.5 Credits	3 lectures per week
APHI302	Philosophy of Religion	3.5 Credits	3 lectures per week



SYBA PHILOSOPHY SYLLABUS

Academic year 2019-2020

Semester III			
Course Code: APHI301	Course Title: Social Philosophy	Credits: 3	Lectures /Week: 3
Learning Objectives The learning objectives for social philosophy are structured using four strands of inquiry, reasoning, philosophical perspectives and applied philosophy debates in social philosophy.			
Course description: Philosophical tenets and thoughts are applied to contemporary social issues for the purpose of analytic clarity.			
Unit I	Love, Marriage and Sexual Morality (i) Love and Morality (ii) Marriage and Morality (iii) Sex and Morality (iv) Consent and Sexual Relations	11 lectures	
Unit – II	Philosophy of Discrimination Karl Marx’s critique of capitalism and exploitation Frantz Fanon’s dialectics of recognition (Hegel), race as alienation, the necessity of racial struggle, blackness and self-abolition of race Dr B R Ambedkar’s account of the problem of caste discrimination and the B R Ambedkar v/s M K Gandhi caste debate	11 lectures	
Unit – III	Just War and Pacifism Just War Theory: (i) Justice of War (<i>jus ad bellum</i>) (ii) Justice in war (<i>jus in bello</i>), (iii) Justice after war (<i>jus post bellum</i>); Types of pacifism Realism	11 lectures	
Unit – IV	Engaging Diversity What is Multiculturalism? Features of a Multicultural Society Multiculturalism: Bhikhu Parekh Liberal Egalitarian Multiculturalism: Will Kymlika Critique of multiculturalism - Brian Barry	12 lectures	
References			
Unit I Ed. Halwani, R., Soble, A., Hoffman, S., Held, J. (2017) <i>The Philosophy of Sex: Contemporary Readings</i> . London. Rowman & Littlefield Halwani, R. (2018) <i>Philosophy of Love, Sex and Marriage</i> . New York. Routledge Ed. Hooft, S. (2014) <i>Handbook of Virtue Ethics</i> . USA. Acumen			
Unit II			

Fanon, F. (1967) "The Fact of Blackness" *Black Skin White Masks*. Grove Press
John Elster, *An Introduction to Karl Marx* chapter 3 and 7
Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels *A Manifesto of the Communist Party* 1848
<https://www.marxists.org/archive/marx/works/download/pdf/Manifesto.pdf>
Ambedkar, B. R. (1979) "Annihilation of Caste" in *Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar: Writings and Speeches*, Vol. 1. Bombay: Education Department, Government of Maharashtra
Ambedkar, B.R. (2002) "On the way to Goregaon" in *The Essential Writings of B.R. Ambedkar* ed. Valerian Rodrigues. Oxford. OUP
Ambedkar, B.R. (2002) "Who were the Shudras?" in *The Essential Writings of B.R. Ambedkar* ed. Valerian Rodrigues. Oxford. OUP.

Unit III

Fotion, N. (2007) *War and Ethics: a New Just War Theory*. Continuum
Bird, C. *Introduction to Political Philosophy* chapter 10
McKinnon, C. *Issues in Political Theory*, chapter 3
Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy (on line source) readings on war and pacificism.

Unit IV

Political Theory: An Introduction, Heywood, Andrew Palgrave Macmillan, 2012/13
Taylor, C. (2004) "The Politics of Recognition" in Colin Farrelly (ed) *Contemporary Political Theory: A Reader*. Sage Publishers
Parekh, B. (2004) "Equality of Difference" in Colin Farrelly (ed) *Contemporary Political Theory: A Reader*. Sage Publishers
Barry, B. "Liberalism and Multiculturalism" in *Ethics*
Crowder, G. *Theories of Multiculturalism: An Introduction*, chapter 3
Kymlika, W. (2006) *Immigration, Multiculturalism, and the Welfare State*
Kymlika, W. (1995) *Multicultural Citizenship: A Liberal Theory of Minority Rights* Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1995
Kymlika, W. (2001) *Contemporary Political Philosophy: An Introduction* (Oxford: Oxford University Press

Evaluation Scheme

I. Continuous Assessment (C.A.) - 40 Marks

C.A.-I: Test – Class Test of 20 Marks (40 minutes duration) on the topic Simone de Beauvoir's views on gender as a construct.

C.A.-II: Research paper presentation on classical and contemporary philosophical discussions on love, sex and marriage.

II. Semester End Examination (SEE)- 60 Marks

Four questions shall correspond to the four units for 15 marks each.
Each question shall carry internal choice.

