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Students willing to get admission into the M.A. final year program in Philosophy are required to have B.A. (Hons.) degree in Philosophy. M.A. program has a duration of one academic year divided into two semesters. There are twenty five courses of which two courses will be offered from group A and one course each from group B and Group C in the 1st semester, and two courses will be offered from group A and one course each from group B and Group C in 2nd semester. The offered Courses will be decided by the Department.

1st Semester: 4 credits, 2nd Semester: 4 credits – 32 credits 1st and 2nd Semesters: 2 credits 2 credits Total 34 credits

1 st	Credit	2nd	Credit	Total	Total
Semester		semester		marks	Credit
400+25	16+1	400+25	16+1	850	34

Marks distribution for each four-credit course

Two mid-term tests of 15 marks each Class attendance and participation 5+5=10 marks

Semester final examination of 4 hour duration to be held at the end of the year 60 marks

Marks distribution for each one credit (1/4th unit) course

Tutorial (attendance and participation)	5 marks
Viva-voce	20 marks
Total	25 marks

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Syllabus for the M. A. Examinations of 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022

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503: Metaphysics 504: Post-modernism 505: Philosophical Logic

Group B (One course need to be taken)

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507: Philosophy of Law

508: Philosophy of Economics

509: Feminist Philosophy

Group C (One course need to be taken)

510: Philosophies of al-Ghazali and Ibn Rushd

511: Contemporary Muslim Thought

512: Sufism

M.A. Second Semester Group A (Two courses need to be taken)

513: Marxist Philosophy

514: Pragmatism and Humanism

515: Phenomenology and Existentialism

516: Philosophy of the Bangalee (Contemporary)

517: Philosophy of Technology

Group B (One course need to be taken)

518: Meta-ethics

519: Business Ethics

520: Practical Ethics

521: Medical Ethics

522: Administrative Ethics

Group C (One course need to be taken)

523: Buddhist Philosophy

524: Vedanta Philosophy

525: Contemporary Indian Thought

Detailed Course Outline M.A. First Semester Group A

Course 501: Philosophy of Language

Course Description

This is an advanced level course which deals with the nature of language and its role in philosophy, science and ordinary discourses. In this course students will study the theories of meaning (semantics and pragmatics), the relationship between the structure of language and the structure of the world. The focus will be on the salient features of artificial language philosophy (with emphasis on Frege, Russell, Wittgenstein's *Tractatus*, and Carnap) as well as of ordinary language philosophy (with emphasis on Wittgenstein's *Philosophical Investigations* and Austin's speech-act theory).

The course has two parts with two required texts. First part deals mainly with the theories of the nature, criterion and dimensions of meaning. And the required text is William P. Alston's *Philosophy of Language*. Second part will deal with Ludwig Wittgenstein's philosophy of language exclusively focusing on his *Philosophical Investigations*.

Texts:

- **1.** Alston, William P. *Philosophy of Language*, Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall, Inc., 1964.
- **2.** Wittgenstein, Ludwig. *Philosophical Investigations*, tr. by G. E. M. Anscombe, Oxford: Basil Blackwell, 1958.

- Austin, J.L. *How to Do Things with Words*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1962.
- Ayer, A.J., *Language, Truth and Logic*, New York: Dover Publications, Inc., 1952.
- Ayer, A.J. (ed.). *Logical Positivism*, Glencoe, Ill.: The Free Press, 1959.
- Chappell, V.C., (ed.), *Ordinary Language*, New Jersey: Englewood Cliffs, 1964.
- Carnap, R. *The Logical Syntax of Language*, London: Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1935.
- Davidson, Donald and G. Harmon (eds.), *The Logic of Grammar*, Encino, CA: Dickenson Publishing Company, 1975.
- ______, *Semantics of Natural Language*, Dordrecht, Holland: D. Reidel Publishing, 1972.
- Fodor, J.A. and J.J. Katz (eds.), *The Structure of Language*, New York: Prentice Hall, 1964.
- Frege, G. Selections from the Philosophical Writings of Gottlob Frege, trans. by, Max Black, 3rd ed., Oxford: Blackwell, 1980.
- Haque, Nayeema. Russell's Theory of Meaning: Semantic and Pragmatic Approaches, Germany: Lambert Academic Publishing, 2011.
- Grice, H. P. *Studies in the Way of the Words*, Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1989.
- Hospers, John. *An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis*, Bombay: Allied Publishers, 1975.
- Kripke, Saul. *Naming and Necessity*, Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 1980.

- Lee, Barry. (ed.), *Philosophy of Language: The Key Thinkers*, London: Continuum, 2011.
- Linskey, Leonard. *Semantics and the Philosophy of Language*, Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1952.
- Lycan, William G. *The Philosophy of Language: A Contemporary Introduction*, 2nd ed., New York: Routledge, 2008.
- Martinich, A. P. (ed.), *The Philosophy of Language*, New York: Oxford University Press, 1985.
- McGuinness, Brian. Wittgenstein: A Life, London: Penguin, 1990.
- Miller, Alexander. *Philosophy of Language*, 2nd ed., Oxford: Routledge, 2007.
- Morris, Michael. *An Introduction to the Philosophy of Language*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007.
- Nye, Andrea. (ed.), *Philosophy of Language: The Big Questions*, Malden, MA: Blackwell Publishing, 1998.
- Odell, S. Jack. *On the Philosophy of Language*, Belmont, CA: Thomson Wadsworth, 2006.
- Parkinson, G.H.R. (Ed.) *The Theory of Meaning*, London: Oxford University Press, 1968.
- Pitcher, George. *The Philosophy of Wittgenstein*, Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall, 1964.
- Russell, Bertrand. *Logic and Knowledge*, (ed.) R. Marsh, London: Allen & Unwin, 1956.
- Searle, John R. Speech Act: An Essay in the Philosophy of Language, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1969.
- Soames, Scott. *Philosophy of Language*, Princeton; Princeton University Press, 2010.
- Stainton, Robert J. *Philosophical Perspectives on Language*, Peterborough, Ont.: Broadview.

- Wittgenstein, Ludwig. Tractatus Logico-philosophicus, tr. by D. F. Pears & B. F. McGuinness, London: Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1961. বাংলা অনুবাদ : ড. এ. কে. এম. সালাহউদ্দিন, ট্রাক্টাটুস-লোগিকো-ফিলোসোফিকুস : যৌক্তিক-দার্শনিক নিবন্ধ, ঢাকা: গ্রন্থ কুটির, ২০১৫।
- বাসার আফজালুল (সম্পাদিত): ট্রাকটেটাস ও ভিটগেনস্টাইনের ভাষাচিন্তা, ঢাকা, দিব্য প্রকাশ. ২০০৩।
- _____, The Blue and Brown Books, Oxford: Basil Blackwell, 1969.

