

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

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<u>COURSE NO.</u>	<u>COURSE TITLE</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
449	Radical Change in India During The Age of Gandhi	Frykenberg

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Born in 1969, just a dozen years after the Great Revolt swept away the last remnants of Mughal Sway and Company Raj, Gandhi grew up at a time in which some peoples of his country were witnessing one of the most dramatic transformations in its entire history. The subcontinent had been transformed from a motley collection of manifold empires, kingdoms and petty principalities, with widely differing cultures and widely varying degrees of local autonomy, into one of the world's largest political systems. Second only China in the size of its population and gradually emerging as a potential world power, India stood on the threshold between even more radical changes and deeply rooted traditions of family, caste, communal custom, and sacred duty. While hundreds of thousands of villages remained bound in the grip of hoary tradition, changes of outlook generated by radical movements in rising modern cities and towns accelerated the integration of modern India and increasingly transformed the political institutions of the land. At the very heart of such changes stood M.K. Gandhi.

The degree to which Gandhi not only became caught up in these radical processes of change but himself also might have become instrumental in determining the direction of those changes is one of the central questions to be addressed in this course. Known to untold millions as "Mahātmaji", he may be said to have galvanized the feelings of more peoples and mobilized a larger following than any other single man in the history of India. Yet, he has also provoked more controversy. Devisious and devilish to some, he was worshipped by others. Even after being cut down by bullets of an assassin, controversy has remained.

ASSIGNMENTS AND REQUIREMENTS:

Polished essays -- one long paper, two shorter papers, or six mini-papers -- constitute 80 percent of grade; take-home final examination.

GRADING SYSTEM:

Traditional: A, AB, B, BC, C, CD, D. CD, & F.

LECTURES; READINGS; AND DISCUSSIONS:

Paperback editions of works by such authors as Joan Bondurant, Judith Brown, Erik Erikson, Louis Fischer, M.K. Gandhi, James Masselos, J.R. McLane, Ved Mehta, B.R. Nanda, &c. (Available both in Bookstore and on Reserve in Helen White Library.) For a starter, before opening of course, read L.Collins/D.Lapierre, Freedom at Midnight (Avon:1975).

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READING MATERIALS FOR SEMESTER II, 1984/85

- Bondurant, Joan: Conquest of Violence [Princeton: PUP, 1958; Berkeley: University of California Press, Paperback].
- Brown, Judith: Gandhi's Rise to Power: Indian Politics, 1915-1922 [Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1972 Paperback edition]. Limited number available for sale.
- Collins, Larry; Lapierre, Dominique: Freedom at Midnight [New York: Simon and Schuster, 1975; Avon Books Paperback edition].
- Erikson, Erik H.: Gandhi's Truth [New York: W.W. Norton, 1969; Paperback].
- Easwaran, Eknath: Gandhi the Man [Glide Publications, 1973; Petaluma, CA: Nilgiri Press, 1975, 1978, 1983; paperback].
- Fishlock, Trevor: Gandhi's Children [New York: Universe Books, 1983, Pb.].
- Gandhi, M.K.: Gandhi: An Autobiography. 'The Story of My Experiences with Truth [Boston: Beacon Paperback edition].
- McLane, John R.: Indian Nationalism and The Early Congress [Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1977; Paperback]. Limited number for sale.
- Wolpert, Stanley: A New History of India (New York & Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1977, 1982; Paperback editions].