

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS



UNIVERSITY OF BURDWAN

Syllabus for M.Phil Coursework 2020-21 Session onwards

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Preamble

The Department of Economics, University of Burdwan proposes to revise the syllabus for PhD Coursework in Economics leading to M.Phil degrees, keeping in line with the recent UGC guidelines, University Regulations, changing academic scenario and needs of both academics and job-market.

The salient features of the syllabus are as follows:

- The Coursework shall be spread over 2 semesters.
- There shall be a compulsory course of 2 credits on ***Research and Publication Ethics*** in the first semester
- All other papers shall be of 4 credits each requiring 4 lecture hours per week.
- A candidate has to earn 26 credits to qualify in the Coursework
- There shall be two types of papers/courses: Core Course – A course which should compulsorily be studied by a candidate as a core-requirement is termed as a Core course. These are compulsory courses under the concerned department; Elective Course – Generally a course which can be chosen from a pool of courses.
- 14 credits shall have to be earned from Departmental Core Courses on Research Methodology, Research & Publication Ethics, and Term Paper & Seminar Presentations and shall be Compulsory (marked with an * in the framework)
- A student may opt for Electives from sister departments subject to extant University regulations allowing them to do so. In this case a maximum of 4 credits can be earned from Non-departmental Electives (note that departmental class-routine shall not accommodate such non-departmental electives).
- Each paper of 4 credits shall have 4 hour session of Lectures per week over a period of one semester of 16 weeks for teaching-learning process.
- The performance of a candidate in a theoretical course (paper) will be assessed for a maximum of 50 marks as explained below:
 - 40 marks as end-semester examination
 - 10 marks as Term Paper/Seminar Presentation/Practical/ Assignment, modalities for which are to be decided by the concerned course-in-charge and notified to the students at the beginning of the semester. For the paper on Research Methodology, this will be in the form of Computer Practical and Assignment.
- The performance of a candidate in a Term Paper & Presentation will be assessed for 50 (25+25) marks based on assessment of the Review submitted during end of semester and Presentation.
- The performance of a candidate in the paper on Research & Publication Ethics will be assessed for 50 marks based on Written Examination at end of semester (20 marks) and Continuous Practical Assessment (5 marks).

In case of any difference between the clauses cited here and University Regulations, the University Regulations shall prevail.

Framework of the Syllabus

Name of Paper	Type	Credit	Pattern			
			Marks	L	T	P
First Semester [Students have to choose 2 core courses, 1 Elective and 1 Term Paper = 14 credits]						
Research Methodology (ECN MPHIL 101)	Core Compulsory	4	50	2	0	2
Research & Publication Ethics (ECN MPHIL 102)	Core Compulsory	2	25	1	0	1
Advanced Econometrics-I (ECN MPHIL 103 A) [@]	Elective	4	50	3	0	1
Agricultural Economics (ECN MPHIL 103 B) [@]	Elective	4	50	4	0	0
Resource Economics and Sustainable Development (ECN MPHIL 103 C) [@]	Elective	4	50	4	0	0
Advanced Financial Economics (ECN MPHIL 103 D) [@]	Elective	4	50	4	0	0
Advanced Econometrics-II (ECN MPHIL 103 E) [@]	Elective	4	50	3	0	1
Labour Economics (ECN MPHIL 103 F) [@]	Elective	4	50	4	0	0
Term Paper & Seminar Presentation-I (ECN MPHIL 104)*	Core Compulsory	4	25+25 =50	0	0	4
*This term paper is mainly based on literature survey.						
[@] Students have to opt for ONE Elective course. They may opt for ONE Non-departmental Elective paper to prior approval of departmental committee and University Regulations allowing them to do so.						
Second Semester [Students have to select 2 Electives and 1 Term Paper = 12 credits]						
Name of Paper	Type	Credit	Pattern			
			Marks	L	T	P
Advanced Economic Theory (ECN MPHIL 201 A) ⁺	Elective	4	50	4	0	0
Political Economy of Development (ECN MPHIL 201 B) ⁺	Elective	4	50	4	0	0
Regional Development in India (ECN MPHIL 201 C) ⁺	Elective	4	50	4	0	0
Game Theory (ECN MPHIL 202 A) [#]	Elective	4	50	4	0	0
Social Choice Theory (ECN MPHIL 202 B) [#]	Elective	4	50	4	0	0
Economics of Infrastructure & Development (ECN MPHIL 202 C) [#]	Elective	4	50	4	0	0
Term Paper & Seminar Presentation-II (ECN MPHIL 203)	Core Compulsory	4	25+25 =50	0	0	4
⁺ # Students have to opt for ANY ONE from 202 A/B/C and ANY ONE from 203 A/B/C						
Third and Fourth Semester						
Course Title		Type	Credit	Marks		
Dissertation (ECN MPHIL 301)	Dissertation (ECN MPHIL 301A)	Core Compulsory	12	150		
	Viva Voce (ECN MPHIL 301B)	Core Compulsory	4	50		
	<i>Sub Total</i>			16	200	
GRAND TOTAL			42	525		

