

#### Unit 4: Savarkar and Language Questions in India

V. K. R. V. Rao. (1978). Many Languages, One Nation: Quest for an All-India Language. Economic and Political Weekly, 13(25), 1025–1030.

Surajkumar Thube (2020). VD Savarkar's language purification project was a precursor to creating a 'Hindu language'.

Savarkar V D (2014). Savarkar Samagra, Essays on Social Questions, Vol. 9&10. Prabhat Prakashan, Delhi.

#### Unit 5: Religious Conversion

Sareen, T R (2019). Hindu Mahasabha Tryst with United India. Life Span Publishers and Distributors, New Delhi.

Hindu Mahasabha Presidential Speech of VD Savarkar.

#### Unit 6: Untouchability and Caste Questions

Kanungo, P. (2007). Co-Opting Dalits into the Hindutva Fold [Review of Hindutva and Dalits: Perspectives for Understanding Communal Praxis, by Anand Teltumbde]. Economic and Political Weekly, 42(20), 1852–1854.

Savarkar, Vinayak Damodar (2014). Savarkar Samagra, Essays on Social Questions, Vol. 7. Prabhat Prakashan, Delhi.

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### DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE COURSE – 11: Research Methods in Politics

NOTE: 'Research Methodology' is offered as one of the DSE courses in VI and VII Semesters. Students can opt for it either in VI semester or VII semester

#### CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
Research Methods in Politics DSE-11	4	3	1	-	Passed Class XII	Nil

#### Learning Objectives

The course would serve as the first formal introduction to the basics of social science research in the specific context of the discipline of Political Science. As an elementary course to introduce the students to the fundamentals of research in the study of politics, the purpose of the course is twofold - first, to familiarise students with the different methodologies to study the discipline of politics; second, to walk them through the application of these methods through selected texts. By the time

this course is offered, the students would be familiar with the salient analytical frameworks and arguments in the discipline. This course offers the students the opportunity to understand the methods by which these frameworks were arrived, the tools that were used to make them comprehensible, and the debates that the arguments spawned. The course is divided into three parts. The first will introduce the student to some key debates. The second takes them through the praxis of research by asking elementary questions such as, how to conceptualize a research problem, how to formulate research questions, etc. The third aims to introduce them to specific methodologies by using the strategy of reading a well-known work to discern the method used accompanied by an article that reflects upon that method.

### Learning outcomes

On successful completion of the course, students would demonstrate:

- Preliminary training in basic elements of social science research
- Familiarity with how to conceptualize a research problem
- Familiarity with diverse methodologies used in the study of politics
- Skills to identify and understand the use of specific methodologies in a text

## SYLLABUS OF DSE-11

### UNIT – I (12 Hours)

#### Introduction

- a. Human Enquiry and Social Science Research
- b. What is political inquiry? Why do we need it?
- c. Issues of objectivity and Interpretation in political enquiry
- d. Epistemological Debate- Quantitative and Qualitative analysis

### UNIT – II (15 Hours)

#### Conceptualizing Research

- a. Review of Literature
- b. Formulation of a research problem
- c. Framing research questions
- d. Sources and citations

### UNIT – III (18 Hours)

#### Methods in the study of politics and their application?

- a. Empirical
- b. Discourse Analysis
- c. Archival
- d. Ethnography

### Essential/recommended readings

#### I. Introduction

G. King, R. Keohane, and S. Verba (1994) *Designing Social Inquiry: Scientific Inference in Qualitative Research*, Princeton, New Jersey: Princeton University Press, pp. 1-12.

A. MacIntyre (1971) 'Is the Science of Comparative Politics possible?', in *Against the Self Images of Age, Essays on Ideology and Philosophy*, London: Schocken Books, pp.8-26.

E Babbie (2008) Human Enquiry and Science, in *The Basics of Social Research*(4th Edn.), Thomson Wordsworth pp. 3-29.

H. Sandra and O. Heath (2020), Objectivity and Values, in *Political Research: Methods and Practical Skills (revised edition)*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 64-91.

A Bryman (1984), The Debate about Qualitative and Quantitative Research. A Question of Methods or Epistemology, *The British Journal of Sociology*, Vol. 35 , Issue 1, pp. 75- 92.

