

UNIVERSITY OF CALICUT

**(Abstract)**

M A History-Calicut University Credit Semester System (CUCSS)-Ist Semester syllabus-approved-implemented with effect from 2010 admission onwards -orders issued.

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**GENERAL AND ACADEMIC BRANCH-IV B SECTION**

No: GAIV/B1/5815/2008      Dated, Calicut University. P.O.,  
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- Read: 1. U.O No.GA IV/J1/1373/08 dated 23-07-2010.  
2. Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in History (PG) held on 10-06-2010. (Item No.1)  
3. Orders of the Vice-Chancellor in the file of even no.dated 16-07-2010.

**ORDER**

Vide paper read 1<sup>st</sup> above Rules and Regulations of Calicut University Credit Semester System(CUCSS) was implemented in the affiliated colleges.

Considering the introduction of CUCSS in affiliated colleges with effect from 2010 admission, the Board of Studies in History (PG) at its meeting held on 10-06-2010 vide paper 2<sup>nd</sup> above resolved to approve the curriculum and syllabus of M.A History (CUCSS) to be implemented in affiliated colleges with effect from 2010 admission .

The Vice-Chancellor after having considered the urgency approved the syllabus subject to ratification by the Academic Council.

Orders are therefore issued implementing the 1<sup>st</sup> Semester syllabus of MA History programme-CUCSS –Semester Course-with effect from 2010 admission in the affiliated colleges of the University.

Orders are issued accordingly.

The syllabus is appended herewith.

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**SECTION OFFICER.**

## **HIS I C I      Methods of Historical Research**

Credits-4      Working days-90;Contact Hours-72( Teaching Hours-48;  
Course work-24)

### **1. Methodological Trends**

Scientific method as applied in History

Heuristics and Hermeneutics

Quantitative and Qualitative methods

Textual analysis

Oral traditions-semiotics and study of symbols

Links with other disciplines: inter-disciplinary approaches

### **2. The Process of Research**

Problematizing existing research-selection of a problem-feasibility-  
methods of authentication-Research Plan and working Hypothesis

Collection of data- sources-repositories of sources-Libraries-Archives-  
Digital information-possibilities of field research

Documentation- taking notes-summary,paraphrase,précis, plagiarism-  
arrangement of data- manual card system-word processor-files and folders

Data analysis-source analysis-content analysis-Objectivity and bias-  
reasoning-fallacies-generalisation and explanation

Ordering of data-conceptual linkages- methods of explanation- verification  
of hypothesis-formulation of the final argument

### **3. Writing a research monograph**

Chapterisation- Survey of previous research- asking the research  
questions-sources and methodology

Logical arrangement of chapters

Citations -substantiation and acknowledgement of sources-references-  
functions of bibliography-Use of graphics, maps and other accessories

Analytical writing- language- need for consistency and terminological  
clarity-glossary and index

#### **4. Identification of research problems: case studies**

Early History and Archaeology of South India

Medieval South India

Social reform and National Movement

Social and cultural History

Intellectual History and Local History

#### **Selected Readings**

L.Cohen and E.Nagel: Introduction to Logic and Scientific method

Paul feyerabend: Against method

Jacques Barzun and H.F.Graff: The Modern Researcher

William Goode and Paul Hatt: The methods of Social Research

Robert Kie(ed) : Scientific Enquiry

Arthur Marwick: The New nature of History

Marc Bloch: the Historian's Craft

Kate Turabian: A manual for the writers of term papers, theses and  
dissertations

Aaron V. Cicourel(ed): Advances in Social theory and methodology

Lyudmilla Jordanova: History in Practice

Jan Vansina: Oral Tradition as History

Michel De Certeau: History of Everyday Life

**HIS I C2 Writing Kerala History- Historiography and Courses**

Credits-4      Working days-90;    Contact Hours-72(12weeks x  
6hours)

Unit-I:**Historiography** (36 contact hours: 24 lecture hours+12 hours for coursework)