Question Pattern

1. In each paper of 50 marks (4 credits) the End-semester examination shall be of 40 marks. There shall be 8 questions of 10 marks each from which 4 questions are to be answered by the candidates (Time 2 hours).
2. In each paper of 50 marks (4 credits) which has two groups within it, the End-semester examination shall be of 40 marks. There shall be 4 questions of 10 marks from each group. Candidates are to answer 4 questions taking 2 from each group. (Time 2 hours).
3. The performance of a candidate in the paper ECN MPHIL 102 on Research & Publication Ethics will be assessed for 25 marks based on Written Examination at end of semester (20 marks) and Continuous Practical Assessment (5 marks).
4. Group-C of paper ECN MPHIL 101 (Research Methodology-I) shall be based on Practicals and will be internally assessed.
5. Paper ECN MPHIL 104 (Term Paper on Literature Review) shall be in the form of an assignment which the candidate shall have to submit within a stipulated date fixed by the Doctoral Committee and thereafter has to present it in the form of a seminar.
6. Paper ECN MPHIL 203 (Term paper & Seminar Presentation) shall be in the form of an assignment which the candidate shall have to submit within a stipulated date fixed by the Doctoral Committee and thereafter has to present it in the form of a seminar.
7. Title and Subject of the M.Phil Dissertation will be chosen by the candidate in consultation with the supervisor concerned.

DETAILED SYLLABUS

**[Any Elective paper will be offered only if a minimum
number of students opt for it]**

ECN MPHIL 101
Research Methodology-I

Full Marks: 50

Lecture Hours: 64

This paper has three groups A, B and C. Group C is Compulsory. Additionally Candidates are required to opt for either Group A or Group B. However, both Group A, Group B may not be offered in a given year.

Group A

Methodology for Empirical Research

1. Practical Issues in Testing of Hypothesis (20 Lecture Hours)

One sample parametric tests - One sample mean test, ANOVA - One sample variance test; Two sample parametric tests - Two independent sample mean test, Paired means test, Two samples variance test; Test of significance for large and small samples – Student’s ‘t’ test and Z-test; tests for Mean and difference between means and difference between proportions; Non Parametric tests - Chi-square test; Mann-Whitney Test; Wilcoxon Signed Rank Test

2. Field Survey Techniques (20 Lecture Hours)

Overview of the survey process; Sources of survey error; Sample design; Question design; Question testing; Methods of data collection; Psychology of survey response; Accounting for non-response; Use of survey weights; Post-Collection Data Adjustments; Legal/Ethical Issues in Survey Research

Group B

Methodology for Theoretical Research

1. Basic Mathematical Foundations (20 Lecture Hours)

- a. Linear algebra;
- b. Differential calculus of functions of several variables,
- c. Elementary real analysis;

2. Optimisation Techniques; (20 Lecture Hours)

- a. Unconstrained and constrained classical optimization
- b. Static Optimisation
- c. Dynamic Optimisation;

Group C

(Compulsory Part: Computer Applications)

