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SYLLABUS OF M.PHIL IN LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAMME
Implemented from Academic Year 2009-10.

- **Scope and Purpose:**

The Centre for Latin American Studies at Goa University conducts India's largest university based programme devoted exclusively to the study of Latin American and the Caribbean countries, combining research, teaching, publishing and public extension activities. The Centre is funded by the UGC under the UGC Area Studies programme. The M.Phil in Latin American Studies is a one-year research based programme, endeavouring to expose students to the wide horizon of information, comprehension and knowledge on Latin America and the Caribbean. The students are imparted knowledge on politics-economics-foreign policy-society-cultural and other aspects of the Latin American and Caribbean studies.

- **Prerequisites:**

Candidates, who have passed their M.A. Examination in the faculty concerned of the University or an examination in any other recognized University recognized as equivalent thereto may seek admission to the M.Phil Programme. The candidate must have at least a second class with B+ grade. Students have to opt for a mandatory Entrance Test to seek admission to the programme

- **Course Distribution:**

The First Semester, students have to complete One (01) Compulsory Course (integral component of the Programme's Curriculum), and Two (02) Optional Courses, thereby, totaling Three (03) Courses, in the First Semester. In the Second Semester the Students have to write a Dissertation on the theme/topic of their choice on Latin America and the Caribbean in consultation with the Guide/Supervisor. Studies and research work undertaken can be of comparative nature as well, with other countries including India.

- **Dissertation:**

Through the course of the Programme, students also interface with the dynamics and mechanics of 'critical research,' yet, learning the ropes at interrogating issues, from an erudite standpoint, courtesy the option of a Dissertation component. Students also receive a first-hand training in conducting a research and learning the techniques and methodologies incorporated in it.

- **Field Work:**

Fieldwork by students is encouraged to scour, for primary and secondary sources across Libraries and Resource-Sections around the country and interviewing policy-practitioners and eminent resource-persons, with domain expertise. Students are encouraged to discuss and receive feedback on their work in progress.

CENTRE FOR LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES

M.PHIL. (LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES) LIST OF COURSES

COURSE CODE, COURSE NAME AND PAGE NUMBERS

Compulsory Courses

| SL. NO. | COURSE NUMBER | COURSE NAME | PAGE NUMBERS | MAXIMUM MARKS |
|----------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1. | CLAS I | <u>Research Methodology</u> | 3 | 100 |

Optional Courses

| SL. NO. | COURSE NUMBER | COURSE NUMBER AND NAME | PAGE NUMBER | MAXIMUM MARKS |
|----------------|----------------------|--|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1. | CLAS II | <u>History of Latin American and the Caribbean</u> | 4 | 100 |
| 2. | CLAS III | <u>Government and Politics in Latin America</u> | 5 | 100 |
| 3. | CLAS IV | <u>Contemporary Economic Problems of Latin America</u> | 6 | 100 |
| 4. | CLAS V | <u>Spanish</u> | 7 | 100 |
| 5. | CLAS VI | <u>India and Latin America</u> | 8-9 | 100 |
| 6. | CLAS VII | <u>Language and Culture of Brazil</u> | 10-11 | 100 |
| 7. | CLAS VIII | <u>Latin American and the Caribbean in Global Affairs</u> | 12-13 | 100 |
| 8. | CLAS IX | <u>Theories of International Studies</u> | 14-15 | 100 |
| 10. | CLAS X | <u>Inter-American Relations</u> | 16 | 100 |

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| Course | : M. Phil. (Compulsory) |
| Course No. | : CLAS I |
| Course Title | : Research Methodology |
| Maximum Marks | : 100 |

1. **Nature and scope of research in Latin America and the Caribbean;**
2. **Traditions in research;** Methodological concepts and terms; Problem selection; Hypotheses formation and testing;
3. **Facts and data;** Types of data; techniques of data collection- Observation method, interview method, Survey method, Experiment method,
4. **Descriptive summarisation of data;** levels and units of analysts, content analysis, Graphic presentation of data.
5. **Computer and quantitative research; Use of Library facilities** – preparing foot notes and bibliography.