রহমান, এম. মতিউর, ভাষা দর্শন: শব্দার্থ ও বাক্যার্থ, ঢাকা: অবসর, ২০১৫। মুহিত, মোঃ আব্দুল, ভাষা দর্শন, ঢাকা: অবসর, ২০১২।

Course 502: Philosophies of Russell and Moore

Course Description

This is an advanced level text-based course focusing on the philosophies of Bertrand Russell and G.E. Moore. Two texts, with selected chapters, will be studied. The first one is the *Outline of Philosophy* (1927) by Bertrand Russell; the second one is *Some Main Problems of Philosophy* (1953) by G.E. Moore. Russell's later views on epistemology, philosophy of mind and ontology will mainly be dealt with. Moore's common-sense philosophy, his theories on the nature of sensedata and propositions, his criticisms of Berkeley's epistemological position and Hume's scepticism, different ways of knowing along with his realist interpretation of the nature of material things will mainly be focused on in this course.

Texts:

1. Russell, B., An Outline of Philosophy, London: Allen and Unwin, 1961. বাংলা অনুবাদ, আবদুল মতীন, দর্শনের রূপরেখা, ঢাকা : বাংলা একাডেমী, ১৯৮১।

2. Moore G.E., Some Main Problems of Philosophy, London: Allen and Unwin, 1953. বাংলা অনুবাদ, মো: আবদুর রশীদ, দর্শনের কতিপয় প্রধান সমস্যা, ঢাকা : বাংলা একাডেমী, ১৯৯৬।

Books Recommended

- Ayer, A.J., Russell and Moore: The Analytical Heritage, New York: Macmillan, 1971.
- Aiken, L.W., *Bertrand Russell's Philosophy of Morals*, New York: The Humanities Press, 1963.
- Haque, N., Russell's Theory of Meaning: Semantic and Pragmatic Approaches, Germany: Lambert Academic Publishing, 2011.
- Miah, Sajahan, *Russell's Theory of Perception*, London: Continuum International Publishing, 2006.
- Moore, G.E., *Lectures on Philosophy*, London: Allen & Unwin, 1966.
- _____, *Philosophical Papers*, London: Allen & Unwin, 1959.
- Russell, B., *An Inquiry into Meaning and Truth*, London: Allen & Unwin, 1966.
- ______, My Philosophical Development, London: Allen & Unwin, 1959.
- ______, Logic and Knowledge, R.C. Marsh (ed.), London: Allen, 1956.
- Schilpp, P.A. (ed.), *The Philosophy of Bertrand Russell*, Chicago: Northwestern University, 1944.
- _______, *The Philosophy of G.E. Moore*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1942.
- Urmson, J.O., *Philosophical Analysis: Its Development Between Two World Wars*, Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1966.

- White, A.R, G.E. Moore: A Critical Exposition, Oxford: Blackwell, 1958.
- Wood, A., Bertrand Russell: The Passionate Sceptic, London: Unwin, 1963.
- ইসলাম, আমিনুল, সমকালীন পাশ্চাত্য দর্শন, ৪র্থ সংক্ষরণ, ঢাকা: মাওলা ব্রাদার্স, ২০০১।
- _____, পাশ্চাত্য দর্শনের ইতিহাস: রুশো থেকে সমকাল, ঢাকা: মাওলা ব্রাদার্স, ২০০৯।

হামিদ, মো: আবদুল, বিশ্লেষণী দর্শন: জি.ই.ম্যুর, ঢাকা : অনন্যা, ২০০০।

Course 503: Metaphysics

Course Description

Metaphysics is the study of the most basic and general features of reality. This course is designed as an advanced introduction to some major topics in metaphysics. Some of the topics that will be discussed in this course include: Nature of metaphysics, metaphysical systems and metaphysical arguments, Relation of metaphysics to science, history and ethics, Is metaphysics worth pursuing? What sorts of things really exist? What is time? Do we have free will? Do universals exist? What is causation? What is personal identity?

Texts:

- **1.** Garrett, Brian. *What is this thing called metaphysics?* London: Routledge, 2006. (Selected chapters: chs. 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8)
- **2.** Pears, D. F. (Editor). *The Nature of Metaphysics*, London: Macmillan & Company, 1957. (Selected chapters: chs. 1 to 6)

Books Recommended

- Carroll, John W. and Ned Markosian. *An Introduction to Metaphysics*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010.
- Conee, Earl and Theodore Sider. *Riddles of Existence: A Guided Tour of Metaphysics*, New York: Oxford University Press, 2005.
- Gale, Richard M. (Ed.) *The Blackwell Guide to Metaphysics*, Oxford: Blackwell Publishers Ltd., 2002.
- Inwagen, Peter Van. *Metaphysics*, 3rd ed., Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 2009.
- Inwagen, Peter Van and Dean w. Zimmerman (Eds.) *Metaphysics: The Big Questions*, Malden, MA: Blackwell Publishers, 1998.
- Kim, Jaegwon, Ernest Sosa, and Gary S. Rosenkrantz (Eds.) *A Companion to Metaphysics*, 2nd ed., Malden, MA: Blackwell Publishing Ltd, 2009.
- Koons, Robert C. and Timothy H. Pickavance. *Metaphysics: The Fundamentals*, Malden, MA: Wiley Blackwell, 2015.
- Kutach, Douglas. Causation, Cambridge: Polity, 2014.
- Mumford, Stephen and Rani Lill Anjum. *Causation: A Very Short Introduction*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013.
- Loux, Michael J. *Metaphysics: A Contemporary Introduction*, 3rd ed., New York: Routledge, 2006.
- Pink, Thomas. Free Will: A Very Short Introduction, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2004.
- Sider, Theodore, John Hawthorne, and Dean W. Zimmerman (Eds.) *Contemporary Debates in Metaphysics*, Malden, MA: Blackwell Publishers, 2008.

- Taylor, A.E., *Elements of Metaphysics*, London: Methuen, 1927
- Tiles, Mary and Jim Tiles, An Introduction to Historical Epistemology, Oxford: Blackwell, 1993
- Zimmerman, Dean W. (Ed.) Oxford Studies in Metaphysics, vol. 1, New York: Oxford University Press, 2004.

Course 504: Post-modernism

Course Description

This course is a thorough introduction to the philosophical thought of Michel Foucault and Jacques Derrida, arguably the most distinctive philosophical voices in the second half of the twentieth century, who are labelled as important post-modern philosophers. Students will become familiar with the radical views of Foucault and Derrida and the challenge they present to ideals, explanatory views and ways of thinking about the self, society, history and the arts, which we have inherited from the Enlightenment. Within philosophy, the challenge is absorbed as a debate with current unquestioned (modern) views on metaphysics, epistemology, language, interpretation and aesthetics.

