



**DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY**

**LESSON PLANS  
FOR UNDERGRADUATE COURSES**

**ODD SEMESTER 2019**

**HIST-C1**  
**HISTORY OF INDIA –I (PRE-HISTORY – 300BCE)**

UG I, Semester 1  
Odd semester 2019

**Course Description**

The courses arranged both thematically and chronologically covering a period ranging from prehistoric to 300 BCE of Indian subcontinent including some course works related to historiography. However specific focus will be directed towards the fundamental data i.e. archaeological findings and the texts, their interpretation for the reconstruction of the cultural history in general from the formative phase to early historic period. Emphasis will also be given on socio-economic perspective as well as the state society including the beginning of political history in ancient India.

**Mode of Assessment**

Continuous assessment: 10 marks

Final Examination: 40 marks

**Class Topics and Schedule**

**(Week-1-2)**

1. Early Indian notions of History: History and *Itihasa*.
2. Sources and Tools of Historical Reconstruction: Classification and importance of the literary and archaeological sources (stone tools, ceramics, coins, epigraphy etc.) for the historical reconstruction.
3. Historical Interpretations: with special reference to gender, environment, technology and regions.

**(Week- 3-5)**

4. Palaeolithic cultures, sites, sequences, materials, stone industries and other technological developments: Baluchistan, Sind, North-western Frontier, Himalayan and Sub-Himalayan Areas, Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Goa and Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, West Bengal, Tripura, Assam, and Other North-eastern Areas, Jharkhand, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Epi-Palaeolithic- Mesolithic Transition.

**(Week- 6-7)**

5. The Mesolithic Evidence: Microliths in the Pleistocene Bracket, Early Holocene Adaptations, Regional distribution of the Mesolithic sites, Excavated Early Mesolithic Sites with Habitational Evidence; the Mesolithic Survivors (Continuity of Microliths Using Traditions), Rock Art of the Mesolithic Period.
6. Problem of the Beginning of Food Production in India and the Evidence from Mehrgarh, the Growth of Villages from Baluchistan to Western Uttar Pradesh.

**(Week- 8-12)**

7. Origin, Terminology and Chronology of the Harappan Civilization, Distribution and Morphological Features of Mature Harappan Settlements, Aspects of the Harappan Civilization: town planning, agrarian base, craft productions and internal and external trades,

social and political organizations, religious beliefs and practices, Harappan art, Decline of the Harappan Urban Centres; Late Harappan Phase and Legacy of the Harappan Civilization.

8. Neolithic-Chalcolithic Cultures outside the Harappan Orbit, Terminology, Distribution and Features; Beginning of Rice Cultivation in the Central Ganga Plain and Other Issues.

**(Week- 13-15)**

9. Vedic Corpus, Spread of settlements, Polity, Economy and Society, the So-Called Aryan Problem; The Foundations of Early Historic India: Archaeological cultures beyond the Vedic milieu: Ochre Coloured Pottery, Black- and Red Ware and Painted Grey Ware, Debates Associated with Chronology and the Arrival of the Northern Black Polished Ware (NBPW); Transition from chiefdom to kingdom; The *Ganasangha* tradition, Emergence of the Sixteen *Mahajanapadas* (Based on the Evidence of Buddhist, Jaina and Later Vedic Literatures), Debates Pertaining to the so-called 'Second Urbanization'; the Rise of Magadha.

**(Week 16-17)**

10. Major Sources for the Historical Reconstruction of the Mauryan Period: Asokan Inscriptions; Kautilya's Arthashastra, Megasthenes' Account (Indica); Major Archaeological Sites and Assemblages Pertaining to the Mauryan Period; Nature and Structure of the Mauryan Empire; Asoka's Dhamma; Decline of the Mauryan Empire.

**(Week- 18)**

11. Philosophical and Religious Developments: Vedic religion- changing notion of gods and goddesses; sacrificial practices; the Puranic tradition, Rise of new religious groups and philosophical thoughts (the Emergence of Mahayana Buddhism, the Digambara-Svetambara Concept in Jainism, the worship of the Yaksas, Yaksis, Nagas, Nagis; Emergence of Vaisnava Doctrine, the Concept of Sakti, philosophy of the Ajivikas and Charvakas).

**(Week- 19-20)**

12. Structure of Economy and Patterns of Trade: Agrarian and Non-Agrarian economy, categories of merchants and their networks, crafts, guilds etc.
13. Art and Architecture and forms of Patronage: Mauryan Art and Architecture.
14. Epigraphy and Numismatics: Inscriptions of Asoka (Major and Minor Rock Edicts and Pillar Edicts); Broad characteristics and identification of Dynastic/*Janapada* coins: Punch-marked, cast copper coins.

**Essential Readings:**

Agrawal, D.P. 1982. *The Archaeology of India*, London.

Agrawal, D.P. and J. S. Kharakwal 2003. *Bronze and Iron Ages in South Asia*, New Delhi.

Allchin, B. and F.R. Allchin 1968. *The Birth of Indian Civilization*, Harmondsworth.

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Bhattacharya, D.K. 1979. *Old Stone Age Tools*, Calcutta.

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- Chakravarti, Ranabir 2013. *Exploring Early India Up to c. AD 1300*, New Delhi.
- Chakravarti, Uma. 1997. *The Social Dimensions of Early Buddhism*.
- Chattopadhyaya, B. D. 2003. *Studying Early India: Archaeology, Texts and Historical Issues*, New Delhi.
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- Dhavalikar, M.K. .*Masterpieces of Indian Terracottas*, Bombay.
- Erdosy, G. (ed.) 1997. *The Indo-Aryans of Ancient South Asia: Language, Material Culture and Ethnicity*. 1<sup>st</sup> Indian Edition, Delhi.
- Fairservis Jr. W. 1971. *The Roots of Ancient India*, London.
- Ghosh, A. (ed.) 1989. *An Encyclopaedia of Indian Archaeology Volumes I and II*, Delhi.
- Ghoshal, U.N. 1930. *The Agrarian System in Ancient India*, Calcutta.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1965. *Studies in Indian History and Culture*, Bombay.
- Gupta, P.L. 1969. *Indian Coins*, Delhi.
- Habib, Irfan 1985. *Interpreting Indian History*, Shillong.
- Hultzsch, E. 1925. *Corpus Inscriptionum Indicarum, Volume I, Inscriptions of Asoka*, Oxford.
- Huntington, Susan L. 1985. *The Art of Ancient India: Buddhist, Hindu, Jain*, New York, Tokyo.
- Kenoyer, J.M. 1998. *Ancient Cities of the Indus Valley Civilization*, Karachi.
- Lahiri, N. 1992. *The Archaeology of Indian Trade Routes (up to c. 200 BC)*, New Delhi.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (ed.) 2000. *The Decline and Fall of the Indus Civilization*, Delhi.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2015. *Ashoka in Ancient India*, New Delhi.
- Majumdar, R.C. (ed.) 1962. *The Classical Age (Volume 3 of The History and Culture of the Indian People)* Bombay.
- Neumayer, E. 1983. *Prehistoric Indian Rock Paintings*, Delhi.
- Pal, Pratapaditya (ed.) 2002. *Indian Terracotta Sculpture: The Early Period*, Mumbai.
- Ray, N. R. 1975. *Maurya and Post-Maurya Art: A Study in Social and Formal Contacts*, New Delhi.
- Raychaudhuri, H. C. 1997. *Political History of Ancient India: From the Accession of Parikshit to the Extinction of the Gupta Dynasty*, revised edition with a commentary by B.N. Mukherjee, Delhi.
- Rowland, B. 1967. *The Art and Architecture of India: Buddhist, Hindu, Jain*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, Baltimore.
- Sahu, B. P. (ed.) 1997. *Land System and Rural Society in Early India*. Readings in Early Indian History. B. D. Chattopadhyaya (general editor), New Delhi.
- Sahu, B. P. (ed.) 2006. *Iron and Social Change in Early India*, Delhi.
- Saloman, Richard 1998. *Indian Epigraphy: A Guide to the Study of Inscriptions in Sanskrit, Prakrit, and the Other Indo-Aryan Languages*, New Delhi.
- Saraswati, S.K. 1975. *A Survey of Indian Sculpture*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, New Delhi.
- Sharma, R. S. 1983. *Material Culture and Social Formations in Ancient India*.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1995. *Looking for the Aryans*, Hyderabad.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1995. *Perspectives in Economic and Social History of Ancient India.*, 2<sup>nd</sup> revised edition, Delhi.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 2007. *India's Ancient Past*, New Delhi.
- Shastri, K.A. Nilkantha 1955/1975. *A History of South India from Prehistoric Times to the Fall of Vijayanagar*, 4<sup>th</sup> edition, Madras.
- \_\_\_\_\_. (ed) 1957. *A Comprehensive History of India*, volume 2 (the Mauryas and the Satavahanas), Calcutta
- Shastri, Ajay Mitra(ed) 1999. *The Age of Satavahanas. Great Ages of Indian History*, 2 volumes, New Delhi.
- Singh, P. 1974. *Neolithic Cultures of Western Asia*, London.
- Singh, Upinder 2008. *A History of Ancient and Early Medieval India: From stone age to the 12<sup>th</sup> century*, Delhi.
- Sircar, D.C. 1957. *Inscriptions of Asoka*, Delhi.
- \_\_\_\_\_. 1965. *Select Inscriptions Bearing on Indian History and Civilization*, Calcutta.
- \_\_\_\_\_. 1965. *Indian Epigraphy*, Delhi.
- \_\_\_\_\_. 1967. *Studies in the Society and Administration of Ancient and Medieval India*, Calcutta.
- \_\_\_\_\_. 1971. *Studies in the Geography of Ancient and Medieval India*, Delhi.
- Thapar, Romila 1978. *Ancient Indian Social History: Some Interpretations*, New Delhi.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1978. *Exile and the Kingdom: Some Thoughts on the Ramayana*, Bangalore.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1984. *From Lineage to State: Social Formations in the Mid-First Millennium BC in the Ganga Valley*, New Delhi.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (ed.) 1986. *Situating Indian History*, Delhi.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1987. *The Mauryas Revisited*, Calcutta.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (ed.) 1995. *Recent Perspectives of Early Indian History*, Mumbai.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1997. *Asoka and the Decline of the Mauryas*, revised edition, Delhi.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2000. *Cultural Pasts: Essays in Early Indian History*, New Delhi.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2000. *History and Beyond*, New Delhi.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2002. *Early India (from the Origins to AD 1300)*, London.
- Thapar, B.K. 1985. *Recent Archaeological Discoveries of India*.

