Department of Anthropology
Kannur University

Syllabus of the M.Phil (1st Semester) & PhD Course Work in Anthropology

2019-20

Course 1: Research Methodology (6 credits)

Course Objective:

The objective of this course is to provide a comprehensive understanding in the methods and techniques of Anthropological research.

Each of the following modules will have an equal number of contact hours.

Module 1: Anthropological Research- value, subjectivity, Inter subjective objectivity-Ethical, Experimental and Epistemological problems.

Module 2: Fieldwork tradition in Anthropology – Ethnoscience-Ethnographic method- New/Collaborative/Critical/Multisite ethnography.

Module 3: Research Design- Review of literature –Hypothesis, Sampling-Preparation of Research Design for a village study.

Module 4: Research techniques – Case study, Restudy, Reinterpretation, Content Analysis

Module 5: Ethical dimensions in anthropological research and presentation of reports.

Module 6: Participatory Research –Concept, Principles and Techniques.

Module 7: Quantitative analysis –Scrutiny, Classification, Tabulation and presentation of data.

Module 8: Quantitative analysis of data with Statistical Packages for Social Sciences (SPSS)

Module 9: Qualitative analysis – Grounded theory approach, Thematic analysis, Context based analysis.

Module 10: Preparation of Anthropological research report – Types, structure, steps and procedure.

Recommended Readings:

Bernard, H. Russell. 1940. Research Method in Cultural Anthropology. New Delhi: Sage Publications.

Elliott, Jane. 2005. Using Narratives in Social Research. London: Sage Publications.

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Epstein, A.L.1967. The Craft of social Anthropology. London: Tavistock

Evans Pritchard, E.E. 2004 (1951). Social Anthropology. London: Routledge (Selected Chapters)

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Gottschalk, L., C. Kluckhon and R. Angell. (Ed.). 1951. The use of Personal Documents in History, Anthropology and Sociology. New York: social Science Research Council.

Hammersley, M and Atkinson. 1995. Ethnography: Principles in Practice. London: Routledge.

Henry, M.S. 2003. 'Where are you really from?': Representation, identity and power in the fieldwork experiences of a South Asian diasporic, Qualitative Research,3:22942.

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Course 2 : Advanced theories in Socio-cultural anthropology

(6 Credits)

Course Objective:

The objective of this course is to provide a comprehensive understanding of both historical and contemporary theories in Anthropology.

Each of the following modules will have an equal number of contact hours.

Module 1: Theoretical developments in Anthropology

Module 2: Functionalism and Structural Functionalism

Module 3: Structuralism and Post structuralism

Module 4: Culture and Personality, National Character and studies of culture at a distance

Module 5: Symbolic and Interpretive anthropological theories

Module 6: Post Modernism

Module 7: Politics of Representation -Identity and differences and ethnography under scrutiny

Module 8: Anthropology of State, Citizenship and Civil society

Module 9: Anthropology of Gender

Module 10: Theories in Cognitive Anthropology

Recommended Readings

Bohanan, Paul & Mark Glazer. 1973. High Points in Anthropology. New York: Alfred A Knopf.

Lukas, Scott A. "Postmodernism." In Theory in Social and Cultural Anthropology: An Encyclopedia, Vol. 2, edited by R. Jon McGee and Richard L. Warms, 639-645. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE , 2013.

Geertz, Clifford. 1983. Local Knowledge: Further Essays in Interpretive Anthropology. New York: Basic Books, Inc.

Geertz, Clifford, ed. 1974. Myth, Symbol, and Culture. New York: W. W. Norton and Company, Inc.

Geertz, Clifford. 1973c The Interpretation of Cultures. New York: Basic Books, Inc.

Geertz, Clifford. 1973d Thick Description: Toward an Interpretive Theory of Culture. *In* The Interpretation of Cultures. Pp. 3-30. New York: Basic Books, Inc.

Atran, Scott and Douglas Medin, (2008) *The Native Mind and the Cultural Construction of Nature*. Cambridge, Massachusetts: MIT Press.

Shweder, Richard A. and Robert A. LeVine, eds. (1984). *Culture Theory: Essays on mind, self, and emotion*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.

Strauss, Claudia and Naomi Quinn (1997). *A Cognitive Theory of Cultural Meaning*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.

Wierzbicka, Anna (1999) *Emotions across Languages and Cultures: diversity and universals*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.
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Mahendrakumar, M.S. 2006. Pecuniarisation-A New Theory of Social Change in India. New Delhi: Serials Publications.

Desai, A.R, 1984, Social Background of Indian Nationalism, Popular Prakashan, Bombay.

Sharma, S.K, 1985, Social Movements and Social Change, BR Publishing House, Delhi.

Visweswaran, Kamala. 1994. Fictions of Feminist Ethnography. University of Minnesotta Press