[This part is based on Practicals and is Internally Assessed]

- 1. Computer Usage – Basics (2 Hours)**
- 2. Programs for Document Preparation and Presentation (4 Hours)**
- 3. Spreadsheet Solutions (6 Hours)**
- 4. Using Cross-sectional data estimation programs (12 Hours)**

Data visualisation & Descriptive statistics; Hypothesis testing (one- and two-sample); Tests of association for Nominal and Categorical data; Multiple linear regression and solution of associated problems; Analysis of variance (ANOVA)

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ECN MPHIL 102

Research & Publication Ethics

Full Marks: 25

Lecture Hours: 32

This paper has two groups – A & B.

Group A

Theory

- 3. Introduction to Ethics in Social Science Research** (5 Lecture Hours)
Philosophy of Research – Epistemology; Ontology; Axiology
Ethics: Concept, moral philosophy nature of moral judgments and reactions in social science research - Philosophical Attitude in Research
- 4. Introduction to Scientific conduct in Social Science Research** (5 Lecture Hours)
Intellectual Honesty and Research Integrity: Concept and Importance - Scientific Misconducts: Falsification, Fabrication and Plagiarism (FFP) - Redundant Publication: Duplicate and Overlapping publications, Salami Slicing - Selective Reporting and Misinterpretations of Data.
- 5. Ethics in Research Publications:** (10 Lecture Hours)
Publication Ethics: Meaning and importance - Best practices and Quality mandates in Research: Committee on Publications Ethics (COPE) and its role, World Association of Medical Editors (WAME)- Its Functions - Publication Misconducts: Meaning, problems and types, identifications of publication misconducts, complaints and appeals - Predatory Publishers and Journals.

Group B

Practice

- 3. Open access publishing in Social Science Research** (3 Lecture Hours)
a. Open Access Publications Sources
b. Publisher's copy-right and self achieving policies: (SHERPA) and ROMEO as Online Resources.
c. SPPU : Software identification for predatory publications
d. JANE, Elsevier Journal Finder, Springer & Journal suggested in Journal Finders.
- 4. Publication Misconduct** (3 Lecture Hours)
a. FFP issues in Social Science Research
b. Creation and practice on account relating to Plagiarism, Detection Software (PDS) like URKUND and TURNITIN.
- 5. Data Bases & Research Metrics** (6 Lecture Hours)
a. Indexing Databases
b. Citation Databases : Scopus & Web of Science etc,
c. UGC- CARE
d. Impact Factor: SNIP, SJR, IPP, Cite score, etc.
e. Research Metrics: h-Index, g-index, i10 index, AltMetrics, etc.

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ECN MPHIL 103
Optional: ECN MPHIL 103 A
Advanced Econometrics - I
(Time Series Econometrics)

Full Marks: 50

Lecture Hours: 64

- 1. ARIMA Modelling (10 Lecture Hours)**
Testing for Stationarity – Stationary, TSP and DSP;
Determining Order of Integration - Checking for Cointegration;
Box-Jenkins methodology of Identification, Estimation and Diagnostic Checking of ARIMA Models;
- 2. Causality Tests and Vector Auto Regression (10 Lecture Hours)**
Granger Causality
Vector Auto Regression (VAR) – Strength of Causality – Impulse Response Function – Variance Decomposition;
- 3. Long Run Relationships (10 Lecture Hours)**
Vector Error Correction (VEC) Models – Long Run Multipliers – Impact Factors
Spline Function and Dynamics of Relationship.
- 4. Working with Panel Data (16 Lecture Hours)**
General definitions – Balance and Unbalanced Panel; Pooled Regression
- 6. Using Time Series data estimation programs (10 Lecture Hours)**
- 7. Using Panel data estimation programs (8 Lecture Hours)**