**HIST-C2**  
**SOCIAL FORMATIONS & CULTURAL PATTERNS OF THE ANCIENT WORLD**  
UG I, Semester 1  
Odd semester 2019

**Mode of Assessment:**

Continuous assessment: 10 Marks

Final examination: 40 Marks

**Class Topics and Schedule**

(Please note that the delineation of weeks follows the academic calendar as announced on the university's website. Some weeks contain more teaching days than others depending on officially university holidays. There may, therefore, be overlaps of weeks in covering certain announced topics)

1. Evolution of Humankind: Palaeolithic and Mesolithic cultures. **(Week 1-2)**
2. Beginning of Agriculture and animal husbandry. **(Week 3-4)**
3. Bronze Age Civilization: Concept of social formation, Origin of Complex Societies; the Origins of Cultural Complexity in Ancient Egypt; the Evolution of Complex Societies in Southwest Asia. **(Week 5)**
4. What is Civilization? Comparing Civilizations, Civilizations and Their Neighbours; Investigating the Origin of Mesopotamian Civilization; the Rediscovery of Ancient Civilizations. Comparing Natural Settings of Mesopotamian, Egyptian. **(Week 6-7)**
5. Mesopotamian Civilization: Assyrians and Sumerians; Salt and silt in Ancient Mesopotamian Agriculture; the Indus and Eastern Asia; Trade Mechanisms in Indus-Mesopotamian Interrelations; The First Cities (3500 – 2000 BCE): Hassuna, Samara, Halaf, and Ubaid; the Uruk period; the Early Dynastic Period; the Akkadian Empire; Imperial Ur; Cities in Syria, Anatolia and Susiana; Economy, Social stratification, State Structure and Religion. **(Week 8-9)**
6. Egyptian Civilization: Ancient Egypt and 'Black Africa' – Early Contacts; Pre-dynastic Egypt, the Archaic Period, the Old Kingdom, the Middle Kingdom, the New Kingdom, Amarna and Akhenaten, Decline of Egypt; Economy, Social stratification, State Structure and Religion. **(Week 10)**
7. Chinese Civilization: Early Cultivations in the North (Yangshao and Cishan) and the South (Hemudu and Pengdoushan); Liangzhu jades; Neolithic Manchuria; the Longshan Phase, Three Dynasties: Xia, Shang, Zhou; the First Chinese Empire, the Han Empire; Economy, Social Stratification, State Structure and Religion. **(Week 11)**
8. The First Aegean Civilization: the Aegean Early Bronze Age (3200 – 2100 BCE), Minoan

Civilization (2100 – 1450 BCE), Crete and Its Neighbours; Mycenaean Greece (1600 – 1050 BCE); Economy, Social stratification, State Structure and Religion. **(Week 12-13)**

9. Nomadic Groups in Central and West Asia; Debate on the advent of iron and its implications. **(Week 14)**
10. Ancient Greece: Slavery, Slave society, Agrarian economy, Urbanization, Trade and Politics. **(Week 15-16)**
11. Polis in ancient Greece: Origin, features, nature, class composition; Athens and Sparta; the decline of the polis. **(Week 17-18)**
12. Greek culture and Religion: Sophists, Socrates, Games, Drama, Art and Architecture, Greek Gods, Notion of Hellenism **(Week 19-20)**

**Readings (Please note that the reading list may be revised)**

- Aldred, Cyril, 1984. The Egyptians, 2nd edition, London and New York.
- Andrews, Carol. 1990. Egyptian Mummies, London.
- Begley, V. and R. D. De Puma (eds.) 1992. Rome and India: The Ancient Sea Trade, Delhi.
- Boardman, John 1978. Greek Sculpture: The Archaic Period, London.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1980. The Greek Overseas: the Early Colonies and Trade, 2nd edition, London.
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- \_\_\_\_\_ (ed.) 1993. The Oxford History of Classical History, Oxford/ New York.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1995. Greek Sculpture: The Late Classical Period, London.
- Braidwood, R. J. and B. Howe 1960. Prehistoric Investigations in Iraqi Kurdistan. Chicago.
- Budge, Sir E.A. Wallis 1976. Early Hydraulic Civilization in Egypt, Chicago.
- Burns, E.M. and P.L.Ralph. 1974. World Civilizations.
- Bury, J.B. and Russell Meiggs 1975. A History of Greece, 4th edition, London.
- Childe, V. Gordon 1936. Man Makes Himself, London.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1942. What Happened in History. Harmondsworth.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1951. Social Evolution, New York
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1952. New Light on the Most Ancient East, New York, 1956, 2nd edition, London.
- Daniel, Glyn 1968. The First Civilizations: The Archaeology of Their Origins, London.
- Dinsmoor, W.B. 1975. The Architecture of Ancient Greece, 3rd edition, New York.
- Edwards, I. E. S. 1985. The Pyramids of Egypt, Harmondsworth.
- Fagan, Brian M. 1977. People of the Earth, UK.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1984. The Adventure of Archaeology, Washington D.C.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1992. The Rape of the Nile, 2nd edition, Providence, RI.
- Grimal, Nicholas 1992. A History of Ancient Egypt, Oxford.
- Gurney, O.R. 1961. The Hittites, 2nd edition. Harmondsworth.
- Hawkes, Jaccquetta, 1973. The First Great Civilizations.
- Kemp, Barry 1989. Ancient Egypt: Anatomy of a Civilization, London and New York.
- King, Leonard W. 1968. A History of Sumer and Akkad, New York.
- Lamberg-Karlovsky C. C. 1974. Trade Mechanisms in Indus-Mesopotamian Interrelations, in Lamberg-Karlovsky C. C. and Jeremy A. Sabloff (eds.) The Rise and Fall of Civilizations:

Modern Archaeological Approaches to Ancient Cultures, Selected readings, Menlo Park, California. pp. 302-313.

Lamberg-Karlovsky C. C. and Jeremy A. Sabloff 1995. *Ancient Civilizations of the Near East and Mesoamerica*, 2nd edition, Prospect Heights, IL.

Lanciani, R. 1987. *Ancient Rome in the Light of Recent Discoveries*, London.

Lipinski, E. (ed.) 1979. *State and Temple Economy in the Ancient Near East*, Leuven.

Liverani, M. (ed.) 1993. *Akkad: the First World Empire*, Padua.

Lloyd, Seton 1980. *Foundations in the Dust: The Story of Mesopotamian Exploration*, revised edition, London.

\_\_\_\_\_ 1978. *The Archaeology of Mesopotamia: From the Old Stone Age to the Persian Conquest*, London.

Mellaart, J. 1965. *Earliest Civilizations of the Near East*, London.

Oates, Joan 1986. *Babylon*, London.

O'Connor David 1990. *A Short History of Ancient Egypt*, Pittsburgh.

Pollitt, J. J. 1986. *Art in the Hellenistic Age*, Cambridge.

Possehl, G.L. 2003. *The Indus Civilization: A Contemporary Perspective*, New Delhi.

Redman, Charles 1978. *The Rise of Civilization: From Early Farmers to Urban Society in the Ancient Near East*, San Francisco.

Renfrew, Colin 1972. *The Emergence of Civilization: the Cyclades and the Aegean in the Third Millennium BC*, London.

\_\_\_\_\_ 1972. *The Emergence of Civilization*, London.

Roaf, Michael 1990. *Cultural Atlas of Mesopotamia and Ancient Near East*, New York.

Roux, Georges 1992. *Ancient Iraq*, 3rd edition, London.

Rowlands, Michael, Mogens Larsen and Kristian Kristiansen (eds.) 1987. *Centre and Periphery in Ancient World*, Cambridge.

Saggs, H.W.F. 1968. *The Greatness that was Babylon*.

Scarre Christopher and Brian M. Fagan 1997. *Ancient Civilizations*, New York.

Service, Elman R. 1975. *Origins of the State and Civilization*, New York.

Starr, Chester G. 1973. *Early Man: Prehistory and the Civilizations of the Ancient Near East*, New York.

Trigger, Bruce G. 1993. *Early Civilizations: Ancient Egypt in Context*, Cairo.

UNESCO Series: *History of Mankind*, Vols. I-III/or New Edition, *History of Humanity*.

Wacher, John (ed.) 1987. *The Roman World*, 2 Volumes, London.

Wenke, Robert J. 1980. *Patterns in Prehistory: Mankind's First Three Million Years*, New York.

Wheeler, R.E.M. 1954. *Rome Beyond the Imperial Frontiers*, London.

Yoffee, Norman and George Cowgill (eds.) 1988. *The Collapse of Ancient States and Civilizations*, Tucson.