Reading List:

- Goode, William J. and Paul K. Hatt, *Methods in Social Research* (Tokyo: McGraw-Hill-Koga Kusha Ltd., 1982).
- Lantis, Jeffrey S., Kuzma, Lynn M. and John Boehrer, *The New International Studies Classroom* (Boulder, Co.: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2000).
- Simon, Julian L. and Paul Burstern, *Basic Research Methods in Social Sciences* (New York: Random House, 1985)
- Roger, G. Clare, ed., *The Research Relationship: Practice and Politics in Social Policy Research* (London, Allen & Unwin, 1987)
- Gupta, Santosh, *Research Methodology and Statistical Techniques* (New Delhi: Deep and Deep Publications, 1995).
- Nalwa, Vanit, *The ABC of Research For Behavioural and Social Sciences* (New Delhi: Wiley Eastern Ltd., 1992).
- Kochhar, S. K., *Teaching of Social Studies* (New Delhi: Sterling Publishers Pvt. Ltd., 1994).

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| Course | : M. Phil. Part -I (Compulsory) |
| Course No. | : CLAS II |
| Course Title | : History of Latin American and the Caribbean |
| Max. Marks | : 100 |

1. **Pre-Columbian Civilizations:** The Aztecs, the Mayas, the Incas and their encounters with the European Civilization.
2. (a) **European colonial systems between XVIth and XIXth centuries.**
(b) **The genesis of the Independence Movements in South America during XIXth Century and their consolidation.**
3. (a) **The Contemporary History of Latin America with specific reference to Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Mexico and Cuba.**
(b) **Continuity and change in US – Latin American Relations; Trends and Prospects for the future.**

Reading List:

- Collier, Simon, *Politics of Chilean Independence 1808 – 1818* (New York, 1967).
 Boxcer, C.R., *Four Centuries of Portuguese Expansion* (Berkeley, 1969).
 Cespedes, Guillermo, *Latin America: The Early Years* (New York, 1974)
 Cotler, Julio and Richard Fagen, eds., *Latin America and the United States: The Changing Political Realities* (Stanford, 1975).
 Morison, S.E., *The European Discovery of America* (New York, 1971)
 Shivkumar, V., *US Interventionism in Latin America: Dominican Crises and the OAS* (London, 1987)
 Dalbir, Singh, *Evolution and Role of the Communist Party in Cuba* (New Delhi, 1999)
 Joseph S. Tulchen Ed., *Cuba and the United States* (Princeton, 1991)
 William I. Robinson and ed., *Promoting Polyarchy* (CUP, 1996)

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| Course | : M. Phil. Part -I (Optional) |
| Course No. | : CLAS III |
| Course Title | : Government and Politics in Latin America |
| Max. Marks | : 100 |

- 1. Political Processes Since Independence:**
Role of elite mass, political stability, political actors, the role of the military, the church, the landed class, labour and political parties.
- 2. Government:**
Constitutionalism, nature of the constitution – federal, unitary, the role of the executive, legislature and judiciary.
- 3. Recent Trends in Latin American Political Process:**
Authoritative military regimes their rise and fall, transition to democracy, political movements – ideological, terrorism (urban, drug, para-military, ethnic and cultural), mass movements, human rights.
- 4. Assessing Future Trends:**
Prospects of Democracy, Civilianization of the military, new constitutions, election, electoral processes and electoral reforms, Prospects for structural adjustments and economic liberalization.

