

Skill Enhancement Course 1

Research Methodology in History

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Module 1

I [a] Time, space, human agency

[b] Sources as authority and sources in context: written, oral, visual, and archaeological

[c] Facts and historical facts; interpretation and meaning

[d] Hypothesis, argumentation, problematique

[e] Objectivity, causality, generalization, historical imagination

[f] Narrative and history

Module 2

II History as interdisciplinary practice: [a] History and Archaeology [b] History and Anthropology [c] Quantitative Methods in History [d] History and Psychology [e] History and Literature

III Historians at work:

Representative writings of any two major historians are to be critically evaluated on the parameters of the research methodology with an emphasis on the use of the sources, methodology, arguments and conclusion.

Essential Readings:

E. H. Carr, What is History, Penguin, 2008 (also in Hindi) Marc Bloch, The Historian's Craft (Introduction and Chapter I: History, Men and Time), Manchester University

Press, 1992.(also in Hindi)

E. Sreedharan, A Text-book of Historiography 500 BC to AD 2000, Orient Longman, 2004 (also in Hindi) Suggested Readings:

Arthur Marwick, New Nature of History: Knowledge, Evidence, Language (Chapter V: The Historian at work: Forget 'facts', Foreground Sources), Lyceum Books Incorporated, 2001.

Habib, Irfan. Interpreting Indian History. Northeastern Hill University Publications, Shillong, 1988

Arthur Marwick, The Nature of History (Chapter IV: History, Science and Social Science), London: Macmillan, 1989