Subunit a) Pre-modern Historical Consciousness

Parasurama legend-St.Thomas tradition-Cheraman Perumal legend-Keralolpattis and the vision of Kerala-Emergence of Naduvazhis- Mushakavamsa-Manipravala Literature- Tuhfat al Mujahideen-Folk traditions-Northern Ballads-War Songs-Historical elements in temple arts

b) Colonial Historiography

Early Surveyors and administrators-Buchanan-Missionary writings-Gundert, Mateer-Gazetteers and Manuals-Logan,Nagam Aiya and Velu Pillai-Search for primary sources- Babington, Bruce Foote-Travancore Archaeological Series and Ramavarma Research Institute-Numismatics- Colonial Ethnography-Fawcett,LKA Iyer

c) Emergence of Modern Historiography

Early Histories of Travancore, Cochin and the Zamorins-K.P.Padmanabha Menon and the beginnings of Modern Historiography-Writings by social reformers and nationalists- Histories of European Interventions- Histories of language and Literature-Elamkulam Kunjan Pillai and the discovery of Early Kerala

d) Development of Scientific trends

Early migrations- Debate on the Chera State- caste and agrarian order-Role of trade-Thesis of 'cultural symbiosis'- Impact of the Europeans- Changes under the British Rule-Social reform and National Movement- Role of Intellectuals and the labouring people

Emerging trends-Histories of the downtrodden and women-Culture and Community-Local History

Unit-II: **Sources** ( Contact Hours -36; 24 lecture Hours+ 12 hours of course work)

- a) Archaeological Sources: Typology-Nature of Evidence- Present State of explorations and excavations- Pre-historic Art-Historical Monuments- Attempts at Historical Analysis- study of Archaeological Reports
- b) Epigraphical Sources: Typology and nature of evidence- script-Chronology- Content and language of Inscriptions- Grandhavaris and karanams- Study of inscriptions and Grandhavaris
- c) Numismatics: Typology-Graeco-Roman and Indogenous Coins-Other coins- Uses for Historical Study

- d) Literary Sources: Sanskrit, Tamil, Manipravalam and Malayalam texts- Travel accounts- Study of texts-methods- Nature of information and possibilities of historical interpretation- Study of sample texts
- e) Archival Sources: Nature of the documents- classification of documents- nature of information –the use of archival sources- study of sample documents
- f) Oral Traditions: Songs and Performance Traditions-Local traditions, proverbs and sayings-rumour- family traditions-local memory- Study of texts and traditions

## **Readings**

Texts for study( Unit-II)

1. Report of Porkalam Excavation by B.K.Thapar, Ancient India,1949.
2. Report of Mangad Excavation in Iron Age in Kerala, State Archaeology Department, Govt.of Kerala,1992
3. Jewish Copper Plates of Bhaskara Ravi( M.G.S Narayanan, Cultural Symbiosis in Kerala, Trivandrum,1972)
4. Notices of Changatham in Vanjeri Grandhavari( M.G.S.Narayanan(ed) Vanjeri Granthavari, University of Calicut,1987)
5. Early Coins in Kerala : P.L.Gupta
6. Description of Kollam in Unnunilisesandesam ( Editions by Elamkulam Kunjan Pillai or Sooranad kunjan Pillai)
7. Extract from Duarte Barbosa( Social Divisions of Malabar)
8. Baber's Report on Pazhassi rebellion ( reproduced in Logan, Malabar)
9. Muhammed Abdurahiman's Letter to the Khilafat Headquarters at Mumbai on the Tirurangadi incident,1921( K.N.Panikkar, Peasant Protests and revolts in Malabar, PPH, New Delhi)
- 10.Extract from Vatakkann Pattukal( Duel between Aromal Chekavar and Aringotar- Puthooram Pattukal)

Texts for reference ( Unit-I)

1. S.K.Nayar, randu keralolpattikal( University of Madras)
2. M.R.Raghava Varier, Keralolpatti Grandhavari( University of Calicut)

