SYLLABUS HISTORY  142, 4 credits

HISTORY OF SOUTH ASIA TO THE PRESENT

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This course presents a survey of the history of South Asia from the earliest beginnings to the present, including the major religious traditions of Buddhism, Hinduism and Islam in so far as these are relevant for the historical development of the subcontinent.

Textbook


Course requirements: attendance of lectures and films; readings as specified in this syllabus; one mid-term and a final exam; one essay of 5-7 pages (double spaced) on a take-home question.

Exam dates: mid-term October 24; take home essay November 9; hand in essay November 28; final exam December 23, 7:45 AM.

Lecture 1: September 5

Introduction

Lecture 2: September 7
The ecological setting
Read: pp. ix-xii, 1-12

Lecture 3: September 12
Geography and history

Lecture 4: September 14
Pre-historical origins: the Indus Valley (Harappa) civilization, the Aryans and the transition to Vedic India
Read: chapters 2 & 3 (pp. 13-34)

Lecture 5: September 19
The Aryan conquest of North India and the rise of Buddhism and Jainism
Read: chapter 4 (pp. 35-52)

Lecture 6: September 21
The Maurya empire (326-184 B. C.)
Read: chapter 5 (pp. 53-67)

Lecture 7: September 26
South Asia between the Maurya and the Gupta empires (184 B. C.-320 A. D.)
Read: chapter 6 (pp. 68-85)

**Lecture 8: September 28**

The classical age: the imperial Guptas (ca. 320-550 A. D.) and Harsha (606-647 A. D.)

Read: chapter 7 (pp. 86-104)

**Lecture 9: October 3**

The rise and early expansion of Islam (622-962 A. D.)

Read: chapter 8, pp. 105-107

**Lecture 10: October 5**

The expansion of Islam in South Asia from 962 A. D. to 1556 A. D.

Read: chapter 8, pp. 107-125

**Lecture 11: October 10**

The Mughal empire under Akbar (1556-1605 A. D.)

Read: chapter 9 (pp. 126-134)

**Lecture 12: October 12**

European mercantile expansion in India and the Indian Ocean in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries
Read: chapter 10 (pp. 135-147)

Lecture 13: October 17

The Mughal empire under Jahangir (1605-1627 A. D.), Shah Jahan (1627-1658 A. D.), and Aurangzeb (1658-1707 A. D.)

Read: chapter 11 (pp. 148-168)

Lecture 14: October 19

India between empires: the eighteenth century

Read: chapters 12 & 13 (pp. 169-199)

Lecture 15: October 24

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October 26

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Lecture 16: October 31

The expansion of the British Company Raj (1793-1848 A. D.)

Read: chapter 14 (pp. 200-223)

Lecture 17: November 2
The Mutiny of 1857/58 A. D. and the transition to Crown Rule

Read: chapters 15 & 16 (pp. 224-246)

**Lecture 18: November 7**

The beginnings of Indian nationalism (1885-1905 A. D.)

Read: chapters 17 & 19 (pp. 247-272)

**Lecture 19: November 9**

Indian nationalism and reform to the end of the First World War (1905-1919 A. D.)

Read: chapters 19 & 20 (pp. 273-300)

**Lecture 20: November 14**

Toward independence (1920-1939 A. D.)

Read: chapter 21 (pp. 301-329)

**Lecture 21: November 16**

Film (with discussion): ‘India: Defying the Crown’

**Lecture 22: November 21**

The Second World War and its impact on India (1939-1946 A. D.)

Read: chapter 22 (pp. 330-353)
Lecture 23: November 28
India under Jawaharlal Nehru (1947-1964 A. D.)
Read: chapter 23 (pp. 354-373)

Lecture 24: November 30
South Asia between 1964 A. D. and 1977 A. D.
Read: chapter 24 (pp. 374-406)

Lecture 25: December 5
South Asia between 1977 A. D. and 1997 A. D.
Read: chapter 25 (pp. 407-450)

Lecture 26: December 7
The most dangerous place in the world? (Mis)understanding South Asia today
Read: chapter 26 (pp. 451-470)

Lecture 27: December 12
Films: ‘Living together and apart: Hindus and Muslims in South Asia’;
‘Afghanistan: exporting the Taliban revolution’
Lecture 28: December 14

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