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Optional: ECN MPHIL 103 B

Agricultural Economics

Full Marks: 50

Lecture Hours: 64

- 1. Importance of Agricultural Economics (8 Lectures)**
Agriculture and Economic Development; Future Role of Agriculture; Main Feature of Indian Agriculture and Agricultural Policy; Soil Erosion, Conservation, and Sustainable Agriculture.
- 2. Land Use (8 Lectures)**
Land Utilization & Cropping Pattern; Forest and Social Forestry; Operational Holdings Fragmentation and Sub Division of Holdings; Land Reforms
- 3. Agricultural Marketing and Pricing (20 Lectures)**
Agricultural Price and Policy; Role of CACP; MSP and its impact; Agricultural Commodity Futures and Options; Nature and Principles of Future Markets; Participants in Future Markets; Trading in the Presence of Risk Aversions and Transaction Costs, Future Prices as Forecasts; Impact of Futures Trading; Agro-processing as Marketing Strategy; Specificities of Agro-processing, Developmental Role of Agro-processing Industries, Selection and Evolution Options; Food Processing Policy of India, 2005.
- 4. Recent Issues in India Agriculture (16 Lectures)**
Mechanization in Agriculture; Sources of Irrigation; Impact of Irrigation; Agricultural Finance: Agency Relationship, Adverse Selection, Moral Hazards and Enforcement Problem; Segmented Rural Credit Markets; Resolving Information and Incentive Problems; Managing Borrowers' Credit Risks, Agribusiness and Trade Financing and Role of Social Capital; Taxation on Agricultural Income; Role of NABARD;
- 5. Farm Management (6 Lectures)**
Farm Organization; Farm Planning & Budgeting; Co-operative farming
- 6. Political Economy of Global Agricultural Economics (8 Lectures)**
Protection across countries and sectors; Influence of global financial and political institutions; Collective actions of lobbying groups; Use of inefficient instruments and rent seeking; Public investment in agricultural research and TRIPS.

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Optional: ECN MPHIL 103 C
Resource Economics & Sustainable Development

Full Marks: 50

Lecture Hours: 64

- 1. Environment asset as pure public good** (6 lectures)
Public vs Private Goods; Market failure and public good, optional allocation of resources for public good.
- 2. Optional extraction of resources** (10 lectures)
Exploration and extraction of exhaustible resources, common property resources; Methods, Rules, Theorems
- 3. Conservation versus Exploitation** (10 lectures)
Trade-off between exploitation of environment for development and environmental conservation; Modelling environmental preservation and development.
- 4. Sustainable Development** (6 lectures)
Concept of sustainable development, Environmental accounting and green NNP, The concept of green NNE as linearised Hamiltonian.
- 5. Climate Change** (16 lectures)
What is Climate Change; Modelling of the economics of green house effect and climate-change. Global warming problem – Causes and Consequences; Climate change and Economic Policies; Development & Climate Change
- 6. International Treaty on Environment** (16 lectures)
UNPCC; Montreal Protocol : Statement and explanation, Modelling of the benefits of Co-operative treaty compared to non-co-operation; Paris Declaration;

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Optional: ECN MPHIL 103 D
Advanced Financial Economics

Full Marks: 50

Lecture Hours: 64

1. Index Models, CAPM & APT: Models of asset returns, single index model, multi index model, estimation of beta; arbitrage pricing theory.
2. Fixed Income Securities: Introduction, measure of price sensitivity and hedging, portfolio performance evaluation.
3. Pricing of Option, Futures and other Derivative Assets: Pricing of futures & forward, Option Pricing models: Black & Shocks Model, real option pricing, Pricing of American Options, pricing of other derivatives.
4. Event Study Methodology and Volatility Measures: Various approaches to event study methodology, measurement of risk and returns & use of test statistics. Measures of asset price volatility.
5. Behavioral Finance: Basic premises of behavioral Finance, Revisiting Efficient Market Hypothesis and financial market anomalies, theories of behavioral finance.

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Optional: ECN MPHIL 103 E

Advanced Econometrics - II

Full Marks: 50

Lecture Hours: 64

Group A (25 marks)

Qualitative Regression Methodologies

1. Multiple Discrete Choice Models (16 Lecture Hours)

Ordered Probit / Logit; Sequential Probit / Logit; Methods of estimation; Multinomial Logit (MNL); the Independence of Irrelevant Alternatives (IIA) assumption; Multinomial Probit models; Measuring Goodness of Fit; Testing assumptions; Application of Multinomial Logit Models.