3. A.Mathias Mundaden, History of Christianity in Kerala Vol.I
4. P.A.Muhammed Kunhi, Muslingalum Keralasamskaravum
5. P.A.Sayed Muhammed: Kerala Muslim Charithram
6. K.Raghavan Pillay(ed) Mushakavamsa, ( University of Kerala)
7. S.M.H.Nainar( translated and edited) Tuhfat al Mujahideen( Other Books, Calicut)
8. S.M.H.Nainar, Arab Geographer' Account of South India
9. K.A.Nilakantha Shastri ( ed), Foreign Notices of South India
- 10.M.G.S.Narayanan, Vanjeri Granthavari( University of Calicut)
- 11.Ulloor S. Parameswara Iyer, Kerala sahitya charithram Vol.I and II
- 12.Scaria Zacharia( ed) canons of the Synod of Diamper
- 13.K.V.Achuthanandan, 24 vatakkann pattukal ( H&C Stores, Kunnamkulam)
- 14.Francis Buchanan, Travels through Mysore, Malabar and South canara
- 15.Vaikkath pachumoothath, Thiruvitankur charithram
- 16.P.Shankunni Memon, History of Travancore
- 17.W.Logan, Malabar
- 18.Nagam Aiyar, Travancore State manual 3Volumes
- 19.T.K.Velu Pillai, Travancore State manual
- 20.K.P.Padmanabha Menon: Kochirajyacharithram
- 21.----- : History of Kerala( 4 volumes)
- 22.Herman Gundert, Keralapazhama
- 23.K.V.Krishna Iyer: Zamorins of Calicut
- 24.Elamkulam P.N.Kunjan Pillai: Studies in Kerala History
- 25.-----: Elamkulam Kunjan Pillayute sampoorana kritikal: charithram( University of Kerala)
- 26.P.K.Balakrishnan, jativyavasthayum Keralacharithravum
- 27.M.G.S.Narayanan: Cultural Symbiosis in Kerala
- 28.-----: Perumals of Kerala



- 29.Kesavan Veluthat: Brahman Settlements in Kerala
- 30.Rajan Gurukkal, Medieval temple and the Agrarian System
- 31.K.M.Panikkar, History of Kerala 1498-1801
- 32.Robin Jeffry: Decline of Nair Dominance
- 33.E.M.S.Namboothirippad, Kerala, Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow
- 34.K.K.N.Kurup: Agrarian Struggles of Kerala
- 35.T.K.Ravindran, Vaikom Satyagraha and Gandhi
- 36.P.K.Balakrishnan, Sreenarayanaguru
- 37.Dilip menon: Ethnicity, Nationalism, Communism
- 38.K.N.Panikkar: Against Lord and State
- 39.G.Arunima, There Comes papa
- 40.J.Devika, Engendering Individuals
- 41.K.Gopalankutty, Malabar Pathanangal

General readings:

1. P.J.Cherian ( ed): Perspectives in Kerala History: The Second Millenium
2. Raghava varier and Rajan Gurukkal: Keralacharithram
3. Rajan Gurukkal and Raghava varier (ed): The Cultural History of Kerala Vol.I
4. A. Sreedhara Menon, A Survey of kerala History
5. K.N.Ganesh, keralathinte Innalekal

### **HISI C3 Selected Themes in Indian Historiography**

Credits-4 Working days-90; Contact Hours-72 ( Teaching Hours-48;Coursework-24)

#### **I. Historical Consciousness in Early India**

Indian Perceptions of History-Historical Consciousness in Vedic texts-gatha, narasamsi, Akhyana and Danastuti- Buddhist and Jain texts and the changing expressions of Historical Consciousness- Itihasa-Purana traditions-Sutamagadha tradition-vamsanucharita-Prasastis and Dynastic Chronicles-The concept of Time in India.

#### **II. Historical traditions of medieval India**

Historical Consciousness in the accounts of Travellers, Traders and Geographers-Attempts at legitimisation of the new polity-The Court Historians-Biographies and Autobiographies-Gazetteers and Letters

Vernacular writings and Romances of India-Mangal Kabyas of the East-Historical Works under Vijayanagara-regional Histories and Local traditions

#### **III. Historiographical Trends in Colonial India**

Construction of the Concept of the 'Orient'-Portuguese and Dutch writings- Asiatic Society and the work of the Indologists-Imperialist History and Colonial Ethnography-Euro-centric Image of the Indian Past-Stereotypes of Spiritual Unchanging India, Oriental Despotism, Asiatic Mode of Production

The work of Nationalist Historians-Critique of Orientalism and Imperialism- Construction of the nation- Communalist Interpretations

