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# COURSES OFFERED FOR M.Phil PROGRAMME

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## 1. METHODOLOGY

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### Unit 1 Introduction

(a) Theory and Method (b) Methods as Techniques (c) Research Problems and Inquiry (d) Epistemological and Ontological Presuppositions (e) Philosophy and Method (f) Methods in Natural Sciences and Social Sciences.

*Books for Reference:*

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1. Nozick, R: *Philosophical Explanations*, O.U.P, Oxford, 1981.
2. Quine, W.V.O: "On What There is", *From a Logical Point of View*, Harward University Press, Cambridge, M.A.1953
3. Halbfass : *On Being What There Is*, State University of New York Press, Abang, NY, 1992.
4. K.H.Potter: *Encyclopedia of Indian Philosophers*, Vol.2
5. Wittgenstein L: "The Nature of Philosophy", *The Wittgenstein Reader*, (ed.)Anthony Kenny.
6. Chischolm: *Theory of Knowledge*.
7. Popper, Karl: *Hypothetico-Deductive Method and the Unity of Sciences*.
8. Hempel, Carl: *Covering Law Model of Scientific Explanation*.
9. Simon Blackburn: *Think*, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 1999.
10. Deleuze : *What is Philosophy?*
11. J.N.Mohanty: *Essays in Indian Philosophy*

### Unit 2 Mid-range Methods

(a) Hypothesis (b) Concepts (c) Theory (d) Laws (e) Explanation (f) Models (g) Observation (h) Empirical and Philosophical Inquiries (i) Deductive and Inductive Methods

*Books for Reference:*

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1. Ernest Nagel: "The Nature of Hypothesis", *Logic and Scientific Method*.
2. " " "Probability and Induction," *ibid*.
3. " " "The Methods of Experimental Inquiry".
4. I.M. Copi : "Deductive Systems", *Symbolic Logic*.
5. Kaplam Abraham: "Concepts", *Conduct of Inquiry*.
6. " " "Theories", do
7. " " "Laws", do
8. " " "Explanations" do

9. “ “Models” do

### Unit 3 Deductive Logic

- (a) Argument Structure (b) Propositional Calculus (c) Method of Deduction (d) Rules of Inference (d) Deduction with Quantifiers

*Books for Reference:*

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1. I. M. Copi: *Symbolic Logic*.
2. Patric Suppes: *Introduction to Logic*, Affiliated East-West Press Private Ltd., New Delhi, 1978.
3. W. V. O. Quine: *Philosophy of Logic*, Prentice-Hall of India Private Limited, New Delhi, 1987.

### Unit 4 Writing and Publishing Research Work

- (a) Nature, Definition and Scope of Research (b) Preliminary Bibliography (c) Preparation of Manuscripts (d) Preparation of Term Papers, Research Papers, Dissertations (e) Research and Writing (f) The Mechanics of Writing (g) The Format of the Research Paper (h) Documentation: Preparing the List of Works Cited (i) Documentation: Citing Sources in the Text (j) Abbreviation.

*Books for Reference:*

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1. Joseph Gibaldi: *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Paper*.
  2. Jaques Bazum and Henry Graft: *The Modern Researcher*, Harcourt, Beech and World inc. New York, 1970.
  3. G. S. Hebbel: “Writing Term Papers and Reports”, Dev.(ed), Nanue, Whok, New York, 1962.
  4. Tturabiam (katik): *Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Thesis and Dissertation*.
  5. Istvan Berkley: *How to Write a Philosophy Paper*.
  6. Jeff Mc Laughlin: *How to Plan a Philosophy Paper*.
  7. “ “ *Guide to the Study of Philosophy*.
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## 2. PHILOSOPHICAL METHODS

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### Unit 1 Rationalist / Empiricist / Pragmatist Approaches

- (a) Descartes (b) Hume (c) James/Pierce

*Books for Reference:*

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1. Descartes, R: Rationalism, Descartes' *Rules for Direction of the Mind*, Maurice Mandelbaum et.al.(ed.), *Philosophic Problems*. The Macmillon Company, 1967.
2. Hume, David : The Problem of Inductive Knowledge, *An Inquiry Concerning the Human Understanding*, Section IV, Part I, II, Ramona Cormier, et. al, (ed.), *Encounter – An Introduction to Philosophy*, Scott, Foresman & Company, 1870.
3. “ The Idea of Necessary Connection, Mandelbaum.
4. Dewey John: Changing Concepts of Philosophy, Ramona Cormier.
5. A.J. Ayer: *The origins of Pragmatism: Studies in the Philosophy of Charles Sander Pierce and William J ames*. 6. William James: *The Pragmatic Theory*, Cormier, et. al, (ed.).
7. Pierce, C.S. : Pragmatism and Pragmaticism, Vol.5 of Collected Works.
8. Rorty, Richard: Pragmatism and Philosophy, Rorty, *Consequences of Pragmatism*, The Harvest Press, Great Britain, 1982.
9. Putnam, H : *Many Faces of Pragmatism*.
10. Quine, W.V.O: Two Dogmas of Empiricism, *From a Logical Point of View*.
11. Davidson, Donald: The Very Idea of a Conceptual Scheme, *Inquiry into Truth and Interpretation*.
12. “ A Nice Derangement of Epitaphs, in E.Le Pore(ed.), *Truth and Interpretation*, Black well, Oxford.
13. Hume, David: *Of Personal Identity*, Reprinted in Cormier. Et.al.(ed.)

### Unit 2 Logical / Linguistic Analytic Methods

- (a) Frege (b) Moore (c) Austin (d) Quine (e) Nyaya

*Books for Reference:*

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1. Dummette, M.A.E.: *The Origins of Analytical Philosophy*.
2. Frege. G : *Sense and Reference*.
3. Moore, G.E: *The Nature of Judgement*.
4. Moore G.E: *The Common Sense View of the World*, Mandelbaum.
5. Quine, W.V.O.: *From a Logical Point of View*.
6. Rorty, R : *Linguistic Turn: Recent Essays in Philosophical Method*.

7. Rorty, R : *Philosophy in America Today*.
8. Ryle, G.: *Collected Papers* Vol. II. Essay. 12.
9. Ryle, G.: *Descartes Myth*, Cormier.
10. Austin, J.L: *Philosophical Papers*, 2,4-5, 8,11-12.
11. Alfred Tarski: *The Semantic Conception of Truth*, Cormier.
12. Bertrand, Russel : *Knowledge of Facts and Laws*, Cormier
13. R.M Hari: *Imperatives, Morality and Reasons*, Mandelbaum
14. G.J. Warnock: *Philosophy and Language*, Mandelbaum
15. A.J. Ayer: *Logical Positivism*
16. Shusterman, R. : “Doconstruction and Analysis: Confrontation and Convergence”, *British Journal of Aesthetics*, Vol. 26 No. 4, Autumn, 1986.
17. Shusterman, R: “Organic Unity: Analysis and Deconstruction”, Reedway  
Vasenbrock, *Redrawing Lines: Analytic Philosophy*, Deconstruction and Literary Theory.
19. Wittgenstein: *Philosophical Investigations*.