L. Rudolph and S. Rudolph (2010) 'An Intellectual History of the Study of Indian Politics', in N. Jayal and P. Mehta, *The Oxford Companion to Politics in India*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp.555-586.

Sudipta Kaviraj (1978), 'How not to study method?', in S. Kaviraj, P. Chatterjee, S. K. Chaube, S. Datta Gupta eds., *The State of Political Theory: Some Marxist Essays*, Calcutta: Research India Publications, Calcutta, pp.1-33

D Vaid (2013), Perspectives on Methods in Political Science. *Studies in Indian Politics*, Vol 1(1), pp. 103-107.

## **2. Conceptualizing Research**

Bala J (2020), An Overview of Longitudinal Research Designs in Social Sciences. *Studies in Indian Politics*, Vol. 8(1), pp. 105-114.

E Babbie (2008) Research Design, in *The Basics of Social Research* (4th Edn.), Thomson Wordsworth, pp. 94- 128.

H. Sandra and O. Heath (2020) Asking Questions: How to Find and Formulate Research Questions, in *Political Research: Methods and Practical Skills* (revised edition), Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 93-122.

M Mohanty, Preparing a Research Proposal, available at <http://www.polscience.du.ac.in/web4/uploads/PDF/academics/PhD/Preparing%20a%20Research%20Proposal%20Manoranjan%20Mohanty.pdf>

## **3. Methods in the study of politics and their application**

### **Empirical**

A. Datta and D Vaid (2018). Mind the Gap?: Navigating the Quantitative and the Qualitative in Survey Research. *Studies in Indian Politics*, Vol 6(1), pp. 140-145.

S. Kumar, & P. Rai (2013) *Measuring Voting Behaviour in India*, New Delhi: Sage Publications, pp.1-12.

FR Jensenius, G Verniers (2017) Studying Indian Politics with Large-scale Data: Indian Election Data 1961–Today. *Studies in Indian Politics*, Vol 5(2), pp. 269-275

N Ummareddy, and A. Alam. (2021) What Do Preambles Do? A Study of Constitutional Intent and Reality. *Studies in Indian Politics*. Vol 9 (2), pp. 221-238.

### **Discourse Analysis**

J. Gee (2010) *An Introduction to Discourse Analysis: Theory and Method*, London: Routledge, pp.2-10.

H. Sandra and O. Heath (2020), Textual Analysis, in *Political Research: Methods and Practical Skills* (revised edition), Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 364-392.

A Phadnis and A. Kashyap. (2019), The Politics of Historical Personalities: Textual Analysis of Speeches by the Indian Prime Ministers, *Working Paper at IIM Indore*, WP/02/2018 19/HSS

### **Archival**

K. Paul, G. Gray, and L. Melvin (eds.) (2009) 'Introduction', in *An American Political Archives Reader*, Maryland: The Scarecrow Press.

S. Hazareesingh and K. Nabulsi (2008) 'Using Archival Data to Theorise about Politics', in David Leopold and Mark Stears (eds.), *Political Theory: Methods and Approaches* Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 150-170.

### **Ethnography**

H. Sandra & O. Heath (2012) *Political Research: Methods and Practical Skills*, Oxford: OxfordUniversity Press, pp. 287-304.

Y. Yadav (2020), 'On Ethnography: What Work Does "Fieldwork" Do in the Field of Elections', in Y. Yadav ed. *Making Sense of Indian Democracy*, Ranikhet: Permanent Black, pp. 300-324.

S Kumar (2014) The Promise of Ethnography for the Study of Politics. *Studies in Indian Politics*, Vol 2(2), pp. 237-242

### **Additional Reading:**

D. Easton (1969) 'The New Revolution in Political Science', in *The American Political ScienceReview*, Vol. LXIII (4), pp.1051-1061.

S. Wolin (1969) 'Political Theory as a Vocation', in *The American Political Science Review*, Vol.LXIII (4), pp.1062-82.

D. Marsh and G. Stoker (2010) *Theory and Methods in Political Science*, 3rd Edition, Palgrave Macmillan.

D. E. McNabb (2009), *Research Methods for Political Science: Quantitative and Qualitative Methods*, Armonk: M.E. Sharpe [Eastern Economy Edition]

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