2. Using Software for Qualitative Regression (16 Lecture Hours)

Group B (25 marks)

Efficiency Estimation

1. Concepts of Efficiency Estimation (16 Lecture Hours)

Definitions of technical and scale inefficiency;

Input and output orientations (using functional relationships); Use of production & distance functions (graphical, mathematical, programming specifications)

Efficiency Indicators and Indexes: Farrell's Approach

Deterministic Frontier Models: (a) Linear and Quadratic Programming Method (b) COLS (c) MOLS

2. Software for Efficiency Estimation (16 Lecture Hours)

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Optional: ECN MPHIL 103 F

Labour Economics

Full Marks: 50

Lecture Hours: 64

- 1. Labour Markets: (16 lectures)**
Nature and characteristics of labour markets in developing countries like India ; Paradigms of labour market analysis- classical, neo classical and dual labour merger, labour problems and their scope.
- 2. Wage Determination: (16 lectures)**
Concepts of minimum wage, living wage and fair wage; Productivity inflation and wage relationship.
- 3. Industrial Relations: (16 lectures)**
Trade Union's objectives and functions ; Collective bargaining ; types and theories; Trade Unions in India. Industrial Disputes in India Dispute Settlement Machinery in India.
- 4. State & Labour: (16 lectures)**
Concept of social security and its evolution; social assistance and social insurance; State policies with respect to social security and labour welfare in India; Exit policy, need for safety nets; Second National Commission on labour; Globalization and labour markets.

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ILO Approaches to Social Security.

ECN MPHIL 104

Term Paper & Seminar Presentation-I

Full Marks: 50

25 on Term Paper + 25 on Presentation

This paper shall be in the form of a Term Paper which the candidate shall have to submit within a stipulated date fixed by the RAC and thereafter present it.

Frame work of guide lines for writing the Term Paper

- I. Preliminary Section (of 500-750 words) providing Concept of literature review, Objectives of literature review, Importance of literature review, Methods/ procedure /steps in literature review, Types of literature review (classification), Sources of literature, Planning of the review work etc.
- II. Main Review (of 3000-5000 words) with subsections on - Issue / Topic of Research and Motivation; Review of Existing Literature – International and National; Identification of research gaps and researchable issues; Proper Bibliography of the reviewed items (Books, Journals articles, Reports and documents, Working papers, Case Studies, Monographs, Edited volumes, Citations, Websites, Encyclopedias, Year books, Seminar reports and conference proceedings, Micro forms: Audio visual types, micro card, micro films, Research abstracts, University news, Unpublished thesis and other works Etc.)

The above guidelines are common to all the candidates. However depending on the research topic, the candidate and supervisor have the freedom to work out the micro details of the literature review.

Second Semester
ECN MPHIL 201
Optional: ECN MPHIL 201 A
Advanced Economic Theory -I

Full Marks: 50

Lecture Hours: 64

- 1. Adverse selection, Signalling and Screening (12 Lectures)**
Introduction - Informational Asymmetries and Adverse Selection – Signaling - Screening.

- 2. The Principal Agent Problem (12 Lectures)**
Introduction - Hidden action (Moral Hazard) - Hidden Information (and Monopolistic Screening) - Hidden actions and Hidden Informatins (Hybrid Models)

- 3. Social Choice Theory (12 Lectures)**
Need for community decisions and its dilemma - Axiomatic treatment of Individual preferences - Different definitions of Rationality - Choice sets, Maximal sets and other related mathematical concepts - importance of morality - “Rational Fools” - Pareto rules and its extensions - normative evaluations of the existing public choice mechanisms - Arrow’s impossibility and its extensions - Rights and justice - interest, well-being and advantage

- 4. Axiomatic Bargaining Theory (12 Lectures)**
The Axiomatic Bargaining Approach - Nash Solution - Kalai-Smorodinsky solution - Coalitional Bargaining and Shapley value.