### Unit 3 Phenomenological / Hermeneutic / Interpretative

### Methods

- (a) Husserl (b) Dilthey (c) Gadamar (d) Habermas (e) Derrida (f) Poorvamimamsa

Books for Reference:

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1. Husserl, E : *Ideas*
2. Alfred Schutz : *Phenomenological Analysis*, Cormier
3. Gadamer : *Philosophical Hermeneutics*
4. Gadamer : *Truth and Method*
5. Habermas : *Hermeneutic Claim to Universality*
6. Brund, G.L: *Hermeneutic: Ancient and Modern*
7. Grondin, J : *Introduction to Philosophical Hermeneutics*
8. Heidegger, M : *Ontology (Hermeneutic of Facticity)*
9. Schleiermacher, F. D: *Hermeneutics: The Hand Written Manuscript* by F.D  
*Schleiermacher*.
10. Gachter : *Hermeneutics and Languages in Purvamimamsa*
11. Kane, P.V: On Mimamsa, *History of Dharmasastra*
12. Derrida. J: *Difference, Margins of Philosophy*
13. Husserl. E: *Philosophy as Rigorous Science, Phenomenology and the Crisis of Philosophy*, (Tr. G. Lauer) 11.
14. Kierkegaard, S: *Truth in Subjectivity, Concluding Unscientific Postscript*,  
Mandelbaum, et.al (ed.)

15. Anther Edward : On Kierkegaard's Claim That Truth is Subjectivity,  
Mandelbaum

#### Unit 4 Dialectical / Critical Methods

- (a) Hegel (b) Marx (c) Adorno (d) Nagarjuna

*Books for Reference:*

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1. Hegel: *Science of Logic*
2. Herbert Marcuse : A Note of Dialectic, *Reason and Revolution*, p. VII to XIV.
3. Herbert Marcuse: The Marxian Dialectics, *Reason and Revolution*, p.312-322.
4. Gadamer, H.C: *Hegel's Dialectic: Five Hermeneutic Studies*.
5. Adorno, T.W: *Negative Dialectics*
6. Cohen, G.A. : *Karl Marx's Theory of History: A Defence*
7. Nagarjuna : *Mulamadhyamaka Karika*

#### Unit 5 Epistemological / Ontological / Ethical Approaches

- (a) Kant (b) Heidegger (c) Levinas (d) Nietzsche (d) Buddha

*Books for Reference:*

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1. Descartes, R.: Philosophy- Quest for Wisdom, Cormier
2. Descartes, R: *Meditations I and II*.
3. O.K Bouwsma: "On Many Occasions I have in Sleep Being Deceived",  
*Descartes*, Mandelbaum.
4. Kant: *Critique of Pure Reason* (Excerpts)
5. Kant: *The Conflict of Faculties*
6. Matilal : *Perception: An Essay in Classical Indian Theories of Knowledge*.
7. Dharmaraja : *Vedanta Paribhasha*
8. Hegel, F : *Jena System of 1804-5*
9. Hegel, F: *Logic and Metaphysics*
10. Hegel, F : *Science of Logic*
11. Herbert Marcuse: *Reason and Revolution*, p.3 – 248.
12. Heidegger : *What is Metaphysics*
13. Heidegger : *Being and Time*
14. Nietzsche : *Beyond Good and Evil*
15. Foucault : *Subject, Truth and Power*
16. Levinas: *Otherwise Than Being*
17. Lle Welyin, J: *Levinas: The Genealogy of Ethics*, Routledge, New York, 1995.



## ELECTIVE COURSES

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### 3. SELF AND THE OTHER: POSTMODERN READINGS

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Purpose of the course is to help the students to have a thorough critical understanding of the 'postmodern' perspectives that radically rethink the problem of self and the other. The course focuses on both the conceptual background and some of the crucial aspects of this rethinking. Readings suggested aim at familiarizing the students with the modern understanding of the problem and, more importantly, the way in which it is being challenged in the 'postmodern' discourses. Students are to have an indepth study of the themes mentioned and to make seminar presentations on the readings suggested in each unit.

#### Unit 1 Modernity: Recognition by/of the Other

Cartesian Thinking: Knowing the Other, Securing the Legitimacy of Knowledge on the Basis of a Subject that Immediately Knows Itself, Kant's Copernican Hypothesis, Paradox of Subjectivity, Hegel: Securing Self-Knowledge and Self-Recognition, Knowledge and Recognition as Mediated by Whole, Kojève's Interpretation of Hegel, Lacan's Perspective of the Linguistic Structuring of the Self, Julia Kristeva: Post-Structuralist Response to Lacan and Hegel.

#### *Themes and Readings for Seminars-Presentations:*

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- 1) Theme: Recognition, Master-Slave Dialectic Readings: Hegel: Selection,  
*Phenomenology of Mind*, Sonnenschein, London, 1910.
- 2) Theme: Every Desire is a Desire for Recognition by the Other,  
Interpretation of Hegel's Master-Slave Dialectic  
Readings: Kojève: Selections, *Introduction to the Reading of Hegel*, Cornell  
Uni.Press, New York, 1969. Battalalaie: Selections, *Visions of Excess*, University of  
Minnesota Press, 1985.
- 3) Theme: Lacan: Self as Misrecognition, Desire as Desire for the Other  
Readings: 'Mirror Stage as Formative of the Function of "I"', 'Subversion of the Subject',  
In *Ecrits, A Selection*, Routledge, 1977.



- 4) Theme: Kristeva: Other as Abject, Desire and Abjection Readings: Selections,  
*Powers of Horror*, Columbia Uni. Press, New York, 1982.

## Unit 2 Reframing the Self

Phenomenology and the Question of Self, Levinas: Alterity of the Other, Ethics as First Philosophy, Phenomenology of Sociality, Body as the Locus of Intentionality, Habermas's Dialogical Alternative, Derrida: Violence and Metaphysics.

### Themes and Readings for the Seminars

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1. Theme: Self as Welcoming the Other  
Readings: Levinas: *Totality and Infinity*, Dequesene University Press, Pittsburg, 1969.
- 2) Theme: Self as 'Hostage'  
Readings: Levinas: *Otherwise than Being*, Mortinus Nijhoff, The Hague, 1981  
Levinas: "Substitution", *The Levinas Reader*, Blackwell, Oxford, 1989  
Derrida: "Violence and Metaphysics: An Essay on the Thought of Levinas", *Writing and Difference*, Routledge, London, 1978
- 3) Theme: Merleu-Ponty: Self as Speech, Expression  
Readings: "The Body", *Phenomenology of Perception*, Motilal, Delhi, 1966.
- 4) Theme: Self in Dialogue  
Readings: Habermas: "An Alternative Way out of the Philosophy of the Subject", *The Philosophical Discourses of Modernity*, Mass: MIT Press, Cambridge, 1987.

