



**CENTRE FOR INFORMAL SECTOR AND
LABOUR STUDIES (CISLS)**

**SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
JAWAHARLAL NEHRU UNIVERSITY**

1. <i>Indian Economic Development: Selected Issues</i>	4	Himanshu
2. <i>Production Conditions and Labour in Rural India</i>	4	Archana Prasad
3. <i>Urbanization, Migration And Labour</i>	4	Pradeep Shinde
4. <i>State, Globalisation and Labour</i>	4	Avinash Kumar
		Total credits earned- 16
Third Semester		
1. Four optional Courses* (Note: The student can take one or two Optional Courses* of 4 credits each outside the Centre)	4 Credits x 4=16	
Or		Total credits earned- 16
2. One Seminar Course offered at the Centre and three Optional Courses*		
Fourth Semester		
1. Four Optional Courses* (Note: The student can take one or two Optional Courses* of 4 credits each outside the Centre)	4 Credits x 4=16	
Or		Total credits earned- 16
2. (for those who do not opt for a Seminar Course in Semester III) One Seminar Course offered at the Centre and three Optional Courses*		
* The students can opt for a maximum of three optional courses of 4 credits each from outside the Centre, spread into two semesters (III&IV) with the permission of the Centre.		

OBJECTIVES OF THE PROPOSED CORE COURSES (SEMESTERS 1 AND II)

The core courses, spread over the first two semesters of the M.A. Programme, cover broad thematic areas which provide students with an overview of the subject and basic theoretical knowledge of the structural factors that impact on labour processes and their growing informalisation. These courses provide a holistic view on multiple themes in development and labour studies from an interdisciplinary perspective. As will be noticed in the structure and the content of these courses, they focus on providing an overview of recent debates and contemporary areas of research. Thus the core courses will be different from optional courses which will elaborate on specific problems and themes on which the students can undertake indepth study.

PROPOSED OPTIONAL LECTURE COURSES (SEMESTER III AND IV)

Students will have to do between seven lecture courses (out of the eight optional courses) out of the pool of Optional Courses being offered by the Centre in the third and fourth semesters of the M.A. Programme. As mentioned earlier, the optional courses will focus on specific themes and problems and allow students to undertake indepth analysis on areas of their interest. Since the optional courses will be offered since 2016, responsibility of teaching optional courses will be fixed as and when new members join the faculty. Two sanctioned positions of Associate Professor are likely to be filled very soon. The Centre has been assured of one additional post at the earliest. You may also note that this is the first cut of optional courses and a few more may be added to the list subsequently. The proposed list of optional courses to be offered by the Centre is the following:

Semester/Course Title	Number of Credits
1. <i>Women and Work</i>	4
2. <i>Nature, Capital and Labour</i>	4
3. <i>Development, Displacement and Labour</i>	4
4. <i>Contemporary Indian Society</i>	4
5. <i>Sociology of the Informal Sector</i>	4
6. <i>Classical Modern Social Theory and Labour</i>	4
7. <i>Occupational Safety and Health</i>	4
8. <i>Workers Movements In India</i>	4
9. <i>Urban Politics and Informality</i>	4
10. <i>Advanced Qualitative Research</i>	4
11. <i>Political Economy of Institutions</i>	4
12. <i>Economics of Labour</i>	4
13. <i>Advanced Quantitative Techniques</i>	4

The titles of other optional courses suggested by the Course Committee, Extended Faculty Committee, CASR and the BoS are the following:

1. The Political Economy of Labour in India.
2. Exclusion, Inequality and Labour.
3. Freedom, Justice and Constitutional Democracy.
4. Rural Industrialisation in India.

The syllabus for these courses is being prepared by the faculty and will be put up for discussion in due course.

PROPOSED OPTIONAL SEMINAR COURSES (SEMESTER III AND IV)

Students will have to do one Seminar Course out of the pool of Seminar Courses being offered by the Centre in the third and fourth semesters of the M.A. Programme. The Seminar Course is a non-lecture, reading-cum-research based course of four credits. It will focus on

introducing students to original research on micro issues and problems. It will enable students to think and debate on such issues. Students will work under the guidance of the teachers who will provide the outline, themes covered and the mode of evaluation during the semesters. At the end of the semester, students will have to produce a fully referenced and scientifically argued 10000 words research paper. The list of proposed Seminar Courses are:

1. Child Labour in India
2. Labour Laws in India
3. Economic and Social Rights of Labour: Problems and Prospects
4. Research Methods in Labour Studies
5. Technology, Innovations and Skill Development.
6. The Political Economy of Care
7. Dalit and Adivasi Workers in Contemporary India
8. Women Workers in the Trade Union Movements.
9. Manual Scavenging in Contemporary India
10. Movements of the Marginalised Sections in India.

Apart from these proposed seminar courses, the faculty committee may decide to declare any optional lecture course as a 'seminar' course on the recommendation of the course instructor.