#### **IV. Contemporary perspectives**

Marxist attempts at reconstructing India's past- Kosambi and others-  
social Science perspectives – stratified society- Emergence of the State-  
Indian feudalism-Subaltern Studies and the emergence of 'Post-  
Colonial'perceptions

##### Readings

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Bulcke, Kamil, Ramakatha

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-----, The Puranic Accounts of the Dynasties of the Kali Age,  
Delhi,1927

Pathak V.S., The Ancient Historians of India, Delhi,1966

Warder A.K., An Introduction to Indian Historiography

Philips C.H.,ed, Historians of India, Pakistan and Ceylon, London,1961

Sankalia H.D., Ramayana: Myth or Reality

Thapar, Romila., Exile and the Kingdom, Bangalore,1978

-----, Ancient Indian Social History: Some Interpretations,  
Delhi,1975

-----, Cultural Pasts, New Delhi,2001

-----, 'Of Biographies and Kings' The Book Review' Vol.xxi, No.8,  
August, 1997

-----, Past and Prejudice, NBT, New Delhi, 1975

-----, Interpreting early India,OUP, New delhi,1999

Henri Elliot and Charles Dowson, History of India as told by its own  
Historians, 8 vols.

J.S.Grewal, Medieval India: History and Historians

Harbans Mukhia, Historians and Historiography in the reign of Akbar

K.A.Nizami, On History and Historians of medieval India

Mohibul Hasan (ed), Historians of medieval india

Peter Hardy: Historians of medieval India

Aijaz Ahmad, *In Theory*, Oxford University Press, Delhi, 1992

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Breckenridge, Carol A and Peter van der Veer eds., *Orientalism and the Post-colonial Predicament*, OUP, Delhi, 1994

Chaudhuri, Nirad C., *Scholar Extraordinary: The life of Friedrich Max Muller*, Orient Paperbacks, Delhi, 1974

Currie, Kate, *Beyond Orientalism* K.P. Bagchi and Co, Calcutta, 1996

Inden, Ronald, *Imagining India*, Blackwell, 1990

Keay, John, *India Discovered*, Collins, London, 1981

Kejariwal O.P, *The Asiatic Society of Bengal and the Discovery of India's past 1784-1838*, OUP, Delhi, 1988

Kopf, David, *British Orientalism and the Indian Renaissance: the Dynamics of Indian Modernisation 1773-1835*, University of California Press, Berkeley and Los Angeles, 1969

Mackenzie, John M., *Orientalism: History, theory and the Arts*, Manchester and New York, 1995, Manchester University Press.

Majeed, Javed, *Ungoverned Imaginings: James Mill's the History of British India and Orientalism*, Oxford, The Clarendon Press, 1992

Metcalf, Thomas R., *Ideologies of the Raj*, Cambridge University Press, 1987

Mukherjee, S.N., *Sir William Jones: A Study of Eighteenth century British attitudes to India*, Bombay, Orient Longman, 1987

O'Leary, Brendan, *The Asiatic Mode of production: Oriental despotism, Historical Materialism and Indian history*

Said, Edward, *Orientalism*, Pantheon Books, New York, 1987

Teltscher, Kate, *India Inscribed*, OUP, New Delhi, 1995

Trautmann, Thomas R., *Aryans and British India*, New Delhi, 1997, Sage-Vistar

Viswanathan, Gauri, *Masks of Conquest: Literary Study and British rule in India*, Faber and Faber, London, 1990

Daud Ali,ed., Viewing the Past, OUP,2000

Ranajit Guha et . al.ed., Subaltern Studies, VOL.I-XII

David Ludden ,ed., Reading Subaltern Studies, Anthem Press, 2005

Partha Chatterjee ,ed., History and the Present, Permanent Black,2003

Saurabh Dube ed., Post-Colonial Passages, OUP,2004

Sanjay subrahmanyam, Velcheru narayana rao and David  
Shulman,Textures of Time,OUP,2001

## **HIS I C4 History of Pre-Modern Societies**

Credits-4 Working days-90; Contact Hours-72( Teaching Hours-48;Coursework-24)

### **I. Pre-State Modes of production**

Tribal Social forms-Formation of Surplus and its Redistribution- Exchange Processes- Pastoral Society-Exchange process-Legal systems-Link with ancient religions-Urbanisation- Overseas Trade- Processes of State formation.