**HIST-GE1**  
**UNDERSTANDING EARLY SOUTH ASIAN CULTURES**

UG I, Semester 1  
Odd semester 2019

**Course description:**

The aim of this course is to familiarise non-history students with a nuanced understanding of ancient South Asian cultural traditions often obfuscated by historic and presentist presumptions. This course intends to blur the artificial boundary between Indology, philosophy, archaeology and art history. It invites undergraduate students across all disciplines to engage with the ancient Indian past in interesting ways. The exact course content may change from Semester to Semester, depending on the availability and academic interest of the course instructor(s). The themes and the units to be taught by specific course instructors are given below. The units provide an overview, explanatory and analytic content, as well as nuanced insights into the dynamics of ancient South Asian history and historiography. The course also provides bibliographic readings related to each unit

**Mode of Assessment:**

Continuous assessment: 10 Marks

Final examination: 40 Marks

**Class Topics and Schedule**

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**Unit I: Religious Traditions (week 1-6)**

Tradition overrides almost every aspect of life in India. Religious traditions and cultural norms and political functioning are intertwined in such a manner that it is difficult to disentangle them. So it is only natural that any serious attempt to understand the early Indian society and polity should entail a study of its religious traditions. That is what this module is dedicated to doing. It promises to provide a comprehensive understanding of the genesis of the major religious traditions of early India and how they continue to impact our contemporary society.

**Unit II: Hinduism: The Use and Abuse of Early South Asian Cultural and Political History (week 7-13)**

In this section, we will begin with an overview of the chronological structure of the dynastic history of ancient India from later Vedic times to the fall of the Gupta Empire. We will consider the influence of geographical factors, regional shifts and other social issues. Then we will examine some aspects of ancient Indian society and politics, which remain relevant even at present owing to their role in the identity formation of the Indian people.

**Sub-Units:**

The Aryan Debate

Understanding sovereignties and regional political-cultural traditions

Re-visiting the 'myth' of the Gupta 'golden age'.

**Unit III: Narrative Traditions (week 14-19)**

This unit will introduce the students to a variety of oral and literary narrative texts and traditions, and highlight the complex interconnection between oral, Literary, religious, poetic, historical and imaginative narrative traditions. It will include new modalities and analytic perspectives on readings and re-invocations of epic threads (the Ramayana and the Mahabharata), and consider how these impact, and have relevance for understanding specific strands of contemporary Indian cultures, politics and everyday life.

Unit: IV: Heritage and History: Flows, Continuities and Contemporary Relevance

This unit will explore avenues for understanding the ways in which tangible heritages in the form of monuments and objects, as well as intangible heritages of the mind travel (have travelled)

Across time and space. This theme is analysed with a view to seeing how heritage is selectively appropriated, memorialised, used, legitimised and valorised in tandem with shifting political and cultural matrices and patterns of quotidian life. It will also focus on 'cultural artefacts', as well as representations in art forms (paintings) which are an integral part of understanding the dynamics of historical heritages, objects, and sacred-secular architectural creations. A cultural artefact is any artefact or item that sheds light on the way a particular [historical] society lived, thought or otherwise expressed itself. The unit will focus on (1) genealogies of cultural artefacts, including the political, social and cultural milieu in which they came to be crafted; (2) intersections between the sacred and the secular reflected in such artefacts; and (3) their legacies for contemporary India.

**Sub-themes:**

Sculpture: Mauryas, Sungas, the Gandhara and Mathura schools

Early Indian Temples: Historical evolution, types and accomplishment under the Guptas

Art in Ancient India: Sacred and Secular Portrayals

**Readings (The following list of readings may be revised)**

Romila Thapar, Early India (New Delhi: Penguin & Allen Lane, 2002)

Upinder Singh, A History of Ancient and Early Medieval India (New Delhi: Pearson, 2007)

Romila Thapar, Talking History: The Ramayana and the Mahabharata (Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2018)

A.L. Basham, The Wonder That Was India (Volume 1) (London, 1954)

John Brockington, "The Sanskrit Epics", in Gavin Flood (ed.), Blackwell Companion to Hinduism (Oxford:Blackwell Publishing, 2003)

Thomas Trautmann, Aryans and British India (Delhi: Oxford University Press, India, 2005)

R.C.Majumdar (ed.), The Vedic Age (Bombay: Bharatiya Vidyabhavan, 1996)

D.N. Jha, Ancient India in Historical Outline (Delhi: Manohar, 2000)

Vinay Lal, The History of History (Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2003)

Julius Lipner, Hindus: Their Religious Beliefs and Practices (Library of Religious Beliefs and Practices) (Routledge, London and New York, 2010)

- Gavin Flood, *An Introduction to Hinduism* (Cambridge University Press, 2004)
- G. D. Sontheimer, "Hinduism: The Five Components and Their Interactions", in G. D. Sontheimer and H. Kulke eds., *Hinduism Reconsidered* (Delhi, Manohar, 2001), pp. 305-324
- Hirakawa, Akira (translated and edited by Paul Groner), *A History of Indian Buddhism: From Sakyamuni to Nagarjuna* (Asian studies at Hawaii) (Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, 1990)
- Burnouf, Eugene, *Introduction to the History of Indian Buddhism* (University of Chicago Press, 2015)
- Cort, John E., *Open Boundaries: Jain Communities and Cultures in Indian History* (SUNY Series in Hindu Studies) (State University of New York Press, 1998)
- Bimal Matilal, "Krishna: In Defence of a Devious Divinity" in *The Collected Essays of B K Matilal: Ethics and Epics*, (ed.) Jonardan Ganeri (Delhi, 2002), pp. 91-108
- Robert P. Goldman and Sally J. Sutherland Goldman, "Ramayana", in Sushil Mittal et al, *The Hindu World* (London: Routledge, 2014), 75-95
- K. Ramanujan, "Three Hundred Ramayanas: Five Examinationples and Three thoughts on Translation" In Paula Richman ed., *Many Ramayanas: The Diversity of a Narrative Tradition in South Asia*, (Delhi, 1992), 22-49.
- Shledon Pollock, "Ramayana and Political Imagination in India", *Journal of Asian Studies*, Vol. 52, No.2, 1993: 261-297
- James R Fritzgerald, "Mahabharata", in Sushil Mittal et al, *The Hindu World* (London: Routledge, 2014), 52-75
- Velchuri N. Rao, "Purana", in Sushil Mittal et al, *The Hindu World* (London: Routledge, 2014), 97-117.
- David Shulman, "Poets and Patrons in Tamil Literary Legend" in *The Wisdom of the Poets: Studies in Tamil Telegu and Sanskrit*, (Delhi, 2001), 63-102.
- Susan L. Huntington, *The Art of Ancient India* (Weatherhill, 1985)
- D. Lowenthal , *The Past is a Foreign Country* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1985)
- Anne Eriksen, *From Antiquities to Heritage: Transformations of Cultural Memory* (Berghahn Books: 2016)
- E. B. Havell, *Indian Architecture* (London, 1913) Chapter 1
- Peter Harvey, "The Symbolism of the Early Stūpa", *Journal of the International Association of Buddhist Studies*, Volume: 7 (2), 67-94 (1984)
- Percy Brown, *Indian Architecture (Buddhist and Hindu Periods)*, D. B. Taraporevals Sons & Co. Private Ltd., Bombay, 1959. Chapters 8, 9 13, 19 and 21
- Karl Khandalavala, *Indian Sculpture and Painting: An Introductory Study* (D. B. Taraporevala Sons and Co., Bombay, 1938)
- Stella Kramrisch, *The Hindu Temples* (University of Calcutta, Calcutta, 1946)
- James Fergusson, *The Rock Cut Temples of India* (John Murray: London, 1864)
- Pramod Chandra, *Studies in Indian Temple Architecture* (American Institute of Indian Studies, New Delhi, 1975)
- Krishna Deva, *Temples of North India* (National Book Trust, New Delhi, 1969)
- George Michell, *The New Cambridge History of India, I:6- Architecture and Art of Southern India* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2008)

**HIST- C5**  
**HISTORY OF INDIA - III (c. 750 -1206)**  
UG II, Semester 3  
Odd semester 2019

**Course description:**

**Mode of Assessment:**

Continuous assessment: 10 Marks

Final Examination: 40 Marks

**Class Topics and Schedule**

1. Studying Early Medieval India (Weeks 1 - 3)

Definition and notion of Early Medieval, Historical geographical Sources: texts, epigraphic and numismatic data Debates on Indian feudalism, rise of the Rajputs and the nature of the state

2. Political Structures (Weeks 4 - 8)

- (a) Evolution of political structures: Rashtrakutas, Palas, Pratiharas, Rajputs, Chalukyas, Cheras, Cholas, Pandyas & Pallavas, Gaura-Kanyakubja struggle
- (b) Legitimization of kingship; Brahmanas and temples; royal genealogies
- (c) Arab conquest of Sindh: nature and impact of the new set-up; Ismaili dawah
- (d) Causes and consequences of early Turkish invasions: Mahmud of Ghazna; Shahab-ud-Din of Ghur

3. Agrarian Structure and Social Change (Weeks 9 - 12)

- (a) Agricultural expansion; Interlocking of the Agrarian with the non-agrarian; crops
- (b) Landlords and peasants
- (c) Proliferation of castes; status of untouchables
- (d) Tribes as peasants and their place in the Varna order; categories of untouchables

4. Trade and Commerce (Weeks 13 - 15)

- (a) Nature of Trade: Inter-regional trade, Maritime trade (Western and Eastern Indian Ocean); Coastal Trade Network
- (b) Forms of exchange
- (c) Process of urbanization in North and South India
- (d) Merchant guilds of South India

