

Department of History & Pakistan Studies
Arts & Humanities
University of the Punjab, Lahore
Course Outline



Programme	BS History	Course Code	HIS/404	Credit Hours	3
Course Title	Philosophy of History				
Course Introduction					
This course focuses on the concept and methodology of history writing. It also orients the students with basic tools and methods of research. It enlightens them with the styles and trends of history writing in ancient, medieval and modern times. It also deals with the basic issues of the philosophy of history.					
Learning Outcomes					
On the completion of the course, the students will know:					
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop historical consciousness 2. Apprise with the main trends of history-writing 3. Create awareness about the major philosophical discourses related to history 					
Course Content				Assignments/Readings	
Week 1	Philosophy of History: Concept & Meaning				
Week 2	Muslim Contribution to History-Writing				
Week 3	Early Muslim Historiography				
Week 4	Al-Masudi: Historical Method & Ideas				
Week 5	Ibn Khaldun: Concepts of <i>Asabiyah</i> , <i>al-Imran</i> and Cyclic Theory				
Week 6	Modern Western Philosophy of History				
Week 7	Leopold von Ranke' Contribution to History Writing				
Week 8	Hegel's Dialectics and Discourse on History				

Week 9	Karl Marx and Historical Materialism	
Week 10	Oswald Spengler and <i>Decline of the West</i>	
Week 11	Arnold Toynbee: Rise and Fall of Civilizations	
Week 12	Modern Trends in History-Writing	
Week 13	French Historical School-The <i>Annales</i>	
Week 14	Post-Colonial Writings	
Week 15	Subaltern Historiography	
Week 16	Post-Modernism & History	

Textbooks and Reading Material

1. Textbooks.

Lemon, M.C. *Philosophy of History: A Guide for Students* (London: Routledge, 2003)
 Sreedharan, E. *A Textbook of Historiography* (Orient Longman, 2000)

2. Suggested Readings

Ahmed, Akbar S. 'Ibn Khaldun's Understanding of Civilizations and the Dilemmas of Islam and the West Today' *Middle East Journal*, Vol. 56, No. 1 (Winter, 2002): 20-45.
 Ashcroft, Bill & G. Griffiths(eds.) *Post-Colonial Studies Reader* (London: Routledge, 1995)
 Bloch, Marc. *The Historian's Craft* (Vintage Books, 1953)
 Duri, A.A. *Rise of Historical Writings among the Arabs*(Princeton, NJ, 1983)
 Enan, M.A. *Ibn Khaldun: His Life and Works*
 Faruqi, Nisar Ahmed. *Early Muslim Historiography*
 Fischel, Walter J. 'Ibn Khaldun's Use of Historical Sources' *Studia Islamica*, No. 14 (1961):109-119.
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 Gibb, H.A.R. 'The Islamic Background of Ibn Khaldun's Political Theory' *Bulletin of the School of Oriental Studies, University of London*, No. 1 (1933)
 Guha, Ranajit. "On Some Aspects of the Historiography of Colonial India," *Subaltern Studies I: Writings on South Asian History and Society*, ed. Ranajit Guha (New Delhi: OUP, 1982), 1-8.

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- Hobsbawm, Eric. *On History* (London: Weidenfeld and Nicolson, 1997)
- Hobsbawm, Eric. 'What do Historians owe to Karl Marx?' in *On History*
- Hunt, Lynn. 'French History in the last twenty years: the rise and fall of the Annales paradigm' *Journal of Contemporary History*, 21, No. 2, Twentieth Anniversary Issue (Apr., 1986): 209-224
- Issawi, Charles. *An Arab Philosophy of History*. London, 1950.
- Khalidi, Tarif. *Islamic Philosophy of History: Histories of Al-Masudi*
- Kumar, Krishan. 'Philosophy of History at the End of the Cold War' in Tucker, *Companion to the Philosophy of History and Historiography*, Ch. 50.
- Lal, Vinay. 'Subaltern Studies and its Critics' *History and Theory* 40 (February 2001), 135-148
- Ludden, David (ed.) *Reading Subaltern Studies: Critical History, Contested Meaning and the Globalization of South Asia* (London: Anthem Press, 2002)
- Mahdi, Mohsin. 'Ibn Khaldun' in M.M. Sharif, ed. *History of Muslim Philosophy*. Wiesbaden, 1966. Ch. XLIX
- Martensson, Ulrika. *Tabari: Makers of Islamic Civilization* (Oxford: Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, Oxford University Press, 2009)
- Mazrui, Ali. A. 'Islam and the End History' *The American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences*, 10 no. 4: 512-535.
- Mohsin, Mahdi. *Ibn Khaldun's Philosophy of History*
- Mulalic, Muhidin. 'Al-Tabari: The Conception of History' *Journal of the Pakistan Historical Society*, L no. 4 (Oct.-Dec. 2002): 113-138.
- Perry, Matt. *Marxism and History* (Hamshire: Palgrave, 2002)
- Prakash, Gyan. 'Postcolonial Criticism and Indian Historiography' *Social Text*, No. 31/32, Third World and Post-Colonial Issues (1992): 8-19.
- Prakash, Gyan. 'Subaltern Studies as Postcolonial Criticism' *The American Historical Review*, 99, No. 5 (Dec., 1994), pp. 1475-1490
- Revel, Jacques & Lynn Hunt (eds.) *Histories: French Constructions of the Past* (New York: New Press, 1995)
- Rosen, Lawrence 'Theorizing from within Ibn Khaldun and His Political Culture' *Contemporary Sociology*, 34, No. 6 (Nov., 2005): 596-599
- Rosenthal, Franz A *History of Muslim Historiography*. Leiden: E.J. Brill, 1968.
- Rosenthal, Franz *Muqaddimah Ibn Khaldun: Prolegomena to History*
- Said, Edward W. *Orientalism* (New York: Random House, 1978)
- Siddiqui, Mazher-ud-Din. *Quranic Philosophy of History*
- Siddiqui, Zaheer Ahmad. 'Quran aur Tareekh' *Kawish* [Journal of the Persian Department, GC University Lahore] 17 (2009-10): 99-114.
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- Tucker, Aviezer. *Companion to the Philosophy of History and Historiography*. Sussex: Wiley Blackwell, 2009.
- Walsh, W.H. *An Introduction to the Philosophy of History* (New York: Harper Books, 1958)

Teaching Learning Strategies			
1. Weekly Lectures 2. Term Papers 3. Review Essay of selected chapter/article from the reading list 4. Presentations 5. Book Review			
Assignments: Types and Number with Calendar			
1. Book Review---- 4 th Week (5 Marks) 2. Review Essay--- 8 th Week. (5 Marks) 3. Term Paper-----16 th week (10 Marks)			
Assessment			
Sr. No.	Elements	Weightage	Details
1.	Midterm Assessment	35%	Written Assessment at the mid-point of the semester.
2.	Formative Assessment	25%	Continuous assessment includes: Classroom participation, assignments, presentations, viva voce, attitude and behavior, hands-on-activities, short tests, projects, practical, reflections, readings, quizzes etc.
3.	Final Assessment	40%	Written Examination at the end of the semester. It is mostly in the form of a test, but owing to the nature of the course the teacher may assess their students based on term paper, research proposal development, field work and report writing etc.