

M.Phil.

Research Methodology

Issues in Literature, Society, History, Politics and Application of Theory

In this second part of Research Methodology course the objective is to introduce students to how literature relates to society, history and politics. The basic purpose of doing the following articles by leading contemporary scholars in the class is two pronged: to demonstrate application of theory to literary issues and how the ideas contained in these articles can lead the way to further interesting and meaningful research.

Students will make a short 15 minutes presentation based on a particular article in the class followed by a lecture by the teacher which will be followed by a discussion.

11 September:	Introduction: Literature, Society, Politics and Application of Theory
18 September:	Application of Literary Theory and the Indian Situation
25 September:	Elaine Showalter: Women and the Literary Curriculum
3 October:	Hayden White: The Fictions of Factual Representation
10 October:	Terry Eagleton: Heathcliff and the Great Hunger
24 October	Ziauddin Sardar: Convenient Fictions
31 October	J. Hillis Miller: The Problematic of Ending Narrative
7 November	Edward Said: Yeats and Decolonization
7 November	Edward Said: Overlapping Territories, Intertwines Histories
21 November	Aijaz Ahmed: Jameson's Rhetoric of Otherness and 'National Allegory'
28 November	Aijaz Ahmed: Indian Literature: Notes Towards the Definition of a Category
5 December	Salman Rushdie: Outside the Whale