**School of Human Studies**

**Ambedkar University Delhi**

**Course Outline**

**Time Slot-_____**

**Course Code**:

**Title**: Psychology as a Human Science

**Type of Course**:Discipline (Psychology)

**Cohort for which it is compulsory**: MA Psychology

**Cohort for which it is elective**: All others

**No of Credits**: 4

**Semester and Year Offered**: 1st Semester (Monsoon Semester)

**Course Coordinator and Team Rachana Johri**

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**Pre-requisites**:None

**Aim**:This central aim of this course is to establish a framework for thinking of Psychology as a Human Science. It also serves as a bridge between Psychology and Psychosocial Studies. The course will begin with a brief survey of the Schools of Psychology as conceived of in mainstream renderings. Do these constitute a human science? This course will take a critical look at the emphasis on the universal human studied through  consciousness  that has marked much of the journey of Psychology. This course will attempt to rethink the idea of Psychology as a human science by thinking through theorists who enable the conception of a human who is an embodied being embedded in the social.

**Brief description of modules/ Main modules**:

1. **A brief history of Psychology**
2. **Psychology as a Human Science**
3. **Phenomenology**
4. **Psychoanalysis**
5. **The social turn**
6. **The turn to culture**
7. **Thinking about human difference**

**Assessment Details with weights**:

1. Class participation          20%
2. Mid semester.               40%

**3.** End semester           40%

**Reading List**

Ashworth and Cheung ( 2006) Phenomenology and Psychological Science

Fuchs and Milnar Psychology as

Gergen, K. The Social Constructionist Movement in Psychology
Georgi, Amdeo.(1969) Psychology: A human Science
Kakar, S. Culture and Psyche.
Leahey The mind as a Scientific Object. A historical philosophical

Lear, J. Freud
Merleau Ponty. The Phenomenology of Perception
Merleau Ponty The Chiasm
Shrewder, R. Cultural Psychology. What is it?

Wertsch and Tulviste LS Vygotsky and contemporary Developmental Psychology