Texts:

- **1.** Foucault, Michel. *The Foucault reader*, edited by Paul Rabinow, New York: Pantheon Books, 1984.
- **2.** Derrida, Jacques and Geoffrey Bennington. *Jacques Derrida*, translated by Geoffrey Bennington, Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1993.

Books Recommended

Bertens, H., *The Idea of the Postmodern*, London: Routledge,1995.

- Cahoone, Lawrence E. (ed.), From Modernism to Postmodernism: An Anthology, Massachusetts: Blackwell, 1996.
- Callinicos, A., *Against Postmodernism: A Marxist Critique*, Cambridge: Polity Press, 1989.
- Connor, S., (ed.), *The Cambridge Companion to Postmodernism*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010.
- Delanty, G., Modernity and Postmodernity: Knowledge, Power and the Self, London: Sage, 2000.
- Dreyfus, H. and Hall, H. (eds.), *Heidegger: A Critical Reader*, Oxford: Blackwell, 1992.
- Foucault, M., *Beyond Postmodernism*. London: Routledge, 1994.
- _____, *The Order of Things*, London: Tavistock Publication, 1970.
- ______, *The Archeology of Knowledge*, London: Tavistock Publication, 1974
- Gore, A.E., *Postmodernism and the Environmental Crisis*, London: Routledge, 1995.
- Habermas, J., *The Philosophical Discourse of Modernity*, Cambridge: Polity Press, 1985.
- _____, Knowledge and Human Interests, London: Heineman, 1981.
- O'Neill, J., *The Poverty of Postmodernism*, London: Routledge, 1995.
- Powell, Jim, *Postmodernism for Beginners*, Hyderabad: Orient Longman, 1998.
- আইয়ুব. সালাহউদ্দিন, আধুনিকতা ও উত্তর-আধুনিকতা, ঢাকা: মওলা ব্রাদার্স, ১৯৯৭

ঘোষ , রতনতনু (সম্পাদিত), উত্তরাধুনিকতা, ঢাকা: কথাপ্রকাশ, ২০১০।
জাহাঙ্গীর, বোরহানউদ্দিন খান, আধুনিকতা ও উত্তর-আধুনিকতার অভিজ্ঞতা, ঢাকা :
আগামী প্রকাশনী, ১৯৯৭।
সালাহউদ্দিন, ড. এ.কে.এম., আধুনিকতা, ঢাকা: গ্রন্থকুটির, ২০১৪।

Course 505: Philosophical Logic

Course Content

This course consists of selected essays on philosophical logic which are given below:

G.W.F. Hegel – "Logic as Metaphysics"

- J. Dewey "The Application of Intelligence"
- B. Russell "The Principle of Induction"
- ______, "Aristotle's Logic"
 ______, "Logic as the Essence of Philosophy"
- A. Schaff "Marxist Dialectics and the principle of Contradiction"
- A. Pap "The Laws of Logic are Conventions"
- D. Hume "The Problem of Induction"
- J.S. Mill "The Science of Evidence"
- G. Frege "The Thought: A Logical Inquiry"
- M. Dummett "Truth"
- J.R. Searle "Proper Names"

- Austin, J.L., *How To Do Things With Words*, Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1961.
- Copi, I. M., & Gould, J.A., (ed.), *Readings on Logic*, 2nd ed., New York: Macmillan, 1972.
- Flew, A., Logic and Language, New York: Doubleday, 1965.

- Quine, W.V.O., *Philosophy of Logic*, New York: Prentice-Hall, 1970.
- Stebbing, L.S., *A Modern Introduction to Logic*, 2nd (ed.), London: Methuen, 1933.
- Strawson, P.F. (ed.), *Philosophical* Logic, London: Oxford University Press, 1967.
- ______, *Introduction to Logical Theory*, London: Methuen, 1963.
- _____, Logico-Linguistic Papers, London: Methuen, 1974.
- Suppes, P., *Introduction to Logic*, New York: Van Nostrand Reinhold, 1957.
- Wolfram, Sybil., *Philosophical Logic: An Introduction*, London: Routledge, 1994.
- মতীন, আবদুল, দার্শনিক যুক্তিবিদ্যা, অনূদিত রচনা-সংকলন, ঢাকা: বাংলা একাডেমী. ১৯৯৪।

Group B

Course 506: Contemporary Political Philosophy

Course Content

Group A

Contemporary Political Philosophy: Main features, analytical political Philosophy, normative political philosophy.

Rights: Nature of rights, rights and state, human rights, right to liberty and equality.

Justice: Nature of justice (political, social and economic justice),

Distributive justice: Nature and function of distributive justice, Marxian concept of justice, Rawls' theory of justice.

Democracy: Democracy as an ideal, arguments for and against democracy, liberal democracy, social democracy, socialist democracy.

Group B

Liberalism: Classical liberalism, Mill's liberalism, new liberalism.

Marxism: Marxist view of politics, Marxist theory of state, political philosophy of the Communist Manifesto.

Capitalism: Main features, political economy of capitalism, defects of capitalism, crisis of capitalism, imperialism as the highest stage of capitalism.

Socialism: Utopian socialism, scientific socialism, democratic socialism, liberal socialism.

Feminism and environmentalism as political movements.

- Afanasyev, V.G., *Marxist Philosophy*, Moscow: Progress Publishers, 1968.
- Attfield, R. and Wilkins, B. (ed.), *International Justice and the Third World*, London: Routledge, 1992.
- Bronner, Stephen Eric (ed.), *Twentieth Century Political Theory*, New York: Routledge, 1997.
- Cohen, M., Nagel, T., and T. Scanlon (eds.), *Marx, Justice and History*, Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1980.
- Engels, Friedrich, *Socialism: Utopian and Scientific*, Trans. by Edward Aveling, London: George Allen & Unwin, 1920.
- Garner, James Wilford, *Political Science and Government*, Calcutta: The World Press, 1951.