### **II. State Formation in Ancient World**

Nature of the Chinese State- Persian Empire- Mauryan Empire-Graeco-Roman Traditions-Philosophy-Jainism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism, Zoroastrianism

### **III. Transition from Ancient to Medieval**

Major features of the transition-Divide of Ancient Empires- The Debate-Theories of the decline of the Roman Empire- Slave Mode of production to Feudal Mode of Production

#### IV. Medieval Society

Land grants-landlord-tenant relations and the subinfeudation process- Corvee and Serfdom-Service Tenures- Allotment of Iqta and Mukti in West Asian states- The village organisation in China-Features of mediaval social system-Social differentiaton and hierarchy- marriage and family

#### V. Medieval Trade

Trade Guilds-Indian Ocean Trade- Features and Extent-Ports of Trade- Character of trade- Overland trade- caravan trade and serais-Silk Route- Overland routes in India-medieval towns and their features-Money and coinage- trade communities.

#### VI. Medieval science and Technology

Concept of the Medieval period as a Dark Age for Science and Technology- Legacy of Aristotle, Ptolemy and Galen in Europe- Science and Civilisation in China-Astronomy, mathematics and medicine in India-Science in West Asia- Limitations of Medieval Science

#### VII. Religion and Ideology

Forms of Worship- Monotheism and Polytheism-Sufi tradition in Islam- Witchcraft-Monasticism in Europe-Peasant rebels and Religion in China- Crusades- Sunni-Shia Conflict

### **Readings**

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-----: From Lineage to State, Delhi,1984

Elman R.Service, Origins of State and Civilisation, New York, Norton,1977

Peter Bogucki, Origins of Human Society, Blackwell,2001

Robert M.Adams, Evolution of the Urban Society, Chicago, Aldine, 1966

Michael Mann, The sources of Social Power, Cambridge,1990

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-----: Ancient History: Evidence and Models, Penguin

-----: Ancient Slavery and Modern ideology, Penguin

Karl Polanyi(ed), Trade and Market in early Empires, Glenco, Free Press, New York,1957

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Barry Hindess and Paul.Q.Hirst: Pre-capitalist Modes of production, Routledge and Kegan Paul,1975

-----: Mode of Production and Social Formation

DE st,Croix, G.E.M, Class Struggle in the Ancient Greek World, London,1981

M.Rostovtseff: Social and economic History of the Roman Empire, London,1927

Jacques Gernet: History of Chinese Civilisation, London,1984

Richard N.Frye: The Heritage of Persia, Mentor Books,1966

Elsbeth R.M.Dusinberre, Aspects of Empire in Achaemenid Sardis, Cambridge

J.Le Goff, Medieval Civilisation, Blackwell,1995

-----, Medieval Callings, London,1995

Brendon O'Leary, The Asiatic Mode of Production, Historical Materialism and Indian History, Blackwell,1989

H.J.M Claessen and P.Skalnik, ed., The Early State, The Hague, Mouton Press,1978

----- ed, Study of the State, The Hague, Mouton Press,1981

Perry Anderson, Passages from Antiquity to feudalism, Verso, London

-----, Lineages of the Absolutist State, London,1976

A.H.M.Jones: Decline of the Ancient World, London, Longman, 1978

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-----, Early Medieval Indian Society



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-----, French Rural History, London,1978

B.H.Slicher van Bath, Agrarian History of medieval Europe,London,1969

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-----, Medieval Cities

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-----, Trade and Civilisation in Indian Ocean, London,1985

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R.Champakalakshmi, Trade Ideology and Urbanisation, OUP,Delhi,1996

D.N.Jha,ed.,Feudal Order, Manohar

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Wolfram Eberhard: A History of China, London,1985

Georges Duby: Warriors and Peasants in Medival Europe

Guy Bois: The Decline of Feudalism, London,1979

Rodney Hilton Ed., Transition from Feudalism to capitalism, London,1990

-----, Bondmen Made Free, London,1981