

Paper No- 16: EVOLUTION OF GEOGRAPHICAL THOUGHT

Course Objectives

The aim of this paper is to give basic knowledge about evolution of geography as a separate discipline to the history of eminent geographical theories and their contribution. The course covers the evolution of geography through classical, medieval, modern and post-modern era. Students also learn about important debates, paradigms shifts, changing concepts and future of geography.

1 Pre-Modern and Modern

1.1 Classical and Medieval Philosophies

1.2 Modern I- Germany, France

1.3 Modern II- Britain, United States of America and India

- Martin, G. J. (2005) *All Possible Worlds: A History of Geographical Ideas*, Oxford. Chapter 1
- Adhikari, S. (1992) *Fundamentals of Geographical Thought*, Chaitanya Publishing House, Allahabad. Chapter 7 and 8

2 Debates

2.1 Environmental Determinism and Possibilism

2.2 Systematic and Regional

2.3 Ideographic and Nomothetic

- Dickinson, R.E. (1969) *The Makers of Modern Geography*, Routledge and Kegan Paul, London. Chapter 4
- Holt-Jensen, A. (2011) *Geography: History and Its Concepts: A Students Guide*, Sage. Chapter 4

3 Trends

3.1 Quantitative Revolution

3.2 Behaviouralism, Systems Approach

3.3 Humanistic Approach

- Burton, I. (1963) "The quantitative revolution and theoretical geography", *The Canadian Geographer*, 7: 151-162.
- Rana, L. (2008) *Geographical Thought: A Systematic Record of Evolution*, Concept Publication, New Delhi. Chapter 5
- Daniels, S. (1985) *Arguments for a Humanistic Geography*, in R.J. Johnston (ed) *The Future of Geography*, Methuen, London. Chapter 4

4 Towards Post Modernism

4.1 Post-Modernism

4.2 Changing Concept of Space in Geography

4.3 Future of Geography

- Soja, E. (1997) *Post-Modern Geographies*, Verso, Rawat Publication, Jaipur. Chapter 1

Further Readings

- Bhat, L.S. (2009) *Geography in India: Selected Themes*, Pearson Education, ICSSR, Delhi.
- Chorley, R.J. and Haggett, P. (eds) (1967) *Models in Geography*, Methuen, London.
- Hartshorne, R. (1939) *The Nature of Geography: A Critical Survey of Current Thought in the Light of the Past*, Association of American Geographers, Lancaster.

- Harvey, D. (1969) *Explanation in Geography*, Edward Arnold, London.
- Johnston, R.J. (1991) *Geography and Geographers: Anglo-American Human Geography since 1945*, Edward Arnold, London.
- Singh, R.B. (ed)(2012) *Progress in Indian Geography: A Country Report*, New Delhi: Indian National Science Academy.