Reading List:

- Atkins, Pope G., *Latin America in the International Political System* 2nd ed., (Boulder, 1992).
- Barett, J.W., *Impulse to Revolution in Latin America* (New York, 1982).
- Bernard, Seam Perry & Others, *Guide to Political parties in Latin America* (Harmoudsworth, 1973).
- Bethell, Leslie, ed., *Spanish America after Independence 1820 – 1870* (Cambridge University Press, 1987).
- Black, Sam Knippers, *Latin America: Its problems and its Promises: A Multidisciplinary Introduction* (Boulder, 1991).
- Corller, David. Ed., *The New Authoritarianism in Latin America* (Princeton, 1979).
- Diamond, Larry and Others, eds., *Democracy in Developing Countries: Vol.4 Latin America* (Boulder : Lynne Rienner Publishers, 1988).
- Millan, Victor and Morris, Michael A. *Conflicts in Latin America: Democratic Alternatives in the 1990s* (London: IFSC, 1990).
- Wynia, Coury, *The Politics of Latin American Development* (Cambridge: University Press, 1989).

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| Course | : M. Phil. Part -I (Optional) |
| Course No. | : CLAS IV |
| Course Title | : Contemporary Economic Problems of Latin America |
| Max. Marks | : 100 |

1. **Background:** Understanding Latin America's Economic Underdevelopment – Diffusionist vs Dependencia Perspectives.
2. **Economic Crisis of 1980s:** Dimensions – Inward-looking Economic Strategy to Export – led Growth Strategy, debt, inflation, unemployment, flow of FDI
3. **Political Opening and Economic Liberalisation:** Politics/Economics of Adjustment Policies, tackling Debt issues, restructuring Latin American Economics, FDI Prospects.
4. **Regional Integration:** NAFTA, MERCOSUR, GRUPO ANDINO and CARICOM.

Reading List:

- Kay Christobal, *Latin American Theories of Development and Underdevelopment* (London, 1989).
- Seligson, Mitchell & Passe-Smith, John, eds., *Development and Underdevelopment: Political economy of Inequality* (Boulder, 1993)
- Staffings Barborn & Kaufman, Rober eds., *Debt and Democracy in Latin America* (Boulder, 1992).
- Tussie, Diana and David Clover, eds., *The Developing Countries in World Trade* (Boulder, 1993).
- Boron, Atilida A., *State Capitalism and Democracy in Latin America* (Boulder, 1995).
- Grosse, Robert, *Government Responses to Latin American Debt Problems* (Miami, 1995).
- Lawton, Joyce A., ed., *Privatisation amidst Poverty* (Miami, 1995).

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| Course | : M. Phil. Part -I (Optional) |
| Course No. | : CLAS V |
| Course Title | : Spanish |
| Max. Marks | : 100 |

A. **Grammar and Language Structures**

- I. Alphabet: words and consonants. Pronunciation.
- II. Nouns: gender and number
- III. Personal pronouns. Conjugation regular verbs. Indicative Mood: Present Tense. Verbs Ser/Estar.
- IV. Adjectives. Irregular and radical changing verbs.
- V. Other types of pronouns.
- VI. Objects. Double negatives. gerund and Present Continuous Tense.
- VII. Voices. Impersonal forms of ‘hacer’, ‘hacer’, Use of ‘Ser’
- VIII. The Imperfect and the Past Historic tenses.
- IX. Comparison of Adjectives. Present Perfect Tense.
- X. Future Tense, Irregular Forms. Conditional Tense and Future Perfect Tense.
- XI. Imperative forms.
- XII. Revision of grammatical aspects.
- XIII. Past Participles. Plus perfect tense.
- XIV. Subjunctive Mood (Present & Past)

B. **Translation: Spanish to English and Vice-versa.**

Reading List:

W.W. Timms., *A First Spanish Book*

Idel Becker, *Manual de Espanol*, Noter, Sao Paulo, 1992.

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| Course | : M. Phil. Part -I (Optional) |
| Course No. | : CLAS VI |
| Course Title | : India and Latin America |
| Max. Marks | : 100 |