5. Religious and Cultural Developments (Weeks 16 - 19)

- (a) Puranic traditions, Bhakti, Tantrism,; Buddhism and Jainism; Popular religious cults
- (b) Islamic intellectual traditions: Al-Biruni; Al-Hujwiri
- (c) Regional languages and literature
- (d) Art and architecture: Evolution of regional styles

## Readings

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- Chattopadhyaya, B.D., *The Making of Early Medieval India*, OUP, Delhi, 2012 (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition)
- Habib, Mohammad and K.A. Nizami, eds, *Comprehensive History of India*, Vol. V Part 1, The Delhi Sultanate, People's Publishing House, 1992 (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition)
- Habib, Irfan, *Medieval India: The Study of a Civilization*, National Book Trust, 2008
- Habib, Irfan and Faiz Habib, *An Atlas of Ancient Indian History*, OUP, 2012.
- Karashima, Noboru, *A Concise History of South India: Issues and Interpretations*, OUP, 2014
- Kulke, Hermann, ed., *The State in India 1000 – 1700*, OUP, Delhi, 1997
- Maclean, Derryl N., *Religion and Society in Arab Sindh*, Brill, 1989.
- Mukhia, Harbans (ed.), *The Feudalism Debate*, Manohar, New Delhi, 1999.
- Sastri, K A Nilakanta, *A History of South India from the earliest times to Vijaynagara*, OUP, 1975.
- Sharma, R.S., *Indian Feudalism*, Macmillan, Madras, 1980
- Sharma, R.S. and K.M. Shrimali, eds, *Comprehensive History of India*, Vol. IV (A & B).
- Singh, Upinder, *The History of Ancient and Early Medieval India*, Pearson, 2008.
- Subbarayalu, Y, 'State and Society During the Chola period', in R. Champakalakshmi, Kesavan Veluthat and T. R. Venugopalan (eds.), *State and Society in Pre-Modern South India*, Cosmosbooks, Thrissur, 2002.
- Veluthat, Kesavan, *The Political Structure of Early medieval South India*, Orient Longman, New Delhi, 1993

### Suggested Readings

- *Al Beruni's India*, NBT edition.
- Ali Hujwiri, *Kashful Mahjoob*, tr. R.Nicholson.
- Ali, Daud, *Courtly Culture and Political Life in Early Medieval India*, Cambridge University Press, 2006.
- Amin, Shahid, *Conquest and Community: The Afterlife of Warrior Saint Ghazi Miyan*, University of Chicago Press, 2016.
- Chakravarti, Ranabir, *Trade and Traders in Early Indian Society*, Delhi, Manohar, 2007
- Champakalakshmi, R., *Trade, Ideology and Urbanization: South India, 300 BC to 1300 AD*, OUP, 1996
- Chattopadhyay, B D., *Representing the Others? Sanskrit Sources and the Muslims*, Manohar, Delhi, 1998.

- Davis, Richard, *Lives of Indian Images*, Princeton University Press, 1999.
- Deyell, John, S., *Living Without Silver: The Monetary History of Early Medieval North India*, OUP, 1999.
- Jha, D. N., *The Feudal Order: State, Society and Ideology in Early Medieval India*, Manohar, 2000.
- Mahesh Sharma, 'State Formation and Cultural Complex in Western Himalaya: Chamba Genealogy and Epigraphs, 700-1650 C.E, IESHR, 41, 4 (2004)
- Misra, S C, *The Rise of Muslim Power in Gujarat*, New York, 1963
- Ramaswamy, Vijaya, *Walking Naked: Women, Society, and Spirituality in South India*, Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, 1997 (1<sup>st</sup> Edition)
- Ranabir Chakravarti, 'Merchants, Merchandise and Merchantmen in the Western Seaboard of India: A Maritime Profile (500 BCE – 1500 CE)', in Om Prakash (ed.) *The Trading World of Indian Ocean, 1500-1800*, III, Part 7, pp. 53-116.
- Ranabir Chakravarti, 'Nakhudas and Nauvittakas: Ship-owning Merchants in the West Coast of India (c. AD 1000-1500), *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient*, Vol. 43, Issue 1, 2000, pp. 34-64.
- Sahu, B. P. and Hermann Kulke (ed.), *Interrogating Political System: Integrative Processes and States in Pre-modern India*, Manohar, 2015
- Sen, Tansen, *Buddhism, Diplomacy and Trade: The Realignment of India-China Relations, 600-1400*, Rowman & Littlefield, 2015
- Schwartzberg, Joseph E., *A Historical Atlas of South Asia*, OUP, New York and London, 1992.
- Stein, Burton, *Peasant State and Society in Medieval South India*, OUP, 1980
- Suchandra Ghosh, 'Cultural Connections in the Bay of Bengal: Spheres of Interaction', in Lipi Ghosh (ed), *Eastern Indian Ocean: Historical Links to Contemporary Convergences*, Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2011.
- Thapar, Romila, *Somanatha: The Many Voices of a History*, Penguin Books, 2008
- Thapar, Romila, *The Past Before Us: Historical Traditions of Early North India*, Ranikhet: Permanent Black, 2013
- Yadav, B N S., *Society and Culture in Northern India in the Twelfth Century*, Central Book Depot, 1973

**HIST-C6**  
**Rise of the Modern West – I**  
UG II, Semester 3  
Odd semester

**Course Description:** The century of European history from 1460-1559 was a period of rapid, comprehensive change. Like all periods of transition, from one civilization to another, its obvious characteristic is that of an intricate counterpoint of tradition and innovation, catastrophe and promise. Shifts from the old to the new in the 15<sup>th</sup> and early 16<sup>th</sup> centuries, was not a shift from medieval to modern, but from medieval to *early-modern*. The Renaissance, Reformation, scientific voyages and different technological developments built a Europe, which was ready to take on the French and Industrial Revolutions. This course is aimed to detect these shifts and flows, crucial continuities and discontinuities in a slow shift from an older mode of perception and production to another.

**Mode of assessment:**

Continuous assessment: 10 marks

Final Examination: 40 marks

**Class Topics and Schedule**

1. Transition From Feudalism To Capitalism (Weeks 1-3)
2. Science, Technology And Discovery (Weeks 4-6)
3. Renaissance And Humanism (Weeks 7-9)
4. The European Reformation (Weeks 10-12)
5. Economic Developments Of The 16<sup>th</sup> Century (Weeks 13-15)
6. The Scientific Revolutions & The Enlightenment (Weeks 16-18)
7. Emergence Of The European State System (Weeks 19-20)

**Readings:**

(Please note that the following list of readings may be revised)

**General Texts:**

- T.S. Aston and C. H. E. Philpin (eds.), *The Brenner Debate*
- F. Rice & E. Grafton, *The Foundations of Early Modern Europe*
- H. Butterfield, *The Origins of Modern Science*
- Carlo M. Cipolla, *Fontana Economic History of Europe, Vols. II, III*
- Carlo M. Cipolla, *Before the Industrial Revolution, European Society and Economy 1000-1700.*
- D. C. Coleman (ed.), *Revisions in Mercantilism.*

- Maurice Dobb, *Studies in the Development of Capitalism*.
- R. Hall, *From Galileo to Newton*.
- Christopher Hill, *The Century of Revolution*.
- Rodney Hilton, *Transition from Feudalism to Capitalism*.
- H. G. Koenigsberger and G. L. Mosse, *Europe in the Sixteenth Century*.
- J. H. Parry, *The European Reconnaissance*.
- V. Poliensiky, *War and Society in Europe 1618 - 1648*.
- Theodore K. Rabb, *The Struggle for Stability in Early Modern Europe*.
- Jan de Vries, *Economy of Europe in an Age of Crisis 1600-1750*.
- John Henry, *The Scientific Revolution and the Origins of Modern Science*
- Quentin Skinner, *The Foundations of Modern Political Thought, Vol. 1: The Renaissance & Foundations of Modern Political Thought*.
- Quentin Skinner, *The Foundations of Modern Political Thought, Vol. 2: The Age of Reformation*.
- Quentin Skinner, *From Humanism to Hobbs: Studies in Rhetoric and Politics*
- *The Cambridge Illustrated History of the Middle Ages*.

### **Specialised Readings:**

- M. S. Anderson, *Europe in the Eighteenth Century*.
- Perry Anderson, *Lineages of the Absolutist State*.
- T. C Blanning, *Eighteenth Century Europe*.
- B. H Slicher von Bath, *The Agrarian History of Western Europe: 500 - 1850*.
- J. B. Collins, *The State in Early Modern France: New Approaches to European History*.
- M. P Gilmore, *The World of Humanism 1453 -1517*.
- Peter Kriedte, *Peasants, Landlords and Merchant Capitalists*.
- J. Lynch, *Spain under the Hapsburgs*.
- Peter Mathias, *First Industrial Revolution*.
- Harry Miskimin, *The Economy of Later Renaissance Europe: 1460-1600*.
- Charles A. Nauert, *Humanism and the Culture of the Renaissance*.
- The New Cambridge Modern History of Europe, Vols. I -VII.
- L. W. Owie, *Seventeenth Century Europe*.
- D. H. Pennington, *Seventeenth Century Europe*.