- Gettell, Raymond Garfield, *Political Science*, Calcutta: The World Press, 1961.
- Goodin, R.E. and P. Pettit, (ed.), *A Companion to Contemporary Political Philosophy*, Oxford: Blackwell Publishers, 1993.
- Groth, A. J., *Major Ideologies: An Interpretative Survey of Democracy, Socialism, and Nationalism,* New York: John Wiley, 1971.
- Harmon, M. Judd, *Political Philosophy: From Plato to the Present*, New York: McGraw Hill, 1964.
- Johari, J.C., *Contemporary Political Theory*, New Delhi: Sterling Publishers, 1987.
- Laslett, P. (ed.), *Philosophy, Politics and Society,* Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1959.
- Laslett, P. and W.G. Runciman (eds.), *Philosophy, Politics and Society*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1962.
- Marx, K., *The Manifesto of the Communist Party*, in Marx-Engels, *Selected Works in Three Volumes*, Moscow: Progress Publishers, 1968.
- Rashid, Haroon, *Normative Marxism: Making Sense of Jon Elster's Marx*, Dhaka: Jatiya Sahittya Prokash, 2007, Lap Lambert Academic Publishing, Berlin, Germany, 2017.
- Rawls, J., *A Theory of Justice*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1971.
- Roemer, J., (ed.), *Analytical Marxism*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1986.
- Skoble, Aeon J. and Tibor R. Machan, (eds.), *Political Philosophy: Essential Selections*, Delhi: Pearson Education and Dorling Kindersley Publishing, 2007.

- খান, আখতার সোবহান, *মার্কসবাদ ও ন্যায়পরতার ধারণা* , ঢাকা: বাংলা একাডেমী , ২০০৮।
- খান, গালিব আহসান, *আদর্শ রাষ্ট্রের পরিপ্রেক্ষিত ও সম্ভাবনার বাংলাদেশ*, ঢাকা: জাতীয় সাহিত্য প্রকাশ. ২০১২।
- গ্রাৎসিয়ানক্ষি, প.স., গ্রাফক্ষি, ভ.গ., দেয়েভ, ন.ন., মামুত, ল.স., মারতিশিন, ও.ভ., নেসেসিয়ানৎস, ভ.স., *রাজনৈতিক মতবাদের ইতিহাস*, ১ম ও ২য় খ[⇒], ননী ভৌমিক অনুদিত, ঢাকা: অবসর, ২০০৯।
- দাশ, প্রাণগোবিন্দ, রাষ্ট্রচিল্ডার ইতিবৃত্ত, কলকাতা: নিউ সেন্ট্রাল বুক, ২০০০। রশীদ, হারুন, *মার্কসীয় দর্শন*, ২য় সংক্ষরণ, ঢাকা: জাতীয় সাহিত্য প্রকাশ, ২০১৪।

Course 507: Philosophy of Law

Course Content

Problems of the definition of law: Lexical definition and deviant cases, pragmatic definitions

Structural problems, coercion and morality

Problems of legal reasoning, legislation and precedent

Descriptive and prescriptive theories

Methods of discovery and standards of appraisal

Criteria of evaluation: substantive law, procedural law Justice and morality

- Austin, J., *The Province of Jurisprudence Determined*, London: Weidenfeld and Nicolson, 1832.
- ______, Lectures on Jurisprudence, London: John Murray, 1920 Bentham, J., The Limits of Jurisprudence Defined, New York: 1945.
- ______, An Introduction to the Principles of Morals and Legislation, London: E. Wilson, 1823.

- Fuller, L., *The Morality of Law*, London: Yale University Press, 1969.
- Hart, H.L.A., *Law, Liberty and Morality*, London: Oxford University Press, 1968.
- _____, Causation in the Law, Oxford: Claredon Press, 1959.
- Jenks, C.W., Law, Freedom and Welfare, London: Stevens, 1963.
- Stone, J., *The Province and Function of Law*, Sydney: Maitland, 1950.

Course 508: Philosophy of Economics

Course Content

Philosophical issues in economics are divided into three broad categories, viz., (a) Foundational issues especially concerning the rationality of economic agents, (b) Methodological issues, and (c) Ethical issues. Emphasis will be given on questions concerning wellbeing and justice.

Foundational Issues & Rationality

Fundamental Principles: Scarcity, rationality, preferences, restrictions, opportunity cost, the economic principle (maximization or minimization), efficiency, marginal analysis, equilibrium.

Rational Choice Theory: Game theory, optimizing vs. satisficing debate, mixed-motive games & the case of the prisoner's dilemma, Tit for Tat & other strategies for generating & sustaining cooperation. Collective Choice – the Paradox of Voting, Arrow's Impossibility Theorem.

Methodological Issues

Nature of economic theories, models, and laws: realism vs. predictability— An examination of Milton Friedman's view.

Pitfalls of thinking about causality, correlation, & regression in economics: *Post Hoc Ergo Propter Hoc Fallacy*, *Ceteris Paribus Fallacy*, & Fallacy of Composition.

Moral Issues in Economics

Criteria for welfare judgments: The Positive-Normative Distinction in economics, Consumers' & Producers' Surplus, Pareto Optimality Criterion of welfare judgment, Kaldor criterion, Scitovsky Double Criterion, interpersonal comparability.

Some concepts about justice and the market system: Rights & freedom, justice & equality. Distributive, compensatory & retributive justice, substantive vs. procedural justice.

Justification of capitalism: Utilitarian argument – Adam Smith's invisible hand theory, Rights-based Argument – Nozick's Entitlement Theory. Criticism of Capitalism: Keynesian Argument Against Govt. Non-interventionism, Marxist Criticism of Free Markets.

Argument for the mixed economy. Rawls's egalitarian theory of justice: reducing injustice, Sen's view on justice. Market failure, externalities, & public goods.

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Course 509: Feminist Philosophy

Course Content

Gendered nature of philosophy: feminism, its origin and meaning, status of women in Pythagorean and Plato's philosophy.

Legal and political rights of women: Mary Wollstonecraft's defence of women, women and equality, Mill's philosophical view towards feminism, criticisms of Mill's view, Peter Singer's thoughts.

Categories of feminism: liberal, radical and socialist feminism.

Ecofeminism: environmentalism and philosophy, Plumwood and Warren's views of ecofeminism.

Feminist ethics: Gilligan's view, women's experiences and responsibilities, ethics of care, different ethical consciousness of women – various practices of caring relations, Wittgensteinian approach of understanding different perspectives of ethics of care.

Feminist epistemology: ideal of rationality, Cartesian method, essentialism and post-modernism, knowledge and emotion in feminist epistemology, subject and object, relativism considered.

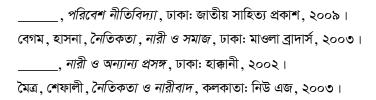
Gender and language, use of gender words, endorsement of society, meaning of gender, epistemological reflections.

Feminist position to philosophy of science: modern science as patriarchy's scheme, scientific/ philosophical reasoning, Kuhn's paradigm, feminist principle of nature.

Violence against women: rights of women, concept of violence vs. knowledge, CEDAW consulted, violence and oppression in third world and Bangladesh.

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Group C

Course 510: Philosophies of Al-Ghazali and Ibn Rushd Course Description

Students will be required to study the prescribed texts of al-Ghazali and Ibn Rushd which have been considered to be classical works in Muslim Philosophy for the last several centuries.