1. **A brief survey of political, social and economic institutions of the two regions.**
2. **Political institution such as Cabinet form of Govt.,** devolution of power, federal structure, constitutional governance role of the military, civil-military relations, internal security, etc.
3. **A study of foreign policy postures would look into various aspects such as historical, evolution of the foreign policy of major Latin American countries and their relations with global powers.** Similar study will be made in the context of India, the evolution of post-colonial foreign policy postures, various aspects related to India's foreign policy.
4. **Economic institutions in Latin America and India:** The role of the private sectors in national development. The efficiency of the functioning public sectors. Environmental friendly industrial development, military industrial complex, economics restructuring and its impact, Regional economic groupings; Export led growth as the post cold war economic developments.
5. **Social issues – Issues related to gender, race relations and caste structure in India.** The role of marginalised people, tribes and the natives; the role of religious institutions problems of urbanisation, mushrooming of slums and their impacts on society.
6. **Possible areas of Comparative study between the two regions.**

Reading List:

- Choudhary, N.P., *India-Latin America Relations* (New Delhi: South Asian Publications, 1990).
- Gupta, Om and Others, eds., *G-15: Potential and Possibilities* (New Delhi: Pan American Media, 1993).
- Jadeja, D.P., ed., *India and Latin America: Postures in Progress* (New Delhi: Trans Asia Publishers, 1988).

Singh, Dalbir, *Indo-Argentine Relations: Retrospect and Prospects*, in Embassy of Argentine, ed., *Argentina: Some Indian Perspectives* (New Delhi: Kalinga Publications, 1993).

Singh, Dalbir, "Indo-Cuban Relations: Retrospect", *Indo-Latin American File* (New Delhi), January 1994.

Singh, Dalbir, "India-Brazil Relations: Cabral to Cardoso", *Third Concept* (New Delhi), March 1996.

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| Course | : M. Phil. Part -I (Optional) |
| Course | : Language and Culture of Brazil |
| Course No. | : CLAS VII |
| Max. Marks | : 100 |

Part – A

- (i) Historical developments leading to the consolidation of the Brazilian variant of Portuguese language. Basic distinguishing features in prosody, lexicon and grammar. Regional and social modalities.
- (ii) Alphabets, vowels and consonants, the Brazilian pronunciation.
- (iii) Basic rules and structures of syntax.
- (iv) Definite and indefinite Articles: rules for gender, number and use.
- (v) Introduction to nouns and Adjectives, general classification, rules for gender and number. Concordance between Nouns and Adjective in syntagmatic expressions.
- (vi) Personal and Possessive Pronouns: declination forms and uses.
- (vii) Regular Verbs: paradigms of the three basic classes of conjugations. The indicative Mood: present, future and past tenses.
- (viii) Important, irregular and Auxiliar Verbs: ‘Ser’, ‘Estar’, ‘Haver’, ‘ter’, ‘Poder’ and ‘fazer’.
- (ix) Introduction to Prepositions: semantics and use.
- (x) Basic conjunctions and Adverbs: classification and use.
- (xi) Present and Past participles. Present Continuous, Impersonal infinitive.
- (xii) Interrogative and negative sentences. Double negative, Active and passive voices.
- (xiii) Other irregular and Defective Verbs.
- (xiv) Brief introduction to the Subjunctive Mood.
- (xv) Translation: methods and techniques.

Reading List:

- Font, Elizabeth & Coudry, Pierre, *Pala Brasil* (Text & Work Books). (Pontes Editors, Sao Paulo), 1993.
- Tolman, Jon M., Paiva, Richardo M., Jensen, John B. & Parsons, Nivea P. *Travessia* (Text & Work Books), (Georgetown University Press, Georgetown), 1992.
- The Oxford Portuguese-English and English-Portuguese Dictionary* (Oxford University Press, Oxford), 1996
- Biderman, Maria Terasa, *Dicionario Didatico de Portugues* (Atica, Sao Paulo), 1998.
- Terra, Ernani, *Curso Pratico de Gramatica* (Scipione, Sao Paulo), 1993.