**HIST- C7**  
**HISTORY OF INDIA - IV (c.1206 - 1550)**  
UG II, Semester 3  
Odd semester 2019

**Course description:**

**Mode of Assessment**

Continuous assessment: 10 Marks

Final examination: 40 Marks

**Class Topics and Schedule**

**I. Introduction (Weeks 1 - 2)**

Locating Delhi Sultanate within global history; study of contemporary empires in Central Asia.; Understanding war, mobility, conflicts, alliances, fluctuating notions of loyalty

**II. Interpreting the Delhi Sultanate (Weeks 2 -3)**

Survey of sources: Persian tarikh tradition; vernacular histories; epigraphy; travel accounts

**III. Sultanate Political Structures (Weeks 4 - 8)**

- (a) Foundation, expansion and consolidation of the Sultanate of Delhi; The Khaljis and the Tughluqs; Mongol threat and Timur's invasion; The Lodis: Conquest of Bahlul and Sikandar; Ibrahim Lodi and the battle of Panipat
- (b) Theories of kingship;
- (c) Ruling elites; Sufis, ulama and the political authority; imperial monuments and coinage
- (d) Emergence of provincial dynasties: Bahamanis, Vijayanagar, Gujarat, Malwa, Jaunpur and Bengal
- (e) Consolidation of regional identities; regional art, architecture and literature

**IV. Society and Economy (Weeks 9 - 13)**

- (a) Iqta and the revenue-free grants
- (b) Agricultural production; technology
- (c) Changes in rural society; revenue systems
- (d) Monetization; market regulations; growth of urban centres; trade and commerce; Indian Ocean trade

**V. Religion, Society and Culture (Weeks 14 - 19)**

- (a) Sufi silsilas: Chishtis and Suhrawardis; doctrines and practices; social roles
- (b) Bhakti movements and monotheistic traditions in South and North India; Women Bhaktas; Nathpanthis; Kabir, Nanak and the Sant tradition
- (c) Sufi literature: malfuzat; premakhayans

## Readings

(Please note that the following list of readings may be revised)

### Essential Readings

- Aquil, Raziuddin, *Sufism, Culture and Politics: Afghans and Islam in Medieval North India*, OUP, 2007
- Asher, Catherine and Cynthia Talbot, *India before Europe*, Cambridge University Press, 2006.
- Chandra, Satish, *Medieval India from Sultanate to the Mughals*, Vol. I, (Delhi Sultanate 1206-1526), Delhi: Har-Anand Publications, [1997] 2001
- Habib, Mohammad, Khaliq Ahmad Nizami (eds), *A Comprehensive History of India: The Delhi Sultanate (A.D. 1206-1526)*, People's Publishing House, 1970
- Hasan, Mohibul, *Historians of Medieval India*, Aakar Books, 2017.
- Jackson, Peter, *The Delhi Sultanate: A Political & Military History*, Cambridge: CUP, 1999
- Kumar, Sunil, *The Emergence of the Delhi Sultanate*, Permanent Black, 2007.
- Nizami, K.A., *Religion and Politics in India during the Thirteenth Century*, New Delhi: OUP, 2002 (New Revised Edn.)
- Raychaudhuri, Tapan and Irfan Habib (eds), *The Cambridge Economic History of India: c.1200-c.1750*, Vol. I, Cambridge University Press, 1982.
- Rizvi, S. A. A., *A History of Sufism in India*, Vol 1, Delhi: Munshiram Manoharlal, 1978.
- Schomer, Karine and W. H. McLeod (eds.) *The Sants: Studies in a Devotional Tradition of India*, Motilal Banarsidass Publishers, 1987

### Suggested Readings

- Chaudhuri, K.N., *Asia Before Europe: Economy and Civilisation of the Indian Ocean from the Rise of Islam to 1750*, Cambridge University Press, 1991.
- Digby, Simon, *War Horse and Elephant in the Delhi Sultanate: A Study of Military Supplies*, Orient Monographs, 1971.
- Eaton, Richard M. (ed.), *India's Islamic Traditions, 711- 1750*, OUP, 2003.
- Gommans, Jos, *The Indian Frontier: Horse and Warband in the Making of Empire*, Routledge, 2018
- Kafadar, Cemal, *Between the Two Worlds: The Construction of the Ottoman State*, University of California Press, 1995.
- Kolff, Dirk H. A., *Naukar, Rajput, and Sepoy: The Ethnohistory of the Military Labour Market in Hindustan, 1450–1850* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1990).
- Lorenzen, David N. (ed.), *Religious Movements in South Asia, 600-1800*, Oxford University Press, 2005
- Nigam, Shiva Bindeshwari Prasad, *Nobility Under the Sultans of Delhi, A.D.*

1206-1398, Munshiram Manoharlal, 1968

- Novetzke, Christian Lee, *History, Bhakti, & Public Memory: Namdev in Religious & Secular Traditions* (New Delhi/ Ranikhet, 2009)
- Peter Hardy, "Growth of Authority Over a Conquered Political Elite: Early Delhi Sultanate as a Possible Case Study", in John F. Richards, *Kingship and Authority in South Asia*, South Asian Studies, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 1978, pp. 216-241.
- Pollock, Sheldon, *The Languages of the Gods in the World of Men: Sanskrit, Culture and Power in Premodern India*, University of California, 2006
- Prasad, Pushpa, *Sanskrit Inscriptions of the Delhi Sultanate, 1191-1526*, OUP, 1990
- Qureshi, Ishtiaq Husain, *The Administration of the Sultanate of Delhi*, Munshiram Manoharlal, 1971
- Ramaswamy, Vijaya, *Walking Naked: Women, Society, and Spirituality in South India*, Indian Institute of Advanced Study, 1997.
- Siddiqui, Iqtidar Husain., *Some Aspects of Afghan Despotism in India*, Three Men Publication, 1969.
- Siddiqui, Iqtidar Husain., *Delhi Sultanate: Urbanisation and Social Change*, Delhi: Viva Books, 2009
- Stein, Burton, *The New Cambridge History of India: Vijayanagara*, Cambridge University Press, 1989.
- Talbot, Cynthia, *Pre-colonial India in Practice: Society, Region and Identity in Medieval Andhra*, OUP, 2001
- Wink, Andre, *Al- Hind: The Making of the Indo-Islamic World*, Vols. I-III, Brill, 1996
- Andre, *Al- Hind: The Making of the Indo-Islamic World*, Vols. I-III, Brill, 1996

**HIST-SEC1A**  
**UNDERSTANDING HERITAGE**  
UG II, Semester 3  
Odd semester 2019

**Course description**

The course will introduce the theoretical basis for understanding, interpreting and conserving natural and cultural heritage. This course will explore the key issues- what is heritage, why does it matter, how do we value the past, what is of significance in this value system, who are the stateholders in the field of heritage conservation and what roles various people and organisations perform within it. The discussion will illustrate the notions of ‘value’ and ‘significance’ associated with historic fabric and the ways in which this can inform the approaches to conservation. A specially designed field visit will help illustrate this broader understanding and conservation of heritage.

**Mode of assessment**

Continuous assessment: 15 marks

Final examination: 35 marks

**Class Topics and Schedule**

[Please note that the delineation of weeks follows the academic calendar as announced on the university’s website. Some weeks contain more teaching days than others depending on officially announced university holidays. There may, therefore, be overlaps of weeks in covering certain announced topics]

**I. Defining Heritage:**

**(week 1-3)**

- a. Meaning of ‘antiquity’
- b. Archaeological sites
- c. Tangible heritage
- d. Intangible heritage
- e. Art treasure

**II. Evolution of Heritage Legislation and the Institutional Framework: (week 4-8)**

- a. Conventions and Acts- national and International
- b. Heritage-related government departments, museums, regulatory bodies
- c. Conservation Initiatives

**III. Challenges facing Tangible and Intangible Heritage:**

**(week 9-13)**

- a. Development
- b. Antiquity smuggling
- c. Conflict (to be examined through specific case studies)

**IV. Heritage and Travel:**

**(week 14-18)**

- a. Visiting a heritage site (field trip)
- b. The relationship between cultural heritage, landscape and travel recent trends

**Essential Readings:**

Biswas, S. S., Protecting the Cultural Heritage (National Legislation and International Conventions), INTACH, New Delhi, 1999.

- Lahiri, N., *Marshalling the Past- Ancient India and its Modern Histories*, Permanent Black, Ranikhet, 2012. (Chapter 4 and 5)
- Layton, R. P. Stone and J. Thomas, *Destruction and Conservation of Cultural Property*, Routledge, London, 2001.
- Lowenthal, D., *Possessed By The Past: The Heritage Crusade and The Spoils of History*, Cambridge, 2010.

**HIST-GE 3**  
**Early Modern South Asian Cultures**  
UG II, Semester 3  
Odd semester 2019

**Course description:**

**Mode of Assessment:**

Continuous assessment: 10 Marks

Final examination: 40 Marks

**Class Topics and Schedule**

I. Narrative Cultures: (Week 1-6)

- a. Growth and development of language and literature in early modern India
- b. Sanskrit writings and translations in the Mughal Court
- c. Persian culture and its influence on South Asian cultures especially the language
- d. The development of Hindi and Urdu literary culture

II. Visual and Material Cultures: (Weeks 7-10)

- a. Tales of temples and religious shrines: Somnatha temple and Ayodhya
- b. The development of Imperial cities: Agra to Shahajnanabad (Delhi)
- c. Mughal art: paintings (especially the miniature painting of Jehangir's era) and popular Mughal gardens
- d. Mughal architecture: the significance and symbolism of the Taj Mahal

III. Conflict and Synthesis: Syncretism and Beyond: (Weeks 11 – 14)

- a. Conversion and Temple Desecration; Conflict and Accommodations
- b. Syncretism and Beyond
- c. Religious Interactions in Pre-Modern South Asia

IV. Sufism and Popular Religious Traditions (Weeks 15-18)

- a. Sufi Ideas and Practices
- b. Popular Religious Traditions in Medieval India
- c. Varieties of Islam: Sufis, Ulama and the Shi'is

**Readings**

(Please note that the following list of readings may be revised)

**Essential Readings:**

- Alam, Muzaffar, *Languages of Political Islam in India 1200-1800*, Orient Blackswan, 2004
- Asher, Catherine B. *Architecture of Mughal India*, Cambridge University Press, 1992.
- Beach, M.C., *The New Cambridge History of India I: 3, Mughal and Rajput Painting*, Cambridge University Press, 1992
- Eaton, Richard M., *India's Islamic Traditions, 711-1750 (Introduction)*, Oxford University Press, 2003.