Texts:

- 1. Al-Ghazali, *Tahafut-al-Falasifa*, English tr. S.A. Kamali, Lahore: Pakistan Philosophical Congress, 1974. বাংলা অনুবাদ, মুহম্মদ আদমুদ্দীন, তাহাফাতুল ফালাসিফা, ঢাকা: ইসলামী ফাউন্ডেশন, ১৯৮০।
- **2.** Ibn Rushd, *Tahafut-al-Tahafut*, English tr. Simon Van den Bergh, London, 1954.

- Fakhry, M., *A History of Islamic Philosophy*, New York: Colombia University Press, 1970.
- Mustafa, K., *Al-Ghazali's Theory of Knowledge*, Dhaka: Ramon Publishers, 2003.
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- হালিম, মো. আবদুল, মুসলিম দর্শন: চেতনা ও প্রবাহ, ২য় সংক্ষরণ, ঢাকা: দিব্য প্রকাশ, ২০০২।
- বারী, মো. আবদুল, মুসলিম দর্শন, ঢাকা : হাসান বুক হাউস, ২০০৬।

Course 511: Contemporary Muslim Thought

Course Content

The students are expected to be familiar with the main trends of Muslim thought in the Muslim countries as well as in other parts of the world since the later part of nineteenth century. Special emphasis will be given on the study of the following thinkers: Jamaluddin Afghani, Sir Sayyid Ahmad Khan, Allama Iqbal, Allama Azad Subhani, Rashid Rigas, Amin Ahmad Islahi, Ali Shariati, Sayyid Qutub, Allamah Muhibullah Bihari, Sulayman Nadwi, Sayyid Abul Hasan Ali Nadwi, Ustaz Asha'ri of Kualalumpur, Seyyed Husain Nasr.

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- ______, *The Oxford History of Islam*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1999.
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- Fakhry, Majid, *A History of Islamic Philosophy*, New York: Columbia University Press, 1970.

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- ______, Faith versus Materialism, Lucknow: Academy of Islamic Research, 1973.

- Quasem, M.A., Salvation of the Soul and the Islamic Acts of Devotion, 3rd ed., Dhaka: Research Publications, 2011.
- Shariati, A., (ed.), *A History of Muslim Philosophy*, 2 vols., India: Low Price Publications, 1989.
- Sharif, M. M., *About Iqbal and His Thought*, Lahore: Institute of Islamic Culture, 1964.
- Turner, Bryan S., *Islam: Critical Concepts in Sociology*, London: Routledge, 2003.
- Vahid, Syed Abdul, *Thoughts and Reflections of Iqbal*, Lahore: Sh. Muhammad Ashraf, 1964.
- Wali Allah, Shah, *The Conclusive Argument from God: Shah Wali Allah of Delhi's Hujjat al-Baligha*, Trans. by Marcia K Hermansen, New Delhi: Kitab Bhavan, 2005.
- আল্লামা আজাদ সুবহানী, বিপ্লবী নবী, অনুবাদক মুজিবুর রহমান, ঢাকা: আহমেদ পাবলিশিং হাউস, চৈত্র ১৩৮২।
- ইসলামিক ফাউন্ডেশন বাংলাদেশ, ইসলামী বিশ্বকোষ, পঁচিশ খ²², ঢাকা: ইসলামিক ফাউন্ডেশন বাংলাদেশ, ১৯৮৬-১৯৯৬।

Course 512: Sufism

Course Content

Students will be required to acquire in-depth knowledge of the following topics: Nature, scope and aims of Sufism; origin of Sufism; relation of Sufism to the Islamic Shariah; historical development of Sufism from the beginning to the present day with special reference to different sufi orders. Doctrines and the practices of the great Sufis: medieval, modern and contemporary. Sufism and morality; Sufism and global peace.

Books Recommended

Afifi, A.E., *The Mystical Philosophy of Muhyid Din Ibnul Arabi*, Lahore: 1979.

- Hakim, K.A., *The Metaphysics of Rumi*, Lahore: Institute of Islamic Culture, 1977.
- Iqbal, M., *The Development of Metaphysics in Persia*, Lahore: 1908.
- Mustafa, K., *Al-Ghazali's Theory of Knowledge*, Dhaka: Ramon Publishers, 2003.
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- _____, *Al-Ghazali on Islamic Guidance*, Malaysia: Dr. M.A. Quasem, 1979.
- ______, The Jewels of the Qur'an: Al-Ghazalis Theory, Malaysia: The University of Malaya Press, 1977.
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- আন্ওয়ারউল্লাহ, মুফতী মাওলানা মুহাম্মদ (সংকলিত), আল- কোরআন ও হাদীসের আলোকে আউলিয়ায়ে কেরাম, ঢাকা: ঢাকা আহ্ছানিয়া মিশন, ২০০৫।
- আহ্ছানউল্লা, খানবাহাদুর ছুফী, ৭ম সংক্ষরণ, ঢাকা: ঢাকা আহ্ছানিয়া মিশন, ১৯৯৬। ইসলাম, আমিনুল, মুসলিম ধর্মতন্ত্র ও দর্শন, ঢাকা: বাংলা একাডেমী, ১৯৮৫।

ফারুক, সাইয়েদ শাহ মোহাম্মদ, গুল দাস্ট্রায়ে আরেফীন, বাংলা অনুবাদ, আবু মাসউদ নূরুল করিম, ঢাকা: খানকায়ে আবুল উলায়ী, ২০০২। রহমান, চৌধুরী শামসুর, সুফিদর্শন, ঢাকা: দিব্য প্রকাশ, ২০০২।

M.A. Second Semester Group A

Course 513: Marxist Philosophy

Course Content

Group A

Marxist view of the origin and nature of philosophy: Marxism and traditional philosophy, fundamental problem of philosophy, idealism versus materialism, Marxism as philosophy of practice, Marxism and science.

Emergence of Marxism: Three sources and three aspects of Marxism, critique of classical German philosophy.

Dialectical materialism: Main features and basic laws of dialectical materialism.

Marxist epistemology: Critique of traditional epistemology, subjectivity and objectivity in knowledge, the role of practice in knowledge, conceptual and perceptual knowledge, knowledge and truth.

Dialectical logic: Marxism and traditional logic, Hegel's dialectical logic, Marx's materialistic dialectical logic, dialectical logic versus formal logic.

Group B

Marxist materialism: Materialistic conception of history, base and superstructure, economic determinism.

Class-concept: Class philosophy, law of class struggle, philosophy of social revolution.

Economic philosophy: Theory of surplus value, surplus value and exploitation, principle of distribution.

Philosophical anthropology: Marxist concept of human nature, problem of alienation, concept of morality, Marxist humanism.

