

MANGALORE UNIVERSITY
MSc Geography

HARD CORE COURSE: GYH 451: Development of Geographic Thought

Course Learning Outcomes:

- CO1.** Understand historical evolution of the discipline geography
- CO2.** Analyze the relationship between geographical thought and practice
- CO3.** Analyze the relationship between geographical scholarship and larger socio-political processes
- CO4.** Evaluate the intermingling of imperialism and geographical knowledge
- CO5.** Understand one's own geographical perspective in relation to border historical discourses and concepts
- CO6.** Demonstrate geographical issues from a Third World perspective
- CO7.** Demonstrate the inclusive nature of 21st century geographical discourses

Unit 1: The field of geography: Definition and meaning of geography: Nature and scope of geography. Geography as a social and natural science. Evaluation of geographic thought. Limits in geography. Traditions in geography: Area differentiation, landscape theme, Environment theme, spatial distribution and geometric theme. Inter-disciplinary and intra-disciplinary approaches in geography.

Unit 2: Pioneers and their contributions to geography: Ancient period – greek, romans, Indians and Chinese. Medieval period - Arabs and geographical discoveries. Modern period – Alexander von Humboldt, Carl Ritter and Darwin. School of geography – German, French, British, American and Russian.

Unit 3: Dualism and dichotomies in geography – Determinism, possibilism, neo determinism and social determinism. Quantitative revolution. Geographical models—need, features, types and classification. Theory building. Geographical paradigms.

Unit 4: Explanations in geography-cognitive, cause & effect, temporal & functional, systems analysis and regional concepts. Modern themes in geographical thought – positivism, pragmatism, functionalism, existentialism, idealism, realism, marxism, radicalism, behaviouralism, and humanism.

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