Eaton, Richard Maxwell, "Mass Conversion to Islam: Theories and Protagonists", in Richard Maxwell Eaton, *The Rise of Islam and the Bengal Frontier 1204-1760*, 1993

Hussain, Mahmood, Abdul Rehman, and James L. Wescoat Jr., eds., *The Mughal Garden: Interpretation, Conservation, Implications*, Lahore, 1996.

Koch, Ebba, *The Taj Mahal: Architecture, Symbolism, and Urban Significance*, Muqarnas , Vol. 22, 2005.

Namboodiripad, E. M. S., *Evolution of Society, Language and Literature in India*, Social Scientist, Vol. 8, No. 9, Apr., 1980.

Nizami, Khaliq Ahmad, *Muslim Mystic Life and Organization in Khaliq Ahmad Nizami, Religion and Politics in India during the Thirteenth Century*, Oxford University Press, 2002.

Nizami, Khaliq Ahmad, *The Ulama*, in Khaliq Ahmad Nizami, *Religion and Politics in India during the Thirteenth Century*, Oxford University Press, 2002.

Robinson, Francis, "Chapter 2: Islam and Muslim Society in South Asia" in Francis Robinson, *Islam and Muslim History in South Asia*, OUP, 2012.

Roy Asim, *The Islamic Syncretistic Tradition in Bengal*, Sterling Publishers, 1983.

Schomer, Karine and W. H. McLeod, eds. *The Sants: Studies in Devotional Tradition of India*. Delhi, Motilal Banarasidas, 1987.

Talbot, Cynthia, "Inscribing the Other, Inscribing the Self: Hindu-Muslim Identities in Pre-Colonial India", *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, Vol. 37, Issue 4, October 1995

Thapar, Romila, *Somnatha: The Many Voices of a History*, Verso, 2005.

### **Suggested Readings:**

Alam, Muzaffar, "The Mughals, the Sufi Shaikhs and the Formation of Akbari Dispensation", *Modern Asian Studies*, Vol. 43, No. 1, (2009), pp. 135-174

Alam, Muzaffar, *The Pursuit of Persian: Language in Mughal Politics*, Modern Asian Studies, Vol. 32, No. 2 (May, 1998), pp. 317-349

Begley, W.E. "The Myth of the Taj Mahal and a New Theory of its Symbolic Meaning", *Art Bulletin* LXI/1 (March 1979): 7-37.

Chattopadhyaya, B. D., *Representing the Other? Sanskrit Sources and the Muslims*, Delhi, Manohar, 1998, pp. 28-43; 92-97.

Dickie, James (Yaqub Zaki), "The Mughal Garden: Gateway to Paradise", *Muqarnas* , Vol. 3 (1985), pp. 128-137

Dimand, Maurice S., "The Emperor Jahangir, Connoisseur of Paintings", *The Metropolitan Museum of Art Bulletin*, New Series, Vol. 2, No. 6 (Feb., 1944), pp. 196-200

Ernst, Carl W., "Muslim Studies of Hinduism? A Reconsideration of Arabic and Persian Translations from Indian Languages" *Iranian Studies*, Vol. 36, No. 2 (Jun., 2003), pp. 173-195

Farooqi, Mehr Afshan, "The 'Hindi' of the 'Urdu'", *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 43, No. 9 (Mar. 1 - 7, 2008), pp. 18-20

Flood, Finbarr Barry, *Objects of Translation: Material Culture and Medieval "Hindu-Muslim" Encounter*, Princeton University Press, 2009 (Introduction)

Hardy, Peter, "Modern European and Muslim Explanations of Conversion to Islam in South Asia: A Preliminary Survey of the Literature", *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain and Ireland*, No. 2, 1977.

Khansir, Ali Akbar and Nasrin Mozafari, "The Impact of Persian Language on Indian Languages", *Theory and Practice in Language Studies*, Vol. 4, No. 11, pp. 2360-2365, November 2014

Krafft, Thomas and Eckart Ehlers, "Imperial Design and Military Security: The Changing Iconography of Shāhjahānābād-Delhi" (Imperiale Planung und militärische Sicherheit: Zur Veränderung der Ikonographie von Shāhjahānābād-Delhi), *Erdkunde*, Bd. 49, H. 2 (Apr. - Jun., 1995), pp. 122-137

Namboodiripad, E. M. S., "Evolution of Society, Language and Literature in India", *Social Scientist*, Vol. 8, No. 9 (Apr., 1980), pp. 3-11.

Richard H. Davis, *Lives of Indian Images* (Princeton, 1997), Selection – Chapter 6, "Reconstructions of Somnatha", pp. 186-221, 186-290

Stewart, Tony K., "In Search of Equivalence: Conceiving Muslim-Hindu Encounter Through Translation Theory", *History of Religion*, 2001, pp. 260-287

Trivedi, K. K., "The Emergence of Agra as a Capital and a City: A Note on Its Spatial and Historical Background during the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries", *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient*, Vol. 37, No. 2 (1994), pp. 147-170

Truschke, Audrey, "Regional Perceptions: Writing to the Mughal Court in Sanskrit", *Cosmopolitism's en Asie du Sud, Sources, itineraries, langues (xvi-xviii siècle)*, pp. 251-274.

Veer, Peter van der, "Ayodhya and Somnath: Eternal Shrines, Contested Histories", *Social Research*, Vol. 59, No. 1, Religion and Politics (SPRING 1992), pp. 85-109

Wagoner, Phillip B., "Sultan among Hindu Kings: Dress, Titles and the Islamisation of Hindu Culture at Vijaynagar" *Journal of Asian Studies*, 55, 1996, pp. 851-880.

Wescoat Jr., James L. "Gardens of invention and exile: the precarious context of Mughal garden design during the reign of Humayun (1530-1556)" in *Journal of Garden History*, Apr-Jun1990, Vol. 10 Issue 2, p106-116



**HIST0501**  
**Modern India: Political, Social and Cultural History, 1700 to 1947**  
UG III, Semester 5  
Odd semester 2019

**Course description**

Arranged both thematically and chronologically, this course will concentrate on the two centuries of British rule in India, from the mid-eighteenth to the mid-twentieth centuries, and on Indian resistance to colonial control. Specific focus will be directed on the themes of the establishment of British dominion; the Indian role in the consolidation of British power; British colonial policies and the transformation of Indian society, economy and culture; early movements of Indian resistance; social and religious reform movements; nationalism before, during and after Gandhi; and the partition of India into the two new nation-states of India and Pakistan.

**Mode of assessment**

Continuous assessment: 15 marks

Final examination: 35 marks

**Class Topics and Schedule**

1. The Eighteenth Century in India: Anarchy or Power Reconfigured? (**Week 1**)
2. The English East India Company and Indians in the Transition to Colonialism (**Week 2**)
3. State and Economy under Company rule, 1757-1857 (**Weeks 3 and 4**)
4. The Colonial State Recasting Indian Society? The Orientalists, Anglicists and Colonial Reform (**Weeks 4 and 5**)
5. 1857: Mutiny and Rebellion (**Weeks 6 to 7**)
6. The Aftermath of 1857: State and Economy until World War I (**Week 8**)
7. Colonial Anthropology, Classification and Indian Society (**Week 9**)
8. Colonialism's Gendered and Racialized Hierarchies (**Weeks 9 and 10**)
9. Reform, Revival and Swadeshi Nationalism (**Weeks 11 and 12**)
10. Gandhian Nationalism, Khilafat and Popular Politics (**Weeks 13-15**)

11. State, Economy and Politics: the Depression Decade and World War II (**Weeks 16 and 17**)
12. From Separate Nations to a Separate State: the Partition of India (**Weeks 18 to 20**)

### **Readings**

(Please note that the following list of readings may be revised)

#### **General texts:**

- Sekhar Bandyopadhyay, *From Plassey to Partition and After*
- Sugata Bose and Ayesha Jalal, *Modern South Asia: History, Culture, Political Economy*
- Sumit Sarkar, *Modern India, 1885-1947*
- Sumit Sarkar, *Modern Times: India, 1880s-1950s*
- *The Sources of Indian Tradition*, Vol. 2, third edition (2014), for a good collection of primary sources

#### **Specialised readings:**

- Rafiuddin Ahmad, *The Bengal Muslims, 1871-1906: a Quest for Identity*
- Muzaffar Alam and Sanjay Subrahmanyam (eds), *The Mughal State, 1526-1750*
- Seema Alavi (ed), *The Eighteenth Century in India*
- B.R. Ambedkar, "What Gandhi and Congress have done to the Untouchables"
- Shahid Amin, "Gandhi as Mahatma" in Ranajit Guha and Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak (eds), *Selected Subaltern Studies*, 288-342
- Michael R. Anderson, "Islamic Law and the Colonial Encounter in British India" in David Arnold and Peter Robb (eds), *Institutions and Ideologies*
- Sekhar Bandyopadhyay (ed), *1857: Essays From Economic and Political Weekly*
- Crispin Bates and Marina Carter, "Religion and retribution in the Indian rebellion of 1857", *Leidschrift. Empire and Resistance. Religious beliefs versus the ruling power*, 24-1 (2009) 51-68
- C.A. Bayly, *Indian Society and the Making of the British Empire*
- Susan Bayly, *Caste, Society and Politics in India*
- Laura Gbah Bear, "Miscegenations of Modernity: constructing European respectability and race in the Indian railway colony, 1857-1931", *Women's History Review*, Vol. 3, No. 4, 1994, pp. 531-548
- Gautam Bhadra, "Four Rebels of 1857" in Ranajit Guha and Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak (eds), *Selected Subaltern Studies*
- Nandini Bhattacharya-Panda, *Appropriation and Invention of Tradition: The East India Company and Hindu Law in Early Colonial Bengal*
- Elizabeth Buettner, "Problematic spaces, problematic races: defining 'Europeans' in late colonial India", *Women's History Review*, 9:2 (2000), pp. 277-298