Recent trends: Western Marxism, Analytical Marxism, Normative Marxism.

- Afanasyev, *Marxist Philosophy*, Moscow: Progress Publishers, 1980.
- Althusser, L., For Marx, New York: Vintage Books, 1970.
- Bottomore, T.B. (ed.), *Karl Marx : Early Writings*, London: Watts, 1963.
- Engels, F., *Anti-Dühring*, Peking: Foreign Languages Press, 1976.
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- Lichtheim G., *Marxism: An Historical and Critical Study*, New York: Columbia University Press, 1982.
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- Popper, K., *The Open Society and its Enemies*, London: Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1962.
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- ইসলাম, আমিনুল, সমকালীন পাশ্চাত্য দর্শন, ৪র্থ সংক্ষরণ, ঢাকা: মাওলা ব্রাদার্স, ২০০১।
- খান, আখতার সোবহান, *মার্কসবাদ ও ন্যায়পরতার ধারণা*, ঢাকা : বাঙলা এতাডেমি, ২০০৮।
- রশীদ, হারুন, মার্কসীয় দর্শন, ২য় সংক্ষরণ, ঢাকা: জাতীয় সাহিত্য প্রকাশ, ২০১৪।
- রহমান, ড. এম. মতিউর (সম্পাদিত), *মার্কসীয় দর্শন: মানুষ ও সমাজ*, ১ম খ^{্রু}, ঢাকা: অবসর, ১ম প্রকাশ, ২০১৪।
- _____, *মার্কসীয় দর্শন: মানুষ ও সমাজ* , ২য় খ[⇒] , ঢাকা: অবসর , ১ম প্রকাশ , ২০১৪। , *মার্কসীয় দর্শন: মানুষ ও সমাজ* , ৩য় খ[⇒] , ঢাকা: অবসর , ১ম প্রকাশ , ২০১৪।

Course 514: Pragmatism and Humanism

Course Description

The purpose of the course is to make the students acquainted with some salient features of Pragmatism and Humanism. Discussion will be based on the texts prescribed.

Texts:

- **1.** William James, *Pragmatism*, New York: Longmans, 1907.
- **2**. F.C.S. Schiller, *Studies in Humanism*, London: Macmillan, 1907.

- Buchler, J., *The Philosophy of Peirce*, London: Routledge, 1956.
- Dewey, J., *Reconstruction in Philosophy*, New York: The New American Library, 1955.
- _____, Philosophy and Civilization, New York: Minton, 1931.
- Gallie, W.B., *Peirce and Pragmatism*, New York: Penguin, 1952.
- James, W., Meaning of Truth, London: Longmans, 1909.
- Ruben, Abel, *The Pragmatic Humanism of F.C.S Schiller*, New York, 1955.
- Scheffler, I., Four Pragmatists: A Critical Introduction to Peirce, James, Mead, and Dewey, London: Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1974.
- Schiller, F.C.S., *Humanism: Philosophical Essays*, London: Macmillan, 1903.
- Wiener, P.P. & Young, F.H. (eds.), *Studies in the Philosophy of Charles Sanders Peirce*, Cambridge: Mass, 1952.

- ইসলাম, আমিনুল, সমকালীন পাশ্চাত্য দর্শন, ৪র্থ সংক্ষরণ, ঢাকা: মাওলা ব্রাদার্স, ২০০১।
- _____, পাশ্চাত্য দর্শনের ইতিহাস: রুশো থেকে সমকাল, ঢাকা: মাওলা ব্রাদার্স, ২০০৯।
- ইসলাম, নজরুল, *আমেরিকান প্রয়োগবাদ, পার্স, জেমস ও ডিউই*, ঢাকা: সাহিত্যিকা, ২০০৬।

Course 515: Phenomenology and Existentialism

Course Description

This course will have two parts, one concentrating on phenomenology and the other on existentialism. The first part itself will have two approaches dealing with phenomenology proper and existential phenomenology. This approach is intended for giving the students a comprehensive idea of the nature, origin and development of phenomenology. The study will particularly focus on how some existentialists (Heidegger, Sartre, Marleau Ponty) have developed their thoughts out of Husserl's phenomenological method. In the second part the study will be devoted to existentialism with reference to some major thinkers, namely, Kierkegaard, Heidegger, Jaspers and Sartre.

Texts:

- **1.** Husserl, E., *Ideas*, Tr. by W.R. Bayee, Gibson, New York: Collier Books, 1931.
- **2.** Sartre, J.P., *Being and Nothingness*, New York: Washington Square Press, 1971.

Books Recommended

Heidegger, M., *Existence and Being*, London: Vision Press, 1949.

- Horkheimer, Max & Theodor W. Adorno, *Dialectic of Enlightenment: Philosophical Fragments*, Ed. by Gunzelin Schmid Noerr, trans. by Edmund Jephcott, Redwood City, CA: Stanford University Press, 2007.
- Husserl, E., The Idea of Phenomenology, The Hague, 1964.
- _____, *Ideas*, Tr. by W.R. Bayee, Gibson, New York: Collier Books, 1931. বাঙলা অনুবাদ, ড. পরিতোষ দাশ, দা আইডিয়াস, ঢাকা: বাঙলা একাডেমি, ২০১৩।
- Jaspers, K., *Philosophy*, 2 vols., Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1969.
- Jay, Martin., The Dialectical Imagination: A History of the Frankfurt School and the Institute of Social Research, 1923-1950, California: University of California Press, 1996.
- Kierkegaard, S., *The Concept of Dread*, Princeton: Princeton University Press 1944.
- _____, Either/Or, London: Oxford University Press, 1946.
- King, M., *Heidegger's Philosophy*, Oxford: Basil Blackwell, 1964.
- May, Todd. (Ed.), *Twentieth Century Continental Philosophy*, New Jersey: Prentice-Hall, 1997.
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- ______, Existentialism and Humanism, London: Methuen, 1970.
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- ইসলাম, আমিনুল, সমকালীন পাশ্চাত্য দর্শন, ৪র্থ সংক্ষরণ, ঢাকা: মাওলা ব্রাদার্স, ২০০১।
- চাকমা, নীরুকুমার, অন্দিতৃত্বাদ ও ব্যক্তিস্বাধীনতা, ঢাকা: বাংলা একাডেমী, ২য় পুনর্মুদ্রণ, ২০১১।
- দাশ, ড. পরিতোষ, *হুসার্লের প্রতিভাস বিজ্ঞান*, সৃষ্টি পাবলিকেশন, ঢাকা, ২০১৯।

Course 516: Philosophy of the Bangalee (Contemporary)

Course Content

Modern and contemporary philosophical trends in Bangalee philosophical thoughts. Bengal renaissance, Rammohun Roy, Akshoy Kumar Dutta, Derozio and Young Bengal; Devendranath Tagore, Keshubchandra Sen, Isvarchandra Vidyasagar, Bankimchandra Chattopaddhaya, Swami Vivekananda, Sri Aurovindo, Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain, Rabindranath Tagore, Ramendra Sundar Trivedi and Manobendranath Roy.