- 5. Dynamic Issues in Economics (12 Lectures)**
Intertemporal Choice - Intertemporal Production - Overlapping Generations - Tâtonnement and Learning - Introduction to chaos theory - Some economic models with chaos

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Mueller: Public Choice
Romer: Advanced Macro-economics
Ronald Shone: Economic Dynamics
Sen: Choice, welfare and Measurement
Sen: Collective Choice and social welfare
Varian: Microeconomics

Optional: ECN MPHIL 201 B
Political Economy of Development

Full Marks: 50

Lecture Hours: 64

- 1. Economic Distance between Nations – Historical Theories** (14 Lectures)
Convergence- Divergence Hypothesis
Stages of Development
Dualistic Theories
Critical appraisal of Metropole-Periphery theories

- 2. Recent Patterns of International Growth and Development** (14 Lectures)
Growth Experience
Perpetuating Underdevelopment
Poverty and Inequality in New World
Role of Trade, Financial Flows and State

- 3. Political Economy of New Regime** (12 Lectures)
Background and Implications of Structural Adjustment Programme
Financial Liberalisation and its Impacts

- 4. Political Economy of Privatisation** (12 Lectures)
Impact on Redistribution
Impact on Social Sector Development
Implications for Human Development

- 5. Reclaiming Development** (12 Lectures)

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Optional: ECN MPHIL 201 C
Regional Development in India

Full Marks: 50

Lecture Hours: 64

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| 1. Significance of Regional Disparities | (6 Lectures) |
| Theories of Divergence and Convergence
Measures of Divergence and Convergence
Regional Disparities in Colonial India | |
| 2. Regional Disparities in post-independence India | (10 Lectures) |
| Trends in Regional Disparities in Income & Consumption
Sectoral Income and Employment Pattern across regions | |
| 3. Regional Distribution of Industrial Development | (10 Lectures) |
| Industrial Locational Theories
Dispersal of Industries to Backward Areas under Licensing Regime
Spatial Concentration of Industries in Liberalised Regime
Regional Differences in Industrial Wages | |
| 4. Regional Disparities in Agricultural Growth and Productivity | (10 Lectures) |
| Trends in regional agro production and productivity
Role of Public Spending | |
| 5. Regional Distribution of Infrastructure | (12 Lectures) |
| Trends in regional disparities in Infrastructure
Association with Regional Disparities in Development | |
| 6. Current Economic Policies and Regional Disparity | (12 Lectures) |
| 7. Regional Economic Blocks | (4 Lectures) |

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ECN MPHIL 202
Optional: ECN MPHIL 202 A

Game Theory

Full Marks: 50

Lecture Hours: 64

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| 1. Static Game with complete information | (14 Lecture Hours) |
| 2. Dynamic Game with complete information | (14 Lecture Hours) |
| 3. Static Game with incomplete information | (14 Lecture Hours) |
| 4. Dynamic Game with incomplete information | (14 Lecture Hours) |
| 5. Using Software for solving Games | (8 Lecture Hours) |

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Optional: ECN MPHIL 201 B

Social Choice Theory

Full Marks: 50

Lecture Hours: 64

- 1. Relevance of Social choice Theory (12 Lectures)**
Need for community decisions and its dilemma – evaluations of policies or projects that would affect welfare of the community; Implications for the mainstream economic thinking – Some examples (provision of health care, education, losers and gainers in economic growth process, gender issues, various forms of social and non-economic discriminations, environmental perspectives etc.)
- 2. Axioms of Individual Choice-The Basis of Social Choice theory (12 Lectures)**
Axiomatic treatment of Individual preferences – Different definitions of Rationality - Choice sets, Maximal sets and other related mathematical concepts; Importance of morality - “Rational Fools”
- 3. Positive Social Choice (12 Lectures)**
Public choice in a direct democracy-Basic concepts of preference revelations; Public Choice in a representative democracy – Exit, voice and loyalty; Government and Bureaucracy
- 4. Normative Social Choice (12 Lectures)**
Pareto rules and its extensions – Normative evaluations of the existing public choice mechanisms; Arrow’s impossibility and its extensions – Rights and justice; Interest, well-being and advantage
- 5. Some applications of the Social Choice Theory (16 Lectures)**
Famine and entitlement – Study of some famines or famine like situations; Poverty and Inequality; Development as freedom – Evaluation of globalization and reform policies; Labour market as a social phenomenon – Social choice theoretic interpretation of unemployment; Development as Choice – basic incompleteness in the welfare theoretic evaluations