## Unit 3 Otherness and Difference

Deleuze: Accounting Alterity Without 'lack', Positivity of Difference, Differential Forces, Intensities, Difference and Repetition, Irigaray: Feminism and the Question of the Other, Sexual Difference, Derrida: Principle of Identity as Resting on an Unacknowledged Play of Differences

### Themes and Readings for Seminars:

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- 1) Theme: 'Other as the site of 'unexplicated intensities'  
Readings: Deleuze: Selections, *Anti-Oedipus*, The Athlone Press, London, 1984
- 2) Theme: 'Other as an Expression of a Possible World'  
Readings: Deleuze: 'Asymmetrical Synthesis of the Sensible', *Difference and Repetition*, The Athlone Press, London, 1994
- 3) Theme: Other as Multiple



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## 4. EXISTENTIALISM (Advanced)

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### Objectives of the Course

The course aims to offer an indepth understanding of the works of the major existentialist thinkers both of theistic and atheistic tradition such as Kierkegaard, Nietzsche, Merleau-Ponty, Sartre, Heidegger and Levinas. This course is primarily addressed to those who intend to carry out further research in connection with the existentialist movement as one of the leading philosophical movements of the twentieth century existentialism left its mark on various other cultural domains such as art and literature, politics, religion etc. Therefore those who would like to pursue their studies in any of these areas also may find the course very useful. The problem wise discussion of the course would use the primary works of the major existentialist thinkers for the study. A set of supplementary readings is also suggested.

The course would be an indepth study of the following primary material of the above mentioned existentialist thinkers.

### *Books for Reference:*

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1. Kierkegaard: *Fear and Trembling*, New York, Penguin Books, 1985.
2. “  
*Either Or*
3. Nietzsche: *On the Genealogy of Morals*, New York, Vintage Books, 1969.
4. “ Selections, *The Will to Power*.
5. Heidegger: Division Two, Sections I, II and III of *Being and Time*, New York, Harper & Row, 1962.
6. Sartre: Selections, *Being and Nothingness*, London, Methuen, 1957.
7. Merleau-Ponty: *Phenomenology of Perception*, London, 1962.
8. Immanuel Levinas: *Totality and Infinity*, Martinius, Nijhoff, 1969.
9. William Barrett: *The Irrational Man*, New York, Double Day, 1962.

10. John Macquarrie: *Existentialism*, London, Hutchinson & Co., 1972. 11. Walter Kaufmann (ed.): *Existentialism from Dostoevsky to Sartre*, New York, Meridian, 1956.
  12. David E. Cooper: *Existentialism: A Reconstruction*, Blackwell, 1990.
  13. H. J. Blackham: *Six Existentialist Thinkers*, London and Routledge.
  14. Ramakant Sinari: *Reason in Existentialism*, Bombay, Popular Prakashan, 1966.
  15. S. U. Zuidama: *Kierkegaard*, New Jersey, Presbyterian & Reformed Publishing Co., 1977.
  16. S.U. Zuidama: *Sartre*, New Jersey, Presbyterian & Reformed Publishing Co., 1978.
  17. Mary Warnock: *Existentialism*, Oxford University Press, 1986.
  18. Stephen Mulhall: *Heidegger and Being and Time*, Routledge, 1998.
  19. Adriaan T. Peperzak (ed.): *Ethics as First Philosophy: The Significance of Immanuel Levinas*, Routledge, 1995.
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## 5. BODY: CONTEMPORARY PERSPECTIVES.

Problem of Body is one of the most recent and hotly contested fields of philosophical inquiry. This course deals with some of the crucial contemporary philosophical perspectives on the problem. The list of readings that blends seminal essays with original pieces aims to familiarize students with various aspects of these perspectives. It is designed primarily to be used for M.Phil/Ph.D program in Philosophy, for research-level courses in Humanities, Social Sciences, Gender Studies, Cultural Studies etc. Students are to have indepth study of the themes prescribed and make seminar/presentations on the readings suggested in each unit.

### Unit 1 Lived Body

Idea of Lived Body: Phenomenology, Critique of Biologism and Sociologism, Merleu-Ponty and the 'Phenomenological Body', Critique of the Scientific Account, Critique of 'Objective'

Characterization of the Body, Experiential Characterization, Body as Involved with Human Environment.

***Books for Reference:***

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- 1) Husserl: Selections, *Ideas Pertaining to a Pure Phenomenology* and to *Phenomenological Philosophy 11*.
- 2) Merleu-Ponty: Part 1: 'The Body', *The Phenomenology of Perception*, Routledge and Kegan Paul, 1962.
- 3) Drew Leder: "A Tale of Two Bodies: The Cartesian Corpse and the Lived Body", *Body and Flesh: A Philosophical Reader*, Blackwell, 1998.
- 4) Carol Bigwood: "Renaturalizing the Body (with the help of Merleu-Ponty)", *Body and Flesh: A Philosophical Reader*.
- 5) Edward Casey : "The Ghost of Embodiment: On Bodily Habitudes and Schemata, *Body and Flesh: A Philosophical Reader*
- 6) Iris Young: "Throwing Like a Girl/Pregnant Embodiment", *Body and Flesh: A Philosophical Reader*.

**Unit 2 Body and Power**

Deleuze's Interpretation of Nietzsche, Foucault: Epistemic Practices and the Deployment of Systems of Power Across the Body, Body as the Cultural Text, 'Self as the Prison of the Body', History and the Question of Body, Bordo: Politics of Body, Deleuze and Guattari: Body Without Organs, Deleuze and the Feminist Theorizing of the Body.

***Books for Reference:***

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- 1) Deleuze: Selections, *Nietzsche and Philosophy*.
- 2) Foucault: Selections, *Discipline and Punish*, Pantheon, New York, 1979.
- 3) Foucault: "Nietzsche, Genealogy, History", *Language, Counter-Memory, Practice*, Cornell Uni. Press, 1977.
- 4) Deleuze and Guattari: Selection, *A Thousand Plateaus*, Continuum, London, 1988.
- 5) Susan Bordo: "Feminism, Foucault and the Politics of the Body", *Up against Foucault*, Routledge, 1993.
- 6) Elizebeth Grozz: "A Thousand Tiny Sexes", *In Gills Deleuze and the Theatre of Philosophy*, Routledge, 2000.

**Unit 3 Sexuality**

Freud's theory of Sexuality, Body and Desire, Eros and the Body, Concept of 'Lack', Feminine Sexuality, Irigaray: Reframing the Question of Sexuality, Woman's Body as Multiple, Kristeva: Woman's Body and *Jouissance*, Welton: 'Lived Body' and the Eros.

***Books for Reference:***

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1. Freud: "Three Essays on the Theory of Sexuality".
2. Lucy Irigaray: "This Sex which is not One", *A Reader In Feminist Knowledge*, Routledge, London, 1991.
3. Julia Kristeva : "Women's Time", *The Continental Philosophy Reader*
4. Elizebath Grosz: "Psycho Analysis and Body", *A Reader in Feminist Knowledge*.
5. Jacqueline Rose: "Feminine Sexuality".
6. Donn Welton: "Affectivity, Eros and the Body", *Body and Flesh: A Philosophical Reader*.

#### Unit 4 Identity

Sex and Gender, Question of Gender Identity, Butler: Gender as Performance, Bordo: Materiality of the Body, Social Constructionism, Identity and Difference, Moira Gatens: Body as a Nexus of Variable Interconnections, Feminist Appropriation of Spinoza.