Recent trends in Bangla philosophy – Buddhir Mukti Andolan – Kazi Abdul Odud, Syed Abul Hussain, Kazi Mutaher Hossain, Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah, Kazi Nazrul Islam, Muhammad Shahidullah, Muhammad Barkatullah, Abul Hashim, Govinda Chandra Dev, Araj Ali Matubbar, Dewan Muhammad Azraf and Mahanambrata Brahmachari.

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Course 517: Philosophy of Technology

Course Description

The goal of this course is to engage participants with the nature of philosophy of technology and technological impacts on human life, society and environment. The course will examine philosophical issues involving technology, and will address the following topics:

Course Content

Technology: Its nature and history
Philosophy and technology
History of the philosophy of technology
Relation between science and technology
Artifacts and natural things
Epistemology and technology
Technological determinism
Environment and technology
Technology and future of human being
Technology and ethics
Technology and aesthetics

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Group B

Course 518: Meta-ethics

Text: Hudson, W. D., *Modern Moral Philosophy*, London: Macmillan, 1970.

Selected topics

Moral discourse and moral philosophy: An example of moral discourse. Is there a connection between moral philosophy and first order moral discourse?

Moore and the rejection of ethical naturalism

The emotivist theory: A.J. Ayer and C. L. Stevenson.

Prescriptivism: R.M. Hare

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Course 519: Business Ethics

Course Content

An overview of ethics related to business; Personal morality, professional morality and common morality; Business ethics as an interdisciplinary area of study; Different positions regarding the relation between business and ethics; Moral versus nonmoral standard; Rights of employees; Rights of employers; Rights of consumers; Free markets, rights and justice; Trade secrets and conflict of interest; Whistle blowing; Marketing, safety; and product Professions advertising professionalism; Job discrimination and affirmative action; Leadership and strategy; Corporate social responsibility; Corporate citizenship; Corporate governance; Corporate responsibility and the environment; Impediments to responsibility; Globalization; Ethics and international business.

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Course 520: Practical Ethics

Course Description

This course seeks to provide the students with a comprehensive knowledge of the most pressing practical ethical questions which comprise abortion, euthanasia, animal rights, genetic testing, climate change, cloning, civil disobedience, terrorism and the like. It is a text-based course focusing on the practical and living moral issues. The required text is Peter Singer's *Practical Ethics*.

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521: Medical Ethics

Course Content

- **1.** Critical thinking in medicine and its ethics the role of ethics in medical practice the negligence of critical thinking in medical practice inattention to ethical and humanistic career elements of moral reasoning in medical encounter.
- **2. Four principles of medical ethics** nonmaleficence, beneficence, autonomy, and justice; evaluation of the factual claims and judgments in treatment moral issues and conflicts utilitarianism vs. deontological approach.
- **3. Patients' right to privacy** facts about one's body and self the confidentiality of patient's facts privacy rights vs. property rights privacy and human relationship me and others private selves and private language argument self and person patient's confidentiality and physician's responsibility philosophical justification of medical confidentiality.
- **4. Health and disease** definition of health the pursuit of health defining illness distinction between disease and illness mental health and social responsibility.
- **5. Marketing bodily parts** demand for bodily organ Kantian view of duties to the self mind-body problem selling the organs Ram Harre's alternative arguments individual and collective ownership.
- **6. Defining death** philosophical arguments for the conception of death relation between death and property the indetermination and determination of death life-support and life-saving treatment death-behaviour the moment of death : *discovered or decided*; brain death medical policy.

- **7. The allocation of medical resources** scarcity of resources two problems: economic and ethical macro-allocation and micro-allocation -- Scarce Live-Saving Medical Resources (SLMR) medical criteria for selection social justice equal access to health social group's collective interest common good of distinct individuals health-care system equality and rights in medical care exotic medical life-saving therapy the values of random selection.
- **8. Human experimentation** therapeutic and non-therapeutic experimentation philosophical reflections on human experimentation modern design of human experimentation ethical design of human experimentation problem of informed consent ethics of consent experimentation with children and fetuses legal consideration moral justification.
- **9. Genetics and reproductive technologies** genetic testing and screening in vitro fertilization, cloning, and genetic intervention; the meaning and significance of genetic disease ethical issues in screening for genetic disease the ethics of genetic control difficulties of genetic engineering.

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- Veatch, Robert M. (ed.), *Medical Ethics*, 2nd ed., UK, MA: Jones & Barlett Publishers, 1989.
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Course 522: Administrative Ethics

Course Content

Nature and necessity of ethics in human life. Two basic types of ethics, viz., teleological ethics and deontological ethics.

Administrative ethics—nature and necessity.

Organizational structure, social values and individual ethics.

Ethics management and public organizations: what, why and how?

Administrative ethics and professionalism.

Public ethics, administration and policy.

Governmental ethics and organizational culture.

Military ethics.

Administrative ethics in China.

Administrative ethics in African society: the case of Zimbabwe.

A comparative study of administrative ethics in Canada, France, UK and USA.

A review lecture on the whole course content.

Books Recommended

- Bowman, J.S. and D.C. Menzel, *Teaching Ethics and Values in Public Administration Programs*, Albany: State University of New York, 1998.
- Brown, J. and M. Collins, (eds.), *Military Ethics and Professionalism*, Washington, DC: National Defence University Press, 1981.
- Chapman, A.A., (ed.), *Ethics in Public Service*, Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 1993.
- Cooper, T.L. (ed.), *Handbook of Administrative Ethics*, New York: Marcel Dekker Inc., 2001.
- Fredrickson, H.G., (ed.), *Ethics and Public Administration*, Armonk, New York: M.E. Sharpe, 1993.
- French, P.A., *Ethics in Government*, NJ, Englewood Cliffs: Prentice-Hall, 1983.
- Mertins, H., (ed.), *Professional Standards and Ethics: A Workbook for Public Administration*, Washington DC: American Society for Public Administration, 1979.

Group C

Course 523: Buddhist Philosophy

Course Content

The course aims at giving the students deep knowledge of Buddhist philosophy with special reference to the following topics:

Schools of Buddhism; Buddhism and other schools of Indian philosophy.

Buddha's philosophy of suffering and the philosophy of suffering in the East and in the West; Buddha's doctrine of not-self from the Western perspective; A comparative study of the doctrine of Nirvana, on the one hand, and Moksa, Fana, Najat and Salvation, on the other.

