

(PHD COURSEWORK SYLLABUS)

**WOMEN'S STUDIES CENTRE
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SYLLABI FOR PH.D. COURSEWORK

Course Code	Name of the Course	Credit
Course 1	Research Methodology and Techniques	4
Course 2	Feminist Thought	4
Course 3	Reviewing of published research work and presentation of synopsis	4
Course 4	Research publication ethics	4

**Course 1: Research Methodology and Techniques
Credit-4/ Marks- 100**

Module 1: Scientific Social Research

Unit 1: Social Research-Meaning, Objectives, Laws and Social Facts, Laws of Science in Social Research Validation and Falsification

Unit 2: Types of research designs, Sensing the problem, statement of problem, objective, hypothesis, research design; Research design vis-à-vis research methods. Is hypothesis essential for a research problem? Review of published literature- book review, literature review, systematic review, review articles

Module 2: Data Collection

Unit 1: Collection of quantitative data, sampling, structured questionnaires

Unit 2: Doing Qualitative Research, Questions of generalisability

Module 3: Data Analysis and Interpretation

Unit 1: Quantitative techniques Measures of central tendencies; Measures of dispersion; Sampling Parametric and non-parametric techniques to test hypotheses; Analysis of variance Correlation and regression

Unit 2: Qualitative techniques Developing coding frame; Searching for texts Content analysis

Unit 3: Computer applications- use of software for quantitative data analysis- SPSS

Module 4: Advanced Methods in Relation to Gender Studies

Unit 1: Instability of the Analytical Categories of Feminist Theory; Feminist Theory and Claims of Truth; Feminist Research Ethic

Unit 2: Key epistemological and methodological debates within women's studies; Feminist Objections to Scientific method in social research-Feminist Empiricism, Feminist Standpoint, Postmodernism

Unit 3: Feminist Methods- Ethnography, Oral History, Life Histories, Focus Group Discussions, Case Studies, In-Depth Interviews

Recommended Readings

1. Bama, Faustina, Sangati: Events, OUP, New Delhi, 2005.
2. Bardhan, Pranab and Isha Ray, (ed.) 2008, The Contested Commons: Conversations between Economists and Anthropologists, Wiley Blackwell.
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4. Mukherjee Chandan, Howard White, Marc Wuyts (2013): Econometrics and Data Analysis for Developing Countries, Routledge, UK.
5. Dasi, Binodini, My Story, My Life as an Actress, (ed.) and (tr.) 1998, Rimili Bhattacharya, Kali for Women, New Delhi.
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9. Gates, Henry Louis, Jr., (ed.) 1984, Black Literature and Literary Theory, Methuen, New York.
10. Gates, Henry Louis, The Signifying Monkey: A Theory of Afro-American Literary Criticism, OUP, New York, 1988.
11. Harding, Sandra, Feminism & Methodology, Indiana: Indiana University Press, 1987.
12. Matthews, Bob and Liz Ross, Research Methods: A practical guide for the social sciences, England: Pearson Education Limited, 2010.
13. Mikkilsen, B., Methods of Development Work & Research, London: Zed Books, 1993.
14. Mitchell, Juliet & Ann Oakley, What is Feminism?, Blackwell, U. 1989.
15. Oakley, P., et al, Projects with People, Geneva, 1991.
16. Pandey, D., Empowerment of Women: Participatory Action Research Approach, R CWS, 1995.
17. Perks, Robert and Alistair Thomson, eds., The Oral History Reader, Routledge, New York, 1998.
18. Randall, Margaret, Sandino's Daughters: Testimonios of Nicaraguan Women in Struggle, (ed.) 1981, LynaYanz, New Star Books, Toronto.
19. Roberts, Helen, Feminist Research, (ed.) 1988, Routledge&Kegan Paul London.
20. Sarkar, Tanika, Words to Win: The Making of Amar Jibon, A Modern Autobiography, Kali for Women, New Delhi, 1999.
21. Seale, Cleve (ed.) 2008, Social Research Methods- A Reader. London: Routledge. Sen, Manikuntala, Sediner Katha, NabapatraPrakashan, Kolkata, 1982.
22. Sen, Minakshi, Jailer BhetorJali: PagalbariParba, Spandan, Kolkata, 1993.
23. Sommer, Doris, "Not Just a Personal Story: Women's Testimonios and the Plural Self", in Bella Brodsk and Celeste Schenck, eds., Life/Lines: Theorizing Women's Autobiography, Cornell University Press, Ithaca, New York, 1988, pp. 107-30.
24. Spivak, GayatriChakravorty, 'A Literary Representation of the Subaltern: Mahasweta Devi's "Stanadayini"' in R. Guha(ed.) 1987, Subaltern Studies V, Oxford University Press, Delhi.
25. Stree Shakti Sanghatana, We Were Making History: Women and the Telengana Uprising, Zed Press, London, 1989.
26. Tharu, Susie and K. Lalitha, Women Writing in India, Vol I, OUP, Delhi, 1991.
27. Tharu, Susie and K. Latika, Women Writing in India, Vol II, OUP, Delhi, 1993.
28. Visweswaran, Kamala, Fictions of Feminist Ethnography, University of Minnesota Press, Minneapolis, 1994.