- Sugata Bose, “The Peasantry in Debt: The Working and Rupture of Systems of Rural Credit Relations” in Sugata Bose (ed) *Credit, Markets and the Agrarian Economy of Colonial India*, pp. 248-300
- Sugata Bose and Ayesha Jalal (eds), *Nationalism, Democracy and Development: State and Politics in India*
- Partha Chatterjee, “The Nationalist Resolution of the Women’s Question” in Kumkum Sangari and Sudesh Vaid (eds.), *Recasting Women: Essays in Colonial History*, 233-53
- Partha Chatterjee, *Nationalist Thought and the Colonial World: A Derivative Discourse?*
- Joya Chatterji, *Bengal Divided: Hindu Communalism and Partition, 1932-1947*
- Bernard S. Cohn, *Colonialism and Its Forms of Knowledge: The British in India*, pp. 16-56
- Nicholas B. Dirks, *Castes of Mind*
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- David Hardiman, “Adivasi Assertion in South Gujarat: The Devi Movement of 1922-3” in *Subaltern Studies III*
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- Laura Dudley Jenkins, “Another ‘People of India’ Project: Colonial and National Anthropology”, in *The Journal of Asian Studies*, vol. 62, No. 4 (2003), pp. 1143-1170
- Kenneth W. Jones, *Socio-Religious Reform Movements in British India*
- Yasmin Khan, *India At War: The Subcontinent and the Second World War*
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- David Lelyveld, *Aligarh’s First Generation*
- Philippa Levine, “Venereal Disease, Prostitution, and the Politics of Empire: The Case of British India”, *Journal of the History of Sexuality*, 1994, vol. 4, no. 4, 579-602
- David Ludden, “Orientalist Empiricism: Transformations of Colonial Knowledge” in C. Breckenridge and P. Van der Veer (eds), *Orientalism and the Postcolonial Predicament*

- Lata Mani, “Contentious Traditions: The Debate on Sati in Colonial India” in Kumkum Sangari and Sudesh Vaid (eds), *Recasting Women: Essays in Colonial History*, 88-126
- Karuna Mantena, *Alibis of Empire: Henry Maine and the Ends of Liberal Imperialism*
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- Barbara D Metcalf, “Reading and Writing About Muslim Women in British India” in Zoya Hasan (ed), *Forging Identities: Gender, Communities and the State*
- Thomas R Metcalf, *Ideologies of the Raj*
- Gail Minault, *The Khilafat Movement: Religious Symbolism and Political Mobilization in India*
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- Sanjay Nigam, “Disciplining and Policing the ‘Criminals by Birth’”, article in 2 parts in *IESHR* 27 (2) 1990 and *IESHR* 27 (3) 1990
- Gail Omvedt, *Dalits and Democratic Revolution: Dr. Ambedkar and the Dalit Movement in Colonial India*
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- Gyanendra Pandey, *The Construction of Communalism in Colonial North India*
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- M.S.S. Pandian, “Notes on the Transformation of ‘Dravidian’ Ideology: Tamil Nadu, c. 1900-1940”, *Social Scientist*, 22, (5/6), 1994, pp. 84-104
- Christopher Pinney, “Classification and Fantasy in the Photographic Construction of Race and Tribe”, *Visual Anthropology*, vol. 3 (1990), pp. 259-88
- Tim Pratt and James Vernon, “ ‘Appeal From This Fiery Bed...’: The Colonial Politics of Gandhi’s Fasts and Their Metropolitan Reception”, *Journal of British Studies*, 44 (1), 2005, pp. 92-114
- Barbara N. Ramusack, *The Indian Princes and Their States*
- Rajat Kanta Ray, *Social Conflict and Political Unrest in Bengal, 1875-1927*
- Rosane Rocher, “British Orientalism in the Eighteenth Century: The Dialectics of Knowledge and Government” in C. Breckenridge and P. Van der Veer (eds), *Orientalism and the Postcolonial Predicament*
- Asim Roy, “The High Politics of India’s Partition: The Revisionist Perspective” in Mushirul Hasan (ed.) *India’s Partition*, 102-32
- Sumit Sarkar, *The Swadeshi Movement in Bengal, 1903-1908*
- Amartya Sen, “The Pattern of British Enterprise in India, 1854-1914: A Casual Analysis” in Rajat Kanta Ray (ed) *Entrepreneurship and Industry in India, 1800-1947*

- Amartya Sen, *Poverty and Famines*
- Radhika Singha, “Criminal Communities: The Thuggee Act XXX of 1836” in her *A Despotism of Law: Crime and Justice in Early Colonial India*, 168-228
- Mrinalini Sinha, *Colonial Masculinity: the ‘Manly Englishman’ and the ‘Effeminate Bengali’ in the Late Nineteenth Century*
- Burton Stein (ed), *The Making of Agrarian Policy in British India, 1770-1790*
- Eric Stokes, *The English Utilitarians and India*
- Eric Stokes, *The Peasant and the Raj: Studies in Agrarian Society and Peasant Rebellion in Colonial India*
- Eric Stokes, *The Peasant Armed: Indian Revolt of 1857*
- Ian Talbot, *Freedom’s Cry: the Popular Dimension in the Pakistan Movement and Partition Experience in North-West India*
- B.R. Tomlinson, *The Economy of Modern India, 1860-1970*
- Gauri Viswanathan, “Currying Favor: The Politics of British Educational and Cultural Policy in India, 1813-54” in McClintock, Mufti and Shohat (eds) *Dangerous Liaisons: Gender, Nation and Postcolonial Perspectives*, pp. 113-129
- David Washbrook, “Law, State and Agrarian Society in Colonial India” in *Modern Asian Studies*, 15, 3, 1981.

**HIST0502A**  
**Economic History of Modern India, 1757 to 1947**  
UG III, Semester 5  
Odd Semester 2019

**Course description**

The main thrust of the course is to provide an understanding of the economy of India under British colonial rule. Themes discussed include colonial and nationalist perceptions of the Indian economy; how the Indian economy shifted from traditional to modern forms and the impact of British imperialism on Indian economic processes.

**Mode of assessment**

Internal assignment: 15 marks

Final examination: 35 marks

**Class Topics and Schedule**

1. Introduction (Week 1-4)
2. Rural Economy (Week 5-10)
3. Urban Economy (Week 11-15)
4. Colonial Transition (Week 16-19)

**Readings**

(Please note that the following list of readings may they be revised)

**Selected Readings:**

- R.C. Dutt, *The Economic History of India under early British rule*, Vol. I, Kegan
- Paul, Great Britain, 1902
- Prasannan Parthasarathi, *The History of Indian Economic History*, May 2012
- Irfan Habib, *Colonialization of the Indian Economy, 1757-1900*, Social Scientist, Vol. 3, No. 8 (Mar. 1975) pp. 23-53
- K.N. Choudhury, *The Economic Development in India under the English East India Company*
- D.C. Coleman, "Mercantilism Revisited", *The Historical Journal*, Vol.23, No.4 (Dec.1980), pp. 773-791.
- Robert Travers, *Ideology and Empire in Eighteenth Century India: The British in Bengal*
- Sekhar Bandyopadhyay, *From Plassey to Partition - A History of Modern India*
- H.R.C. Wright, "Some Aspects of the Permanent Settlement in Bengal" *The Economic History Review*, Vol. 7, No. 2 (1954), pp. 204-215
- B.H. Baden-Powell, "The Permanent Settlement of Bengal", *The English Historical*

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- Burton Stein (Ed.), *The Making of Agrarian Polity in British India 1770 – 1990*.
  - Krishna Bhardwaj, “A View on Commercialisation in Indian Agriculture and the Development of Capitalism”, *The Journal of Peasant Studies* 12, No.4, 1985, pp.7-25
  - Tirthankar Roy, *The Economic History of India, 1857-1947*. New Delhi, 2000
  - B.M. Bhatia, *Famines in India 1860-1945*
  - Amartya Sen, *Poverty and Famine*
  - Tirthankar Roy, “Colonialism and Industrialization in India 1870-1940,” *International Journal of South Asian Studies*, 3, 2010
  - Amiya Bagchi, “Private Investment in India”
  - Sugata Bose, (Ed.), *Credit, market and agrarian economy*
  - Rajat K. Roy, *Entrepreneurship and Industry in India: 1800-1947*
  - A. Tripathi, *Trade and Commerce in the Bengal Presidency, 1773-1883*, Calcutta, 1956
  - N. K. Sinha, *The Economic History Bengal*, Vols. I-II
  - Sushil Chaudhury, *Trade and Commercial Organisation in Bengal*
  - Sabyasachi, Bhattacharya, *Financial Foundations of the British Raj*
  - Latika, Chaudhary, Bishnupriya Gupta, Tirthankar Roy (Ed.) *A New Economic History of Colonial India*
  - Rama Dev Roy, “Some aspects of the Economic Drain from India during the British Rule” *Social Scientist*, Vol. 15, No. 3 (Mar, 1987)
  - Dadabhai Naoroji, *Poverty and Un-British Rule in India*
  - B. R. Tomlinson, *The Economy of Modern India, 1860-1970*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1993.
  - David Clingingsmith, Jeffrey G. Williamson, *India’s De-Industrialization Under British Rule: New Ideas, New Evidence*, National Bureau of Economic Research, Cambridge, 2007
  - Tirthankar Roy, *De-Industrialisation: Alternative View*, *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol.35, No. 17, 2000
  - Sekhar Bandyopadhyay, *From Plassey to Partition: A History of Modern India*
  - R.P. Dutt, *India Today*
  - B.R. Tomlinson, *The Political Economy of the Raj*
  - Bipan, Chandra, *Nationalism and Colonialism in Modern India*
  - Bipan Chandra, *Rise and Growth of Economic Nationalism in India*
  - Aditya Mukherjee and Mridula Mukherjee, *Imperialism and Growth of Indian Capitalism in the Twentieth Century*
  - Dharma Kumar (Ed.) *Cambridge economic history of India* (Vol. II)
  - P.J. Marshall, *East Indian Fortunes, The British in Bengal in the 18th Century*
  - N. Jayapalan, *Economic History of India*