Rubric to assess 20 marks CA II

TITLE, CONTENTS AND FOCUS	ORGANIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF IDEAS	CRITICAL ANALYSIS	REFERENCES
5 MARKS	5 MARKS	5 MARKS	5 MARKS

SYBA PHILOSOPHY SYLLABUS

Academic year 2019-20

Semester III			
Course Code: APHI302	Course Title: Philosophy of Religion	Credits: 3	Lectures /Week: 3
Learning Objectives			
1) To introduce students to a reasoned, systematic and critical reflection about religious beliefs			
2) To develop in students the capacity for analytical and critical thinking about such matters.			
Course description			
Philosophical understanding of religious concepts through the lens of critical analysis.			
Unit I	Introducing Philosophy of Religion What is religion? What is philosophy of religion? Relationship between morality and religion Notion of God: omnipotence, omniscience, omnipresence, benevolence. Puzzles relating to these attributes of God	11 lectures	
Unit – II	Existence of God (traditional justifications) Ontological argument: Anselm’s view and criticisms; Descartes view and criticisms; Kant’s criticisms of the ontological argument. Cosmological argument: Aquinas’ argument, Leibniz’s argument and Hume’s critique. Argument from Design: Aquinas and William Paley’s view; Hume’s critique; Darwin’s Natural Selection and Chance Argument	11 lectures	
Unit – III	Challenges to religion	12 lectures	

	Karl Marx's critique: 'religion the opium of the masses' as a social function; Sigmund Freud's critique: religion is an illusion Julian Huxley: Transhumanism and the new divinity Richard Dawkins: Viruses of the Mind	
Unit – IV	Comparative Religion and Religious Pluralism Ninian Smart's Dimensions of Religion – ritual, mythological, doctrinal, ethical, social, experiential and material Comparative Religion: aim, purposes and dangers Religious Pluralism: A philosophical framework	11 lectures
References		
Unit I: Introducing Philosophy of Religion Zagzebski, L. <i>Philosophy of Religion: A Historical Introduction</i> chapter 4 Creel, R. <i>Philosophy of Religion: The Basics</i> chapter 2 Hughes, G. <i>The Nature of God</i>		
Unit II: 'Existence' of God (traditional justifications) Zagzebski, L. <i>Philosophy of Religion: A Historical Introduction</i> chapter 2 Meister, C. <i>Introducing Philosophy of Religion</i> chapters 4-6 Rowe, W. <i>Philosophy of Religion: An Introduction</i> chapters 2-4 Yandell, K. <i>Philosophy of Religion: A Contemporary Introduction</i> chapter 2 Ayala, F. <i>Darwin's Gift to Science and Religion</i> chapters 2-3		
Unit III: Challenges to religion Clark, K. J. <i>Readings in the Philosophy of Religion</i> chapter 14 and 15 Raines, J. (ed) <i>Marx on Religion</i> Part 4 Elder, C. (1995) "The Freudian Critique of Religion" <i>Journal of Religion</i> Vol. 75 Huxley, J. <i>Essays of a Humanist</i> chapter The New Divinity Huxley, J. <i>In New Bottles for New Wine</i> chapter Transhumanism pp. 13-17 Dawkins, R. <i>Viruses of the Mind</i>		
Unit IV: Comparative Religion and Religious Pluralism Cahn, S. <i>Exploring Philosophy of Religion: An Introductory Anthology</i> Part 7 Hick, J. <i>Problem of Religious Pluralism</i> Chapters 3, 4, 5 and 7 Tiwari, K. <i>Comparative Religion</i> chapter 1 Y, Masih. <i>A Comparative Study of Religions</i> Chapter 1		

Evaluation Scheme

III. Continuous Assessment (C.A.) - 40 Marks

- (i) **C.A.-I: Test – 20 Marks of 40 minutes duration on the topic Class Test on Religion and Science – Conflict, Independence and Integration; Theism and Evolutionary Theory**

References:

Meister, C. *Introducing Philosophy of Religion* pp 147-168

Draper, P. & Quinn, P. A Companion to Philosophy of Religion pp 527-574

(ii) **C.A.-II:** Poster making on comparison of any aspect of two or more religions

IV. Semester End Examination (SEE)- 60 Marks

Four questions shall correspond to the four units for 15 marks each.

Each question shall carry internal choice.

Rubric to assess 20 marks CA II

TITLE, CONTENTS AND FOCUS	ORGANIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF IDEAS	COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS (SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES)	REFERENCES
5 MARKS	5 MARKS	5 MARKS	5 MARKS