Part – B

- (i) Natural and Human geography. Ecological systems. Natural resources. The different climates and topographies. Regional and administrative, divisions. Urbanisation. The Amazon basin and the Pantanal.
- (ii) The multiethnic and multicultural society. The European, Amerindian and African origins. Regional diversity: the mestizo Brazil, Social stratification and racial prejudice. Populational distribution and literacy. Rural and urban poverty, Social movements: labour, intellectuality and religion.
- (iii) Landmarks of history. The colonial period and the Indo-Brazilian connections. From the independence in 1822 to the revolution of 1930. The Vargas period and the post II world War situation. The military regime after 1964. The democratisation in 1985. Recent developments in the post-Cold War period.
- (iv) From monarchy to republic. The patrimonial state: populism and corporatism. Democratic and authoritarian regimes: alternance in power. The political party system. The different Constitutions. The political economy of development models. Redemocratisation, racionalisation of state functions and globalisation.
- (v) The economics of dependence: theory and empirical reality. Industrialization and models of development. The different sectors of economy. Trade regimes: products and partners. The ongoing programme of economic liberalisation and the process of globalisation. Regional groupings: the Mercosur as an building bloc. Recent economic policies and indicators.
- (vi) A survey of literary tendencies. Pre-Modernist currents and the European influence. The Modernist movement and the creation of a national aesthetics. Authors and works in prose and poetry. The generation of “45” and the recent developments in novel, short story and poetry.
- (vii) Contemporary tendencies in music, theatre, cinema and plastic arts. Regional folk art and oral literature.

Reading List:

- Freyre, Gilberto, *Masters and Slaves* (Circulo do Livro, Sao Paulo), 1986.
- Ribeiro, Darcy, *O Povo Brasileiro* (Companhia das Lestrad, Sao Paulo), 1995.
- Buargue de Hollanda, Sergio, *Raizes do Brasil* (Jose Olympio, Rio de Janeiro), 1971.
- Schwarz, Roberto, *Misplaced Ideas: Essay's on Brazilian Culture* (Verso, London), 1992.
- Smith, William, *Democracy, Market and Structural Reform in Latin America – Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Mexico*.
- Hillmare, Richard, ed., *Understanding Latin America* (London, Lynne Rienner), 1996.
- Becker, Bertha & Eglan, Claudio, *A New Regional Power in the World Economy – A Regional Geography* (Cambridge University Press), 1992.
- Ministry of External Relations* (Text from Brazil, Brasilia), 1996-98.

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| Course | : M. Phil. Part -I (Optional) |
| Course | : Latin American and the Caribbean in Global Affairs |
| Course No. | : CLAS VIII |
| Max. Marks | : 100 |

- 1. Evolution of Latin American and the Caribbean World Views Since the End of Second World War:** Cases of Select Foreign Policy Postures in USA, Europe, Africa and Asia.
- 2. Latin American and the Caribbean postures during the Cold War at the Multilateral Fora:** UN, OAS.
- 3. Emerging Global Postures and Policies of Latin America and the Caribbean since the 1990s.**
- 4. Emergent Powers and their Relations with Latin America and the Caribbean:** China, India.
- 5. Regional Integration Processes in Latin America and the Caribbean:** NAFTA, MERCOSUR, ANDEAN Community, CARICOM.
- 6. Latin America and the Caribbean and the International Financial and Trade Organisations:** World Bank, IMF and WTO
- 7. Postures and Policies of Latin America and the Caribbean on Major Global Issues—**Environment, Terrorism, Drug-Related Violence, Peacekeeping, Gender, Human Rights and Indigenous Ethnicity.

Reading List:

- G. Pope Atkins, *Latin America in the International Political System* (Boulder, CO, 1992).
- Leslie Bethell, ed., *Latin America between the Second World War and the Cold War* (Cambridge, 1993).
- Jan Knippers Black, ed., *Latin America: Its Problems and Promises* (Boulder, CO, 1991).
- Herberton Goldhamer, *The Foreign Powers in Latin America* (New Jersey, 1972).
- W. Gabendorff and Riordan Roett, ed., *Latin America, Western Europe and the US* (Boulder, CO, 1985).

Peter H.Smith, *Drug Policy in Americas* (Boulder, CO, 1992).

Lars Shultz, *Human Rights and the US Policy Towards Latin America* (New Jersey, 1989).

Peter Nethemkes, *Latin America: Myth and Reality* (Westport, 1977).