Buddhist doctrine of causation with reference to Hume and others

Buddhist logic, epistemology and theory of truth

The Sarvastivadin, the Vaibhasika and the Sautrantika realism; Yogacara dualism and its refutation by Sankara: a comparison with Russell and Moore's critique of idealism; Madhyamika dialectic with reference to Advaita and Western dialectics; Madhyamika Sunyavada and the Western concept of relativity

Buddhism and the perspective of logical positivism, Existentialism and Pragmatism.

Buddhism and the Western critics.

- Chakma, N.K., *Buddhism in Bangladesh and Other Papers*, Dhaka: Abosar Prakashani, 2007.
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- Quasem, M.A., Salvation of the Soul and Islamic Devotions, London: Kegan Paul International, 1983.
- Radhakrishnan, S., *Indian Philosophy*, 2 Vols. Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1997.
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- Varma, V.P., *Early Buddhism and its Origin*, India: Munshiram Mohoharled Publication, 1973.
- চাকমা, নীরুকুমার, বুদ্ধ, তাঁর ধর্ম ও দর্শন, ঢাকা : অবসর প্রকাশনী, ২০০৭।
- বড়ুয়া, দিলীপ কুমার, ও সুমন কান্ডি বড়ুয়া, কীর্তিমান বৌদ্ধ সাহিত্যিক ও দার্শনিক, ঢাকা: পালি এন্ড বুদ্ধিস্ট স্টাডিজ বিভাগ, ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়, ২০০৮।
- রহমান, এম. মতিউর রহমান (সম্পা.), বৌদ্ধদর্শন : তত্ত্ব ও যুক্তি, ১ম খ², ঢাকা: জাতীয় সাহিত্য প্রকাশ. ২০১৩।
- রহমান, এম. মতিউর রহমান (সম্পা.), বৌদ্ধদর্শন : তত্ত্ব ও যুক্তি, ২য় খ², ঢাকা: জাতীয় সাহিত্য প্রকাশ, ২০১৩।

Course 524: Vedanta Philosophy

Course Content

Students are required to acquire a deep knowledge of Vedanta Philosophy with special reference to the following topics:

Origin, development and different schools of Vedanta. Doctrine of Maya and the origin and nature of Vedantic Mayavada; Madyamika Sunyavada, Jaina Syadvada and Einstein's theory of relativity.

Theory of causation. Theory of self. Vedantic view of the world; a comparative study of Gaudapada, Sankara, Ramanuja, Nimbarka, Madhva and Vallabha. Vedantic view of the Absolute and a comparative study of Sankara's Brahmavada and the idealism of Hegel, Green and Bradley.

Sankara's refutation of Yogacara idealism and a comparative study of Sankara, G.E. Moore and Bertrand Russell on the refutation of idealism.

Theory of knowledge, truth and error. Dialectics of Sankara and a comparative study of the dialectics of Nagarjuna, Sankara, Kant and Bradley.

Vedantic theory of liberation and a comparative study of Moksa, Nirvana, Fana and Salvation.

Vedanta in the light of different religions of the world. The place of Vendanta for the modern man.

- Beidler W., *The Vision of Self in Early Vedanta*, Delhi: Motilal Banarsidaas, 1975.
- Chari, S.M., Srinivasa, *Advaita and Visistatadvaita : A Study on Vadanta Deshika's Satadusani*, 2nd ed., Delhi: Motilal Banarsidas, 1976.
- Das, R., *An Introduction to Sankara*, Calcutta: Sanskrita Sahitya Bhandar, 1968.
- Datta, D.M., The Six Ways of Knowing: A Critical Study of the Advaita Theory of Knowledge, Calcutta, 1972.
- Dev. G.C., *Idealism and Progress*, Calcutta, 1952. বাংলা অনুবাদ, হোসনে আরা আলম, ভাববাদ ও প্রগতি, ঢাকা: বাংলা একাডেমী, ১৯৯৩।

- Islam, K.N., *A Critique of Sankara's Philosophy of Appearance*, Allahabad: Vohra Publishers, 1988.
- Radhakrishnan, S., *Indian Philosophy*, 2 Vols., New York: Macmillan, 1962.
- Sharma, B.N.K., *Philosophy of Sri Madhvacarya*, Delhi: Motilal Banarsidas, 1962.
- রহমান, এম. মতিউর, ভারতীয় দর্শন ও সংস্কৃতি, ২য় সংস্করণ, ঢাকা: জাতীয় সাহিত্য প্রকাশ. ২০১২।
- শান্ত্রী, আশুতোষ ভট্টাচার্য, বেদান্ড় দর্শন : অদৈতবাদ, দুই খ[া], কলিকাতা, ১৯৪২।

Course 525: Contemporary Indian Thought

Course Description

This course is intended to give students a general knowledge of the contemporary philosophical development in India. The topics will include: the nature of reality, the concept of the self, theory of knowledge, the concept of liberation, philosophy of religion, social philosophy, political philosophy, philosophy of education, moral philosophy and philosophy of life.

Course Content

Special emphasis will be given on the following thinkers: Balgangadhar Tilak, Swami Vivekananda, Mahatma Gandhi, Aurobindo Ghose, K.C. Bhattacaryya and Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, Rabindranath Tagore, Sitanath Datta Tattvabhusan, Shivanth Shastri, Bipinchandra Pal.

- Arapura, J.G., *Radhakrishnan and Integral Experience*, Bombay: Asia Publish House, 1966.
- Aurobindo, Sri, The Life Divine, New York: Pandichari, 1949.
- Das, Chandra Mohan, *The Philosophy of Rabindranath Tagore*, New Delhi: Deep & Deep Publications, 1996.

- Datta, Dhirendra Mohan, *The Chief Currents of Contemporary Philosophy*, Calcutta: Calcutta University Press, 1970.
- Mahadevan, T.M.P. and G.V. Saroj, *Contemporary Indian Philosophy*, New Delhi: Sterling Publication, 1985.
- Muirhead, J.H. and S. Radhakrishnan, (eds.), *Contemporary Indian Philosophy*, London: Allen and Unwin, 1958.
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- Tagore, R., Personality, London: Macmillan, 1918.
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- Wolpert, Stanley A., *Tilak and Gokhale: Revolution and Reform in the Making of Modern India*, Berkeley: University of California Press, 1962.
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- সদাত্মানন্দ, স্বামী ও স্বামী প্রজ্ঞানানন্দ (সম্পাদিত), স্বামী বিবেকানন্দ স্মারক গ্রন্থ, কলিকাতা: শ্রীরামকৃষ্ণ বেদান্দ্ মঠ, ১৯৬৪।