#### Books for Reference:

1. Butler: Selections, *Gender Trouble*, Routledge, New York, 1990.
2. Foucault: Selections, *History of Sexuality*, Vol. I, Vintage, New York, 1980
3. Susan Bordo: "Bringing Body to Theory" / "Material Girl", *Body and Flesh: A Philosophical Reader*.
4. Judith Butler: "Bodies that Matter", *Body and Flesh: A Philosophical Reader*.
5. Moria Gattens: "Power Bodies and Difference", *Feminist Theory and the Body: A Reader*, Edinburg Uni. Press, 1999.
6. Moria Gatens: "Feminism as 'Password': Rethinking the 'Possible' With Spinoza and Deleuze", *Hypatia*, Vol. 15, No.2, 2000.

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## 6. RECENT TRENDS IN FEMINIST PHILOSOPHY

Purpose of the course is to help the students to have a thorough understanding of the recent trends in Feminist Philosophy. Course deals with the different theoretical approaches at the

core of the current discussions in the field of feminist thinking. It is designed primarily to be used on research-level courses in Philosophy, Social Sciences, Humanities and the Interdisciplinary studies such as Gender studies, Cultural Studies etc. Students are supposed to have in depth analytical study of the themes prescribed and present term papers/seminars on the readings suggested.

### **Unit 1 Reason, Knowledge, and Subjectivity**

Feminism as Critique of Philosophy, Rethinking the History of Thought, Concept of Reason, Truth, Knowledge, Theory and Method, Masculinity of Reason, Idea of Rational Self, Passions and Emotions, Dichotomous Thinking and the Question of Othering, Phallocentrism of the Structure of Binary Thinking.

*Books for Reference:*

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- 1) Genevieve Lloyd: Selections, *The Man of Reason*.
- 2) Moira Gatens: "Feminism, Philosophy and Riddles without Answers".
- 3) Nancy Jay: "Gender and Dichotomy".
- 4) Noemi Scheman: "Though This Be Method, Yet There Be Madness  
Paranoia And Liberal Epistemology". In It:
- 5) Alison M. Jagger: "Love and Knowledge: Emotion In Feminist  
Epistemology" Epistemology"
- 6) Elizabeth, V. Spelman: "Woman as Body: Ancient and  
Contemporary Views"

### **Unit 2 Ethics and Morality**

Moral Theory, Ethical Reasoning, Kantian Ethics: Idea of Justice, Ethics of Care Vs Ethics of Justice, Concept of Freedom, Individual, Autonomy, Duty and Right, Love and Friendship, Trust and Empathy, Question of Equality, Respect for Difference, Absolutism and Moral Relativism, Dialogical Ethics.

*Books for Reference:*

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- 1) Virginia Held: "Feminism and Moral Theory".
- 2) Seyla Benhabib: "The Generalized and The Concrete Other: The  
Gilligan Controversy and Moral Theory". Kohlberg
- 3) John W. Scott: "Deconstructing Equality Versus Difference: Or, The  
Poststructuralist Theory in Feminism". Uses of
- 4) Carol Gilligan: "In a Different Voice: Woman's Conceptions of Self  
and Morality". and Morality".
- 5) Alison Jagger: "Feminism in Ethics: Moral Justification"
- 6) Marilyn Friedman: "Feminism in Ethics : Conceptions of  
Autonomy" Autonomy"

### Unit 3 Woman and Sexuality

Theorizing Sexuality, Freud's Theories of Sexuality, Lacan's Reading, Feminist Appropriation, Critique of the Psychoanalytic Account of Sexuality, Influence of Post-structuralism, Desire and Language, Specificity of Female Sexuality, Sexuality and the Feminine Modes of Signification.

#### *Books for Reference:*

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1. Jacueline Rose : "Feminine Sexuality"
2. Nancy Chrodow: Selections, *The Reproduction of Mothering*.
3. Ragland Sullivan: "Jacques Lacan : Feminism and the Problem of Gender Identity"
4. Irigary: "This Sex which is not one".
5. Julia Kristeva: Selections, *Revolution in Poetic Language/* "Woman can never be defined".
6. Helene Cixous: "The Laugh of the Medusa".

### Unit 4 Politics, Body, and Identity

Post Marxist Politics and the Question of Identity, Feminist Engagement with Habermas's Model of Discursive Politics, Hannah Arendt's Model of Performative Politics, Foucault and the Politics of the Body, Rethinking Sex/Gender Distinction, Conceiving Gender as Performance, Feminist Politics and the Question of the Materiality of the Body.

#### *Books for Reference:*

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1. Chanter Mouffe: "Feminism, Citizenship and Radical Democratic Politics".
  2. Seyla Benhabib : "Models of Public Space: Hanna Arendt, the Liberal Tradition and Jurgen Hebermas"
  3. Bonnie Honig: "Towards an Agonistic Feminism: Hanna Arendt and the Politics of Identity".
  4. Moira Gattens: "A Critique of Sex / Gender Distinction/Power, Bodies and Difference".
  5. Judith Butler: Selection, *Gender Trouble*.
  6. Susan Bordo: "Feminism, Foucault and the Politics of the Body".
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## 7. PHILOSOPHY OF CONSCIOUSNESS (ADVANCED)

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### Unit 1

Introduction to Consciousness Studies, Philosophical Approaches to Understanding Consciousness, Cognitive Scientific Approach to Consciousness Studies.

### Unit 2

Phenomenal Consciousness, Access Consciousness and Phenomenal Consciousness. Representationalism.

### Unit 3

Brain and Consciousness, Cognitive Neuro-Scientific Approaches, Chemical System and Consciousness, Properties of Consciousness, Holism, Relational Theory of Consciousness.

### Unit 4

Mind-Body Dualism, Epiphenomenalism, Pan-Psychism, Physicalism.

*Books for Reference:*

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1. Revonsuo and Kamppinen (ed.): *Consciousness in Philosophy and Cognitive Neuroscience*, Lawrence Erlbaum, N. J. Hillsdale, 1994.
2. Velmans, M : "What and Where are Conscious Experiences?" M. Velmans (ed.), *The Science of Consciousness: Psychological, Neuropsychological and Clinical Reviews*, London, Routledge, 1996.
3. Cohen, J. D., and Schooler, J. W.(ed.): *Scientific Approaches to Consciousness*, Lawrence Erlbaum, N. J. Hillsdale, 1997.
4. Nagel, T.: "What is it like to be a Bat", *Philosophical Review*, 83:435-451.
5. Eccles J. C.: *The Human Psyche*, Springer, New York, 1980.
7. Libet, B: "Neural Processes in the Production of Conscious Experience", M. Velmans (ed.) 1996.
8. Crick, F : *The Astonishing Hypothesis: The Scientific Search for the Soul*, Simon and Schuster, London, 1994.
9. Dennet, P.C.: "Log: Steps Toward Consciousness in Robots", T. Metzinger (ed.) *Conscious Experience*, Imprint Academic, Thorverton, 1995.