Shivkumar, V., *Emerging Trends in Indo-Latin American Relations* (New Delhi: Commonwealth Publishers, 2002).

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| Course | : M. Phil. Part -I (Optional) |
| Course | : Theories of International Studies |
| Course No. | : CLAS IX |
| Max. Marks | : 100 |

1. **Introduction to IR Theory:** Defining Theory; Theorizing about International Relations and System of Analysis; Major Theoretical Debates.
2. **Contending Theories of International Relations:** Realism (Classical & Structural) /Neorealism; Liberalism /Neoliberalism.
3. **Other Alternatives to Realist School of Thought:** Constructivism; Critical Theory; Feminist theories; Post-modernism.
4. **Global Conflict and Cooperation Theories:** Balance of Power; Security Dilemma; Regime Stability; Power Politics vs. International Order and Cooperation.
5. **Post Cold War IR Theory:** Democratic Peace” Theory; ‘National Institutional’ Theory.
6. **Theories on International Political Economy:** Dependency Theory; World Systems theory.
7. **IR Theory and Contemporary Issues:** Globalization and IR Theory; Borders, Identity and Migration; Global Terrorism; War, Reconciliation and Recognition.

Reading List:

- Carr E.H., *The Twenty Years Crisis 1919-1939*, 2nd Edition, London, Macmillan, 1946.
- Waltz, Kenneth N., *Man, the State, and War: A Theoretical Analysis*. New York, Columbia University Press, 1959.
- Singer, J. David. “*The Level-of-Analysis Problem in International Relations*”, *World Politics*, 14, 1: 77-92, 1961.
- Waltz Kennerth, *Theory of International Politics*; New York, McGraw-Hill, 1979.
- Morgenthau Hans., *Politics Among Nations*, Boston, McGraw-Hill, 1985.

- Keohane, Robert O. (ed.) *Neorealism and Its Critics*, New York: Columbia University Press, 1986.
- Baldwin, David A. (ed.) *Neorealism and Neoliberalism: The Contemporary Debate*, New York: Columbia University Press, 1993.
- Griffiths Martin, *Fifty key Thinkers in International Relations*, New York, Routledge, 1992.
- Strange Susan, *States and Markets: An Introduction to International Political Economy*, London, Pinter Publishers, 1994.
- Booth Ken, Steve Smith, *International Relations Today*, Pennsylvania State University Press, 1995.
- Aron Raymond, *Peace and War: A Theory of International Relations*, New Brunswick, New Jersey, London, Transaction Publishers, 2003.
- Bull Hedley, "International Theory: The Case for a Classical Approach", *World Politics*, April 1966, pp.361-77.

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| Course | : M. Phil. Part -I (Optional) |
| Course | : Inter-American Relations |
| Course No. | : CLAS X |
| Max. Marks | : 100 |

1. **US Policy towards Latin America and the Caribbean Region since 1820's.**
2. **Evolution of Pan America Union and the US Policy Postures.**
3. **Emergence of Regional Organisations viz. the Organisation of American States; Regionalism vs. Globalism; Challenges to the Inter-American System.**
4. **Efficacy of the Regional Security Organisation in the Western Hemisphere.**
5. **U.S. Economic and Security Interests in Latin America: Emerging Trends.**

Reading List:

Thomas, Ann Van Wynen and A.J. Thomas Jr., *The Organisation of American States* (Dallas, 1968).

Burns, E. Bradford, *The Unwritten Alliance: Rio-Branco and Brazilian American Relations* (New York, 1966)

Calcott, Wilfrid H., *The Western Hemisphere: Its Influence on United States Policies to the End of World War II* (Austin, 1968).

Child, John *Unequal Alliance: The Inter-American Military System 1938-1978* (Boulder, 1980).

Kelchrer, Warren H., *Latin American Relations with the League of Nations* (Boston, 1930)

McBann, Thomas F., *Argentina, the United States and the Inter-American System 1880-1914* (Cambridge, Ma., 1957).

Shivkumar, V., *US Intervention in the Dominican Republic.*

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