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Mueller: Public Choice
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Sen: Choice, Freedom and welfare
Sen: Choice, welfare and Measurement
Sen: Collective Choice and social welfare
Sen: Development as freedom
Sen: Poverty and famines: An essay on Entitlement and Deprivation.
Stiglitz: Public Economics
Suzumara and Pattnaik (eds): Essays in honour of Amartya Sen

Optional: ECN MPHIL 201 C
Economics of Infrastructure and Development

Full Marks: 50

Lecture Hours: 64

- 1. Infrastructure and Economic Development – Concepts (6 Lectures)**
Definition, Meaning, Classification of infrastructure (Social and Economic Infrastructure); Urban and Rural Infrastructure schemes in India – PURA; Growth of infrastructure under plans; Spatial aspects of development and linkages with infrastructure; Impact of Physical and Social Infrastructure on Development
- 2. Physical Infrastructure – I (Energy and Power) (10 Lectures)**
Energy: Sources of Energy – Sources of Commercial and Non Commercial Energy Resources – Growth and Present Status – Energy Crisis in India.; Power: Growth and Present Status – Rural Electrification in India – Problem of Power Shortage in India – Problem of SEBs in India.
- 3. Physical Infrastructure – II (Transport & Communication) (10 Lectures)**
Significance of Transport Infrastructure; Factors affecting Transport Network - Growth and Present status of Transport System in India; Impact of Transport Development on location of economic activities; Transport Sector Reforms in India; Postal and Telegraph. Telecommunication and Information Technology; Major issues in IT – Growth and present status of IT industry in India; Implications for Regional Development
- 4. Physical Infrastructure – III (Irrigation) (8 Lectures)**
Water Resource and Irrigation Types; Impact of Irrigation on Agriculture; Role of Public Provisioning
- 5. Social Infrastructure (14 Lectures)**
Growth and present status of Social Infrastructure – Education, Health, Housing and Banking & Insurance; Impact of Social Infrastructure on Human and Economic Development
- 6. Infrastructure Demand & Financing (16 Lectures)**
Demand Simulation for Infrastructure; Financing Needs; Infrastructure Financing in Plan Period; Infrastructure Financing in Recent Times; Privatisation of Infrastructure and PPP Models; Implications for Infrastructural Development

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Core Compulsory Paper
ECN MPHIL 203

Term Paper & Seminar Presentation-II

Full Marks: 50

25 on Term Paper + 25 on Presentation

This paper shall be in the form of a Term Paper which the candidate shall have to submit within a stipulated date fixed by the RAC and thereafter present it.

Frame work of guide lines for writing the Term Paper

- III. Preliminary Section (of 500-750 words) providing Concept of literature review, Objectives of literature review, Importance of literature review, Methods/ procedure /steps in literature review, Types of literature review (classification), Sources of literature, Planning of the review work etc.
- IV. Main Review (of 3000-5000 words) with subsections on - Issue / Topic of Research and Motivation; Review of Existing Literature – International and National; Identification of research gaps and researchable issues; Proper Bibliography of the reviewed items (Books, Journals articles, Reports and documents, Working papers, Case Studies, Monographs, Edited volumes, Citations, Websites, Encyclopedias, Year books, Seminar reports and conference proceedings, Micro forms: Audio visual types, micro card, micro films, Research abstracts, University news, Unpublished thesis and other works Etc.)

The above guidelines are common to all the candidates. However depending on the research topic, the candidate and supervisor have the freedom to work out the micro details of the literature review.