10. Block, N: "On a Confusion About a Function of Consciousness",  
*Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, 20(1)-159-166, 1997.
11. Shear, J, and Jevning, R : "Pure Consciousness", *Journal of  
Consciousness Studies*, 6 (2/3): 183 – 213 ,1999.
12. Chalmers, D : "Facing up to The Problem of Consciousness',  
*Consciousness Studies*, 2(3): 200 - 219, 1995. *Journal of*
13. Guzeldere, G : "The Many Faces of Consciousness: A Field Guide",  
Block, O. Flanagan and Guzeldere (ed.), *The Nature of  
Philosophical Debates*, MIT Press, Mass: Cambridge, 1997. N.  
*Consciousness:*
14. Descartes : *Discourse on Method (Part V)*
15. Dennet, Daniel : *Consciousness Explained*, 1991.
16. John Searle: *The Rediscovery of the Mind*, 1992.
17. Gerald Edelman : *Bright Air Brilliant Fire*, 1992.
18. Colin Mc Ginn : *The Problem of Consciousness*, 1991.
19. Dreyfus, H: *What Computers Can't do*, Harper & Row, New York, 1979.
20. Penrose, J.A : *Shadows of the Mind: A Search for the Missing  
Consciousness*, OUP, Oxford, 1994. *Science of*
21. Fodor, J.A: *The Modularity of Mind*, MIT Press, Cambridge, Mass: 1983.
22. Baars, B. : *A Cognitive Theory of Consciousness*, Cambridge  
University Press, Cambridge, 1988.
23. Chelmors, D.: *The Conscious Mind: In Search of a Fundamental  
Theory*,  
OUP, Oxford, 1996. *Theory,*
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1997. London,
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Consciousness*, Bradford Book 2001.
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2001. Book,
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31. Ned Block, et.al,(ed): *The Nature of Consciousness*, Bradford Book, 1997.
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33. J. Allen Hobson: *Dreaming as Delirium*, Bradford Books, 1999.
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Scientific Study of Consciousness*, Bradford Book, 2002. *the*

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## 8. REALISM AND ANTI REALISM

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### Unit 1

Introduction to the Philosophy of Science, Scientific Theories and Scientific Knowledge, Reality, Truth and Scientific Theories, Theoretical Terms and Theoretical Entities, Ontological and Epistemological Questions.

### Unit 2

Realism in General, Scientific Realism: Ontological and Epistemological, Varieties of Realism: 'Miracles Argument', The Explanationist Argument: Inference to the Best Explanation.

### Unit 3

The Under-Determination Thesis: Poincare and Duhem, Challenges from History: Changing Scientific Theories and Ontologies, Entity Realism, Inference to the Cause, Internal Realism, Constructive Empiricism, NOA.

### Unit 4

Instrumentalism/Pragmatism, Constructivism: Socio-Historical Perspective, Implications of 'Quinean Empiricism and Wittgenstein's Language - Games, Kuhn and Feyerabend: Implication for Anti-realism.

*Books for Reference:*

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1. Karl Popper: *Conjectures and Refutations*, Routledge, Kegan Paul, 1972.

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2. Putnam, H.: *Mathematics, Matter and Method*, Vo.1, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1975.
3. Putman, H: *Reason, Truth and History*, CUP, Cambridge, 1981.
4. Miller, R.W: *Fact and Method*, Princeton University Press, Princeton, 1987.
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7. Hacking, I (ed.): *Representing and Intervening*, CUP, Cambridge, 1983.
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## 9. PHILOSOPHY OF MIND

### Unit 1 Philosophy of Mind: Introductories

#### *Books for Reference:*

1. J. Heil: Introductory Chapt., *Philosophy of Mind: Contemporary Introduction*, London & New York, Routledge, 1998.
2. F. Jackson & G. Rey: “Philosophy of Mind”, *Routledge Encyclopaedia of Philosophy*.
3. M.Davies: “The Philosophy of Mind”, A. C. Grayling (ed.) *Philosophy: A Guide Through the Subiect*. Vol. 1 Oxford, Oxford University Press, 1995.
4. Guttenplan: “An Essay on Mind”, S. Guttenplan (ed.), *A Companion to the Philosophy of Mind*, Oxford, Blackwell, 1994.

5. Colin Mc Grinn: "The Place of the Philosophy of Mind", *The Character of Mind: An nroduction to the Philosophy of Mind*, Oxford University Press, 1982.

## Unit 2 Mind and Body

### Books for Reference:

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1. D. M. Amstron: "Dualism", Chapt. 2.
2. D. M. Amstron: "Behaviourism", Chapt. 5, *A Materialist Theory of Mind*, London & New York, Routledge, 1968.
3. J. Heil: Descartes Legacy, Chapt. 2.
4. J. Heil: Varieties of Materialism: Behaviourism and Psychophysical Identity, Chapt. 3, J. Heil, 1998
5. K. Popper: "Materialism Criticised", Chapt. 3.
6. " " "Some Remarks on the Self", Chapt. 4
7. " " "Historical Comments on the Mind-Body Problem", Chapt. 5, K. R. Popper & J. C. Eccles (eds.), *The Self and Its Brain: Interactionism*, London & New York, Routledge, 1977.

## Unit 3 Functionalism and Eliminativism

### Books for Reference:

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1. Ned Block: "What is Functionalism?"
2. " " : "Troubles with Functionalism", *Readings in Philosophy & Psychology vol. I* Cambridge, Harvard University Press, 1980.
3. J. Heil: "Functionalism and the Representational Theory of Mind", Chapt. 4
4. " " : "Intentional Theories of Mind and Eliminativism", Chapt. 2.
5. Steph Burwood: "Reductionism and the Road to Functionalism", S. Burwood et.al (eds.), *Philosophy of Mind*, London, UCL Press, 1993.
6. P. Jaco : "Functionalism and the Threat of Preemption", *What Minds Can do: Intentionality in a Non-International World*, Cambridge University Press, 1997.
9. P. Churchland: "Eliminative Materialism and the Propositional Attitudes", David Ruseenthal, *The Nature of Mind*, Oxford, New York, Routledge, 1991.

## Unit 4 Mind and Machine

### Books for Reference:

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1. A.M. Turing: "Computing Machinery and Intelligence"
2. D.R. Hofstadter: "The Turing Test: A Coffee House Conversation", D.R. Hofstadter & D.C. Dennett (eds.), *The Mind's Eye : Fantasies and Relfections on Self and Soul* Toronto, New York, Bantam Books, 1981.

3. Ned Block & G. Rey: "Computational Theories of Mind", *Routledge Encyclopaedia of Philosophy*.
4. S. Burwood: "Computational Models of Mind", S. Burwood, 1999.
5. P. Jaco: "The Computational Representational Theory of Mind (CRTM)", P. Jaco. 1997.

### Unit 5 Mind As Program

*Books for Reference:*

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1. D.C. Dennett: "Where am I?"
2. D.H. Sanford: "Where was I?"
3. J.S. Searl: "Minds, Brains and Programs".
4. T. Nagel: "What is it like to be a Bat?"
5. D. R. Hofstadter: "A Conversation with Einstein's Brain", (1 to 5 in Hofstadter and Dennett, 1981).

### Unit 6 Folk Psychology And Cognitive Science

*Books for Reference:*

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1. I. A. Fodor: "Fodor's Guide to Mental Representation The Intelligent Aunty's Vade-Mecum".
2. P. M. Churchland: "Folk Psychology and the Explanation of Human Behaviour".
3. Ramsey: "Connectionism, Eliminativism and the Future of Folk Psychology".
4. D.C. Dennett: "Two Contrasts: Folk Craft Versus Folk Science and Belief Versus Opinion"

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## 10. EPISTEMIC LOGIC

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### Unit 1 Sentential Logic

*The Sentential Connectives, Conditionals and Biconditionals, Symbolising Arguments, The Syntax of Formal Language, Language of Sentential Logic, Semantics of Sentential Logic, Natural Deduction in Essential Logic*

*Books for Reference:*

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1. Colin, Allen, Michael Hand: *Logic Primer*, The MIT Press, Cambridge, 2001.
2. Graeme Forbes: *Modern Logic*, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 1994.
3. John H, Piet, Ayodhya. Prasad (ed.): *The History of Logic*, Cosmo Publications India, 2000.

4. John, Nolt, Dennis Rohatyn: *Logic*, Schaum's Outline Series, Mcgrew-Hill, New York, 1988.
5. Morris, R.Cohen, Ernest Nagal: *An Introduction to Logic*, Allied Publishers Limited, New Delhi, 1998.

## Unit 2 Predicate Logic

A Formal Language for Predicate Logic, Translation of English Sentences to Quantified Propositions with Primitive Rules of Proof, Sequences, Theorems and Derived Rules for Proof

### *Books for Reference:*

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1. Colin, Allen, Michael Hand: *Logic Primer*, The MIT Press, Cambridge, 2001.
2. Graeme Porbess: *Modern Logic*, Oxford University Press, Oxford 1994.
3. Irving, M, Copi, Carl, Cohen: *An Introduction to Logic*, 9<sup>th</sup> edition, Prentice Hall of India, New Delhi, 1997.
4. John, Nolt, Dennis Rohatyn: *Logic*, Schaum's Outline Series, Mcgrew-Hill New York, 1988.
5. Morris, R.Colten, and Ernest Nagal: *An Introduction to Logic*, Allied Publishers Limited, New Delhi, 1998.

## Unit 3 Operators: Logical And Epistemic

Hypotheticals, Negations, Conjunctions, Disjunctions, The Logical Operators Parameterized, Further Features of the Operators, The Distinctions and Relative Powers of the Logical Operators, Logical Operators as Individuals, Knowledge, Truth and Modality, Kripke-Style Systematization.

### *Books for Reference:*

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1. Arnold Ikcslow: *Structuralist Theory of Logic*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1992.
2. Graeme Porbess: *Modern Logic*, Oxford University Press, Oxford 1994.
3. Irving, M, Copi, Carl, Cohen: *An Introduction to Logic*, 9<sup>th</sup> edition, Prentice Hall of India, New Delhi, 1997.
4. John, Nolt, Dennis Rohatyn: *Logic*, Schaum's Outline Series, Mcgrew-Hill, New York, 1988.
5. John H, Piet, Ayodhya. Prasad (ed), *The Science of Logic*, Cosmo Publications India 2000.

## Unit 4 Epistemic Operators

Use of Epistemic Operators by Philosophers, Dretske on Nonpenetrating, Semi-Penetrating and Fully-Penetrating Operators, Disparity between Logical Operators and Epistemic Operators, Rules of Model Logic in Epistemic Contexts, Role of Language in Determining the Function of Operators, Objects of Knowledge and Objects of Truth: Disparity, The Intentional Character of Knowledge, The *De dicto* Versus *De Re*, The Problem of Logical Omniscience.

*Books for Reference:*

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1. Boh, I: *Epistemic Logic in the Later Middle Ages*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1992.
  2. Fagin, R. Herlpern, J. Moses, Y and Vardi, Moshe: *Reasoning and Knowledge*, MIT Press, Cambridge, 1955.
  3. Fred Dretske: *Perception, Knowledge and Belief*, Cambridge University Press, 2000.
  4. Hintikka J: *Knowledge and Belief*, Ithaca Ny: Cornell University Press, 1962.
  5. Kripke: *Reference and Modality*, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 1971.
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## 11. ANALYSIS OF KNOWLEDGE: INDIAN PERSPECTIVE

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### Unit 1

Is Knowledge Propositional?, *Jnana* and *Prama*, Knowledge as a Cognitive Episode, Form of Standard Analysis: Knowledge as *Yathartha*, *Apramanyasamsayanaskandita* and *avyabhicarika-ranajanya*, Sriharsa's Counter-examples to Udayana's Standard Analysis, Gangesa's Reformulation of Standard Analysis.

*Books for Reference:*

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1. Gangesopadhyaya: *Tattvachintamani Pratyaksa Vol .1 with Mathuri (ed.)*  
Kamakhyanathatarkavagisa, Calcutta. Asiatic Society, 1827.
2. Udayanacharya: *Nyayavarthikatatparyaparisudhi*, (ed.) With *Vardhamana's*  
*Nyayabandhaprakasa* by L. S. Dravid and U.P. Dvivedin, Calcutta, 1911.
3. Prasastapada: *Vyomavati*, (ed.) Kaviraj, Varanasi, Chowkhamba, 1930.
4. B. K. Matilal: *Perception*, Oxford University Press, 1988.
5. Sriharsa: *Khandanakhandakhadya* (ed.) With *Sankara Misra's*  
Banaras, Kashi Sanskrit Series. 1970. *Commentary*, N. Jha,

### Unit 2

Knowledge and its Validity, *Pramanyavada: Svatah* and *Paratahpramanya*. Mimamsakas, Vedantins and Sankhya on *Svatahpramanya*. Nyaya Theory of *Partahpramanyavada*, Who Won the Battle Between Nyaya and Mimamsakas?

*Books for Reference:*

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1. J. N. Mohanty: *Gangesa's Theory of Truth*, Motilal Banarasidas Publication, Delhi, 1966.



2. Janardon Ganeri (ed.), *Collection of Essays of B. K. Matilal: Mind, Language and Culture*.
3. *Sabara: Mimamsa Sutra Bhasya*, (ed.) M. Nyayaratna, Bibliotheca, Indica 45, Culcutta, Asiatic Society, 1889.
4. Sanghavi S., *Advanced Studies in Indian Logic and Metaphysics, Studies: Past and Present*, 1961. Calcutta, Indian
5. B. K. Matilal: "Epistemology, Logic and Grammar", *Indian Philosophical Analysis*, The Hague, Paris, Monton, 1971.

### Unit 3

Knowing that One Knows, *Svaprasavada* of Prabhakara, *Svasamavedana* of Dignaga School, Naiyayikas on the Need of an *Anuvyavasaya*, Bhatta Theory of *Jnatata*, Must I be Aware that I am Aware?, Responses from Gangesa, Dharmakirti and Prabhakara.

#### Books for Reference:

1. Dharmakirti: *Pramanavartika: Pratyaksa*
2. Udayana: *Atmatatvaviveka*.
4. B. K. Matilal: *Perception*, pp. 141-179.
5. Uddyotakara: *Nyayavarthika*, Bibliotheca Indica Edition, (ed.) V. P. Dvivedin, Varanasi. Chowkamba, 1915.

### Unit 4

Methods of Knowing, Perception, *Nirvikalpaka* and *Savikalpaka*, Psychology of Perception, Objects of Perception, Inference: the Conception of *Vyapti*, the Form of Syllogism, Classification of Inference-*Anvaya* and *Vyatireka*, Comparison as a Form of Fresh Knowledge, Testimony: the Process of *Sabdajnana*, Words and Meanings. The Sentence and it's Meaning, Implication: Nyaya Rejection and Prabhakara's Defence, Non- availability, Nyaya Criticism and Bhatta Defence.

#### Books for Reference:

1. B. K. Matilal: *The Word and the World*, Oxford University Press, 1981.
2. D. M. Dutta: *Six Ways of Knowing*, Motilal Banarasidas.
3. B.K.Matilal: *The Character of Logic in India*, Oxford University Press, 1998
4. Potter, K. H., Bhattacharya. S.(eds.): *Indian Philosophical Analysis: Nyaya Vaisesika from Gangesa to Raghunatha Siromani, Encyclopedia of Indian Philosophies Vol. VI. Delhi, Motilal Banarasidas, 1993*

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## 12. ANALYSIS OF KNOWLEDGE: PROBLEMS AND PERSPECTIVES

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### Unit 1

Objectivity and Relativity in Philosophy, Epistemology and Its Post -Modern Resistance

*Books for Reference:*

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- 1) A.I. Goldman: *Knowledge in a Social World*, pp. 3 – 40
- 2) Paul K. Moser: *Philosophy After Objectivity*, pp. 3 – 18

### Unit 2

Analysis of Knowledge: A Contemporary Approach, Different Sources of “know”, Standard Analysis, Conditions (JTB Definition of Knowledge), Gettier Problem: Its Genuinity and Significance, Two Presuppositions Involved in Gettier-type-counter Examples.

*Books for Reference:*

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- 1) Robert, K. Shope: *Analysis of Knowing*.
- 2) Keith Lehrer: *Knowledge*

### Unit 3

Veritistic Epistemology: A Defense, Epistemic Approaches to Truth, Traditional Theories of Truth, Deflationism: Theories, Employing Veritism, Veritism and Circularity, Veritistic Value.

*Books for Reference:*

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- 1) Paul Horvich: *Truth*
- 2) D.M. Armstrong: *Belief – Truth and Knowledge*
- 3) Brand Blanshard: *The Nature of Thought*

### Unit 4

Belief as a Condition of Knowledge, Views on Belief: Occurent& Dispositional, Types of Belief, Objects of Belief, Knowledge and Belief, Entailment Theory, Attacks on Belief Condition.

*Books for Reference:*

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- 1) Sibajiben Bhattacharya: *Doubt, Belief and Knowledge*
- 2) Nozick. R: *Epistemology*.

### Unit 5

Justification and Knowledge, Epistemic Justification, Internalism and Externalism in Epistemic Justification, Internalistic Theories of Justification: Foundationalism, Coherentism, Contextualism, Externalist Theories: Causal theory, Reliability Theory.

*Books for Reference:*

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- 1) Pappas and Swain (ed.): *Essays on Knowledge and Justification*.
- 2) P.K. Moser: *Knowledge and Evidence*.

## **Unit 6**

Conceptions of Social Epistemology: Its Relevance in Contemporary World, The Social Spread of Knowledge: Testimony, Argumentation, The Technology and Economics of Communication, Speech Regulation and the Marketplace of Ideas.

*Books for Reference:*

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- 1) A.I. Goldman: *Knowledge in a Social world*.

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# **13. TRUTH : A PHILOSOPHICAL ANALYSIS**

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## **Unit 1 Theories of Truth**

What is After all Truth, Correspondence: The Intuitive Notion, Truth Bearers, Truth Donors and the Relation of Correspondence, A Case Against Correspondence Coherentism: The Sophistication in Truth, A Critique of Coherentism, Pragmatism a Novel Approach to Truth, Is Praxis an Analysis of Truth? Modern Theories of Truth: Deflationary Theories, Redundancy Theory, Assertive Redundancy of F. P. Ramsey, Performatory Theory of Truth, Semantic Theory of Truth, Minimal Correspondence, Criticisms Raised Against Modern Theories of Truth.

## **Unit 2 Truth: The Program of Analysis**

The Legacy of Empiricism, Logical Positivism: Truth as Objective Certainty, Verificationism, Semantic Analysis, Objectivity: It's Value and Desirability, Objective Knowledge, Scientific Realism and Objectivity, Arguments Against Objective Thesis(conventional), Contemporary Critique on Objective Truth: Rorty

## **Unit 3 Realism-Antirealism Debate and Truth**

Classical Debate on Nominalism and Realism, Putnam on Realism, Dummett's Anti-Realistic Positions, Putnam's Neo-Realism, Revised Contemporary Versions of Realism.

## **Unit 4 Truth in Knowledge-Analysis,**

Truth as a Condition of Knowledge, Objections to Truth Condition, Veritism in Knowledge, Veritism and Circularity, Goldman on Veritistic Value, Immunizing Truth in Contemporary Epistemics.

*Books for Reference:*

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1. Simon Blackburn: *Truth: A Philosophical Analysis*, Oxford University Press.
  2. Paul Horwich: *Truth*.
  3. Putnam, H.: *Reason, Truth and History*, CUP, Cambridge, 1981.
  4. P. F. Strawson(ed.): *The Philosophy of Logic*, Oxford University Press, Oxford, London, 1970.
  5. Brand Blanshard: *The Nature of Thought*, Oxford University Press, Oxford, London.
  6. Donald Davidson: "The Very Idea of a Conceptual Scheme", *Inquiry into Truth and Interpretation*, Le Pore (ed.), Black Well, Oxford.
  7. Richard Rorty: *Consequences of Pragmatism*, The Harvest Press, Great Britain, 1982.
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## **14. SOCIAL WAYS OF KNOWLEDGE**

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### **Unit 1**

Analysing Knowledge: A Contemporary Picture, Veritistic Knowledge, Veriphobic, Criticisms of Veritistic Epistemology: Argument from Social Construction, Argument from Language Concerns, The Unknowability Thesis, Denial of Epistemic Privilege, Argument from Domination, Argument from Bias.

### **Unit 2**

Truth Seeking in Social World, Divergent Approaches to the Theories of Truth; Absolutist, Relativist and Instrumentalist Versions, Deflationism, Epistemic Approches to Truth, Realism-anti realism Debate, the Correspondence Intuition.

### **Unit 3**

Alternative conceptions of Social Epistemology: Consensus Consquentialism, Proceduralism, Employing Veritism, Veritism and Circularity, Veritistic Value.

### **Unit 4**

Social Epistemic Method: Testimony & Argumentation, Testimony: the Social Spread of Knowledge, Problems in Testimony, Bayesian Inference Practice, Estimating Testimonial likelihood, Argumentation: Monological Argumentation, Dialogical Argumentation, Cultural Climate for Argumentation, Alienation, Approaches to Argumentation.

*Books for Reference:*

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1. Alvin I. Goldman; *Knowledge in a Social World*.
  2. “ ; *Pathways to Knowledge: Private and Public*
  3. Frederick Schimielt: *Socializing Epistemology*.
  4. Steve Fuller: *Social Epistemology*.
  5. John Searle: *The Construction of Social Reality*.
  6. Steven Shapin: *A Social History of Truth*.
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## **15. POST-STRUCTURALISM**

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### **Unit 1 Linguistic Turn in Thinking.**

A) The Legacy of Saussure; Concept of Sign; Arbitrariness of sign; Interpretative Nature of Truth; Difference and the Production of meaning; *Langue* and *Parole*; Semiology and Cultural Phenomena.