**HIST0503**  
**World History, 1789-1945**  
UG III, semester 5  
Odd semester 2019

**Mode of Assessment**

Continuous assessment: 15 Marks

Final Examination: 35 Marks

**UNIT – 1: Revolutions**

(week 1-5)

- French Revolution: From Absolute Monarchy to Democracy: Background and initial stage, 1789-92; Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen; August 4<sup>th</sup> Decrees and abolition of Feudalism; Civil Constitution of the clergy; Constitution of 1791; Jacobins (1792-94) and the Directory (1794-99).
- Revolution & Social Movements: Revolution of 1848- its nature and significance; Utopian Socialists- Charles Fourier, Robert Owen and Saint Simon; Russian Revolution (1815-1871)
- Industrial Revolution in England: The Development of Railways, Industrialization of Europe; Triumph of the policy of Free Trade; Imperialism of Free Trade.

**Suggested Readings:**

- A. J. P. Taylor, *The Struggle for Mastery in Europe 1848-1918*, Oxford University Press, 1954..
- Albert S. Lindemann, *A History of Modern Europe: From 1815 to the Present*, Blackwell Publishing, UK, 2013 (First Edition).
- Albert Soboul, *The French Revolution 1787-1799: From the Storming of the Bastille to Napoleon*, Vintage Books, 1975 (First Edition).
- Carlton J. H. Hayes, *A Political and Social History of Modern Europe*, Vol. 1, Macmillan Education Ltd., 1920.
- David S. Mason, *A Concise History of Modern Europe*, Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Maryland, 2011 (First Edition).
- Francois Auguste Mignet, *History of the French Revolution from 1789-1814*, Kessinger Publishing, London, 2010.
- Hal Marcovitz, *The Industrial Revolution*, Reference Point Press, United States, 2014.
- Hugh Seton Watson, *The Russian Empire, 1801-1917*, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 1967.
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- Nicholas V. Riasanovsky, *A History of Russia*, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 1999.
- Pat Hudson, *The Industrial Revolution*, Bloomsbury Publishing House, London, 2014 (Electronic Version).
- Paul W. Schroeder, *The Transformation of European Politics 1763-1848*, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 1994.
- Phyllis Deane, *The First Industrial Revolution*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 2000 (Reprint).



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William Doyle, *The French Revolution: A Very Short Introduction*, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2001.

Wolfram Siemann, *The German Revolution*, Macmillan Press, London, 1998.

## **UNIT – 2: Comparing Nationalism across Europe** (week 6-10)

- Unification of Italy: Struggle between Conservatism and Liberalism; Mazzini, Cavour and Garibaldi
- Unification of Germany: Struggle for power and leadership between Prussia and Austria; Bismark Wars of Unifications and his policies; Franco-Prussian War (1870); Treaty of Frankfurt.

### **Suggested Readings:**

Alan Farmer and Andrina Stiles, *The Unification of Germany 1815-1919*, Hodder Education, 2007 (Third Edition).

Bernard Semmel, *The Rise of Free Trade Imperialism: Classical Political Economy the Empire of Free Trade and Imperialism 1750-1850*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1970.

C. J. H. Hayes, *Contemporary Europe Since 1870*, Surjeet Publications, 1998 (Fourth Indian Reprint).

Eric Hobsbawm, *The Age of Revolution 1789-1848*, Vintage Books, London, 1996.

Robert Pearce and Andrina Stiles, *The Unification of Italy 1815-70*, Hodder Education, UK, 2006 (Third Edition).

Stephen Badsey, *The Franco-Prussian War 1870-1870*, Osprey Publishing, UK, 2014.

## **UNIT – 3: Wars & The World between the Wars** (week 11-15)

- Czarist Regime- Last Phase: Alexander III and reactionary policies; Russo-Japanese war; 1905 Revolution; The Bolshevik Revolution (1917) - causes; March Revolution; October Revolution; Lenin.
- First World War: New grouping of European states; Anglo-German naval rivalry; Diplomatic background of the First World War; The July Crisis of 1914; Outbreak of the war; Factor behind the defeat of the Central Powers.
- Europe between World Wars: The Paris Peace conference- 1919; Treaty of Versailles; Establishment of the League of Nations; The quest for International Security; the Geneva Disarmament conference and its failure.

### **Suggested Readings:**

A Ivanov and P. Jowett, *The Russo-Japanese War 1904-05*, Osprey Publishing Ltd., United Kingdom, 2004.

Abraham Ascher, *The Revolution of 1905: A Short History*, Stanford University Press, California, 2004.

B. H. Liddell Hart, *History of the First World War*, Pan Books Ltd, London, 1973 (Second Printing).

David Thomson, *Europe Since Napoleon*, Penguin Books, London, 1990 (Reprinted).  
James Joll, *The Origins of the First World War*, Longman Inc., New York, 1984.  
John Keegan, *The First World War*, Vintage Canadian, New York, 1998.  
Michael Howard, *The First World War: A Very Short Introduction*, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2002.  
S. C. M. Paine, *The Sino-Japanese War of 1894-1895: Perceptions, Power and Primacy*, Cambridge University Press, USA, 2006 (Reprinted).  
Sidney Harcave, *The Russian Revolution of 1905*, Collier Books, London, 1970.

#### **UNIT – 4: The War We Saw Last**

(week 16-20)

- Origin of World War II: First appearance of Fascism in Italy; Mussolini; Fascist doctrine; Rise of Nazism in Germany; Hitler, 1933-34; Hitler's foreign policy; Munich agreement and drift towards war; Japanese Imperialism.
- World War II: Opening moves (1939-1940); Poland defeat; Denmark and Norway invaded; Hitler attack Holland; Belgium and France; Battle of Britain; Attack on Soviet Union; Battle of Moscow (1941) and Stalingrad (1942); USA entry in the war; Air offensive against Germany and the opening of Second Front; Fall of Germany; Road to surrender, May 1945; Redrawing of Europe's boundaries.

#### **Suggested Readings:**

Carl J. Schneider and Dorothy Schneider, *An Eyewitness History World War II*, Infobase Publishing, New York, 2003.  
Charles Howard Ellis, *The Origin, Structure and Working of the League of Nations*, George Allen & Unwin Publishing, London, 2003.  
E.J. Feuchtwanger, *From Weimar to Hitler: Germany 1918-33*, Macmillan Press Ltd, London, 1995 (Second Edition).  
Eric Hobsbawm, *Age of Extremes: The short Twentieth Century 1914-1991*, Abacus Book, Great Britain, 1995.  
John Merriman, *A History of Modern Europe: From the Renaissance to the Present*, W. W. Norton & Company, New York, 2004.  
Joseph W. Bendersky, *A Concise History of Nazi Germany*, Rowmann & Littlefield Publishers Inc., United Kingdom, 2014 (Fourth Edition).  
Keith Eubank, *The Origins of World War II*, Harlan Davidson Inc., Illinois, 2004.  
Stephen J. Lee, *Hitler and Nazi Germany*, Routledge, London, 2000 (Reprint).  
Thomas W. Zeiler with Daniel M. DuBois (eds.), *A Companion to World War II*, Vol. 1, Wiley Blackwell Publishing Ltd., USA, 2013.  
William Hosch, *World War II: People, Politics and Power*, Britannica Educational Publishing, New York, 2010.

**HIST0591C**  
**Reading Interfaith Relations in World History**  
UG III, Semester 5  
Odd semester 2019

**Course description**

World History is more or less a record of amity and enmity between peoples of different religious persuasions. The history of their relations continues to shape our present and would in turn impact our future. The course aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of interfaith relations in world history.

**Mode of Assessment:**

Two essays of 2500-3000 words each: 25 marks for each

**Class Topics and Schedule**

1. Amity (Weeks 1 to 3)
2. Bigotry (Weeks 4 to 6)
3. Conflicts (Weeks 7 to 9)
4. Clashes (Weeks 10 to 13)
5. Interfaith Activism, Dialogue and Reconciliation (Weeks 14 & 15)
6. Role of Religion Journalism (Week 16)
7. State and Religion (Weeks 17 & 19)

**Readings**

(Please note that the following list of readings may be revised)

**Essential:**

- Albinski, Henry S., "The Place of the Emperor Asoka in Ancient Indian Political Thought", *Midwest Journal of Political Science*, Vol. 2, No. 1 (Feb., 1958), pp. 62-75.
- Ali, M. Athar, "Muslims' Perception of Judaism and Christianity in Medