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23rd May, 2007

for I/c. REGISTRAR

To,
The Director, Centre for Central Eurasian Studies and the Principals of the affiliated colleges in Arts.

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Syllabus for M.Phil. Programme in Central Eurasian Studies

(With effect from the academic year 2007-2008)

SYLLABUS FOR M.PHIL.
PROGRAMME IN CENTRAL EURASIAN STUDIES

Preamble

The Centre for Central Eurasian Studies is devoted to the study of Socio Political, Economic and Foreign Policy Issues with countries of Eurasia. Since the collapse of the Soviet Union the former Soviet space has remained the most happening area of the world. Other contemporary problems such as environmental issues, water disputes, energy security, ethnic conflicts and its resolution, terrorism, narcotics, trafficking are potent problems to engage attention of researchers working in this area. The Centre therefore proposes to introduce inter-disciplinary M.Phil. programme in Central Eurasian/Political Studies from the academic year 2007-08. The contents of the programme will be inter disciplinary in a sense that it will pull students from all disciplines of the social sciences in the faculty of Arts and focus on problems rather than on disciplines. The course content would comprise three theoretical papers and one practical dissertation. While, the dissertation will be written by the students on a topic chosen by them, the theoretical papers would constitute the following three papers:-

SYLLABUS

PAPER I

Course Title: RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Units:

I Introduction to Research

- i) Definition of research
- ii) Meaning of research
- iii) Types of research
- iv) Relevance of research process
- v) Objectives
- vi) Central Problems
- vii) Framing a Research Proposal (Means and Methods)

II Historical Method

- i) History as a tool of research
- ii) Historical Interpretation
- iii) Historical validity
- iv) History as an object of research

III Relevance of Research Methods in International Relations

- i) Testing Hypothesis
- ii) Verifying Veracity
- iii) Report/ Proposal writing
- iv) Final Output
- v) Seeking Grants for research

IV Quantitative Methods

- i) Methods of Research
- ii) Types of Research
- iii) Designs of Research

V Survey Methods

- i) Survey Design and Questionnaire
- ii) Sample Survey
- iii) Survey and Data Analysis
- iv) Survey and Research Design

VI Research Techniques and Applied Methods

- i) Field Research
- ii) Field Research Presentation
- iii) Reliability/Validity Tests
- iv) Qualitative Data Analysis
- v) Formatting and Processing

VII Statistical Methods

- i) Inference Methods, Inducting and Deductions
- ii) Variables/Test of Hypothesis
- iii) Statistical Data Analysis
- iv) Data Application
- v) Qualitative Method

VIII Interactive Method

- i) With politicians
- ii) With Diplomats
- iii) Questionnaire
- iv) Journalists/Media
- v) Seminar/Workshop
- vi) Conferences/Round tables
- vii) Brainstorming
- viii) Output analysis

IX Comparative Methods

- i) Tools of Comparison
- ii) Variables of Comparison
- iii) Elements of Comparison
- iv) Comparative Case Studies

X Research Findings

- i) Bibliography and Webliography
- ii) Tabulation and Graphic Presentation

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Unit – 1. Introduction

- i) A Historical overview of Soviet developments, causes of Soviet disintegration.
- ii) Society and Politics in Post Soviet Russia
- iii) The impact of Soviet disintegration on youth, gender issues, demography, religion, education and culture.
- iv) Art and Literature
- v) Classic versus Dissident Literature

Unit – 2. Ethno-National Problems

- i) Rising Nationalism
- ii) Minority and Human Rights
- iv) Ethno National Issues
- v) Nationalism, Terrorism and Fundamentalism
- vi) Russia and Its Reforms

Unit – 3 Political Perspectives

- i) Federalism in comparative perspective
- ii) Russia's tryst with democracy: evolving democratic institutions
- iii) Russian Multi Party Structure: Specifics and peculiarities
- iv) NGO's and their role, Public opinions, social and political groups
- v) Russian media

Unit – 4 System of Governance

- i) Presidency as a Institution of governance, features, specifics
- ii) New Legislature, Composition
- iii) Opposition, Structure and elections
- iv) Constitution and the Constitutional Court
- v) Civil Military Relations

Unit – 5 Economic Perspective

- i) Soviet Economy around the time of disintegration
- ii) The Post Soviet Transition: chaos vs stability
- iii) Economic Reforms under Yeltsin
- iv) Russia in the context of globalization

Unit – 6 Reforms, Resources and Capitalism

- i) The role of natural and mineral resources in Russia's Development
- ii) The Yeltsin Reforms and Russia's position in the world economy
- iii) Russia under Putin, reforms carried further, Yeltsin Putin Comparison
- iv) Specifics and peculiarities of Russian economy
- v) Russia's role in Global Economic Affairs

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PAPER III . RUSSIA IN GLOBAL AFFAIRS.

Unit – 1. Introduction

- i) Impact of Soviet collapse on Russian Foreign Policy.
- ii) Evolution of new foreign policy pattern
- iii) Priorities and objectives of Russian foreign Policy.

Unit – 2. Russia and the Near Abroad

- i) The concept of Near Abroad
- ii) Eurasianism vs Atlanticism
- iii) Russia's policy perspectives with CIS countries
- iv) Russia and the Baltic

Unit – 3. Russia's relations with CIS countries.

- i) Russia and the Slavic Union
- ii) Russia and the Caucasus
- iii) Russia in Central Asia
- iv) Russian Far East

Unit – 4. Russia in Global Affairs

- i) Russian Outreach, Russia's relations with USA.
- ii) Russia and the European Union
- iii) Russia and NATO/
- iv) Russia and G-8
- v) Russia and Middle East West Asia

- Unit – 5. Russia and Asia**
 Russia and East Asia
 i) Russia and China
 ii) Russia and Japan
 iii) Russia and India.
 iv)

- Unit – 6. Russia's Security Concerns**
 Russia's Evolving Security Policy in Eurasia
 i) Terrorism and other illegalities
 ii) Military and Security
 iii) Peace-keeping and other involvements
 iv) Russia and Global Energy Security
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