*Books for Reference:*

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- 1) Saussure: *A course in General Linguistics*, (Relevant sections).
- 2) Cueller Jonathan: *Saussure*, Fontana Press, London, 1985.

B) Derrida’s Deconstruction of Metaphysics, Logocentrism and Phonocentrism; Textuality; Speech and Writing; Difference; Infinite play of signification: Thinking Otherness; Disruption of Violent Hierarchies. :

*Books for Reference:*

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- 1) Derrida: “*Differance*” in *Continental Philosophy Reader* .

### **Unit 2 Genealogical Analysis of Decadence of the Modern Culture.**

A) Nietzsche as the Forerunner of Post Structuralism; Analysis of Nihilism, Genealogy of Morals; Being and Becoming; The will to Power; Interpretive Character of Truth and

Morality; Perspectivism; Affirmation and Negation; Aesthetic Play

*Books for Reference:*

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- 1) Nietzsche: *On the Genealogy of Morals*, Vintage Books, 1969.
- 2) Nietzsche: *The Will to Power* (Relevant Sections) Vintage Books, 1968.
- 3) Alan D Shrift: *Nietzsche and the Question of Interpretation*, Routledge, 1990.

B) Foucault's Analysis of Subjectivity; Genealogy as a Method; History of Madness; Body and Micro Physics of Power; Technologies of Self.

*Books for Reference:*

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- 1) Foucault: *Nietzsche Genealogy History*, in Foucault Reader, Pantheon Books, 1984.
- 2) Foucault: Selected parts from *Discipline and Punish* and *History of Sexuality*. Vintage Books, 1979.
- 3) Alan Scheridan: *Michel Foucault: The Will to Truth*.

### Unit 3 The Desiring Subject

A) Psychoanalytic beginning in Freud; Tripartite division of Id, Ego, Super Ego; The Unconscious, Oedipus/Castration Complex; Narcissistic self; Sexuality and Libido.

*Books for Reference:*

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- 1) Freud: "The Unconscious" in *Continental Aesthetics Reader*.
- 2) Freud: "Three Essays on Sexuality", in *On Sexuality*, Penguin Books, 1977.
- 3) Freud: *Morning and Melancholia*.

B) Lacan's Reinterpretation of Freud; Imaginary, Mirror and The Real; Castration Complex; The law of the Father; Symbolic Order; Structural Unconscious; Language as the Discourse of the other.

*Books for Reference:*

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- 1) Lacan: *Ecrits*, Relevant sections.
- 2) Anthony Elliot: *Psychoanalysis and Social Theory in Transition*, Chapter.3 Blackwell, 1990.
- 3) Elizabeth Groz, Jacques Lacaan: *A Feminist Introduction*, Routledge.

C) Julia Kristeva: Towards a Libidinal Politics; Symbolic and the Semiotic; Imaginary Dimension of the Self; Subject in Process; The Poetic and the Language of Desire.

*Books for Reference:*

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- 1) Julia Kristeva: *Kristeva Reader* (Relevant sections), Blackwell, 1986.
- 2) Kelly Oliver: *Reading Kristeva*, Indiana University Press, 1993.

### Unit 4 Going Beyond Language

A) Deleuze and Guattari: Critique of Psychoanalysis; Desiring Machines; Against Oedipus; Schizoanalysis.

*Books for Reference:*

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- 1) Deleuze and Guattari, *Anti Oedipus* (Relevant sections), Athlone Press.
- 2) Eugene Holland, *Deleuze and Guattari: Anti Oedipus*, Routledge, 1999.

B) Levinas and the Ethical Turn in Poststructuralism; Phenomenology of Face, Critique of Phenomenology; Rejection of the Ontology of Heidegger; Ethics as First Philosophy; Saying and the Said; Proximity; Substitution.

*Books for Reference:*

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- 1) Levinas: *Levinas Reader* (relevant sections), Blackwell, 1996.
- 2) Adrian T Peperzak: *An Introduction to the Philosophy of Emmanuel Levinas*, Purdue University Press, 1993.

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## 16. ISSUES IN AESTHETICS

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### Objectives of the Course

- ❖ To familiarise Students in the Nature and Scope of the Problems Discussed in Philosophical Aesthetics;
- ❖ To Enable Students to Develop Advanced Research Skills Such as the Exegesis of Primary Texts and the Competent Presentation (oral and written) of their own Work;
- ❖ To Ensure that Students are Conversant with the Range of Art Works to be Discussed in the Course.
- ❖ To Appreciate the Ways in which Central Philosophical Theories and Frameworks Apply to the Arts.

### Unit 1 Art as Representation, Intuition, Expression, and

### Amusement

1. Croce, Benedetto: Chapter 1-3, *Aesthetic, As Science of Expression and General Linguistic*, Trans. Douglas Ainslie, (1909)
2. Collingwood, R.G: Selections from *The Principles of Art*, Oxford, Clarendon, (1947) Plato, Book-III & Book-X of *The Republic*.

## Unit 2 Contemplation Versus Sensuousness/ Body

1. Kant, Immanuel: 'Analytic of the Beautiful' in *Critique of Judgement*, (1951).
2. Abhinavagupta: Selections from *Abhinavabharati*.
3. Schopenhauer: Selections from *World as Will and Representation*, (1969).
4. Nietzsche: 'Will to Power as Art' in *The Will to Power*, (1968).
5. Bharatha: Selections from *Natyasastra*.
6. Lyotard: Selections from *Discourse, Figure*. (1993).
7. Julia Kristeva: *Revolution in Poetic Language*, (1984).

## Unit 3 The Issue of the Relation Between Truth and Beauty in Art

1. Hegel: Selections from *Lectures on Aesthetics*.
2. Heidegger: *The Origin of Work of Art*.
3. " " : *Poetry, Language, Thought*.
4. Gadamar: Selections from *Truth and Method*.
5. Anandavardhan: Selections from *Dhvanyalokam*.
6. Derrida: Selections from *Of Grammatology* (1976).

## Unit 4 Art Morality and Society

1. Plato: Book 3, *The Republic*, Oxford University Press, 1981.
2. Tolstoy: Selections from *What is Art?*
3. Marcuse, Herbert: *Aesthetic Dimension*.
4. Adorno: Selections from *Aesthetic Theory*.
5. Cooper David E: *Aesthetics: The Classic readings*, Blackwell, 1977.
6. Hanfling Oswald (ed.): *Philosophical Aesthetics*, Blackwell, 1992.
7. Bowie, Andrew: *Aesthetics and Subjectivity: From Kant to Nietzsche*, Manchester University press 1990.
8. Osborne, Harold: *Theory of Beauty: An Introduction to Aesthetics*, Routledge, 1952.
9. Osborne, Harold: *Aesthetics*, Oxford 1972.
10. Croce, Benedetto: *Aesthetics, as the Science of Expression and General linguistic*, Rupa & Company, 1984.
11. Berys & Dominic Lopes: *The Routledge Companion to Aesthetic*, Routledge, 2000.
12. De, Sushil Kumar: *History of Sanskrit Poetics*, Calcutta, 1960.
13. Clive Cixoue (ed.): *Continental Aesthetics Reader*, Routledge, 2000.
14. David Carroll: *Paraesthetics*, Routledge, 1987.