Course 2: Feminist Thoughts in India and the West Credit-4/ Marks- 100

Module 1: The First and the Second Waves of Feminism in the West

Unit 1: The First Wave-Enlightenment and Liberalism, Equal Liberty and Suffragate, Equal Rights

Unit 2: The Second Wave- Radical Feminism: Libertarian and cultural perspectives; Marxist and Socialist feminism

Unit 3: Psychoanalytic feminism; Existentialist feminism

Module 2: After the Second Wave

Unit 1: The Third wave- Questions of intersectionality

Unit 2: Black Feminism, Women of Colour feminisms in the world stage

Unit 3: Postfeminism

Module 3: Indian Perspectives on Feminist Theory

Unit 1: Theorising the women's question within the discourse of the 'New Patriarchy' during 19th century India; the intersection of caste, class and gender; The National Liberation Movement and the Second Wave of Feminism in India; development of feminist consciousness in post-independent India and the Third wave

Unit 2: The Rising Fourth Wave: Feminist Activism on Digital Platforms in India

Unit 3: Theorising patriarchy from Indian perspectives; Conceptual framework and methodological challenges in evaluating empowerment- liberal vis-à-vis liberating, individual vis-à-vis collective perspectives.

Module 4: Women and environment- Theories and Evidences from an IKS perspective

Unit 1: Roots of Ecofeminism from perspectives of ancient wisdom; Different approaches to Ecofeminism

Unit 2: Ecofeminism and its critique in India – Vandana Shiva, Maria Mies, Meera Nanda

Unit 3: Alternate Conceptions- Feminist Environmentalism by Bina Agarwal

RECOMMENDED READINGS:

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9. Parmar, P. (2021). *Feminist activism on digital platforms in India* (Doctoral dissertation, a thesis Submitted in partial fulfillment of the requirement of BA Journalism & Mass Communication program of Navrachana University during the year 2018-2021).
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11. John Stuart Mill, *The Subjection of Women*, Logic and feminist logic

12. Simone de Beauvoir, *The Second Sex*, (1949) trans. Constance Borde and ShielaMalovanyChevellier, Alfred Knopf, New York, 2010.
13. Sandra Harding, 'Rethinking Standpoint Epistemology', in *Feminism and Science*, ed. Evelyn Fox Keller and Helen Longino, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 1996.
14. Elizabeth Kiss, 'Justice', *A Companion to Feminist Philosophy*, ed. Alison M Jaggar and Iris Marion Young, Blackwell, Oxford, 1998.
15. Abraham, JC. (2016). Extending Gaventa: A Foucauldian Analysis of Power and Powerlessness. https://mds.marshall.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1908&context=asa_conference
16. Carr, E.S. (2003) 'Rethinking Empowerment Theory Using a Feminist Lens: The Importance of Process', *Affilia* 18.1, Spring: 8–20.
17. Sardenberg, Cecília M.B. 2008. Liberal vs. Liberating Empowerment: A Latin American Feminist Perspective on Conceptualising Women's Empowerment. IDS Bulletin Volume 39 Number 6 December 2008. <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1111/j.1759-5436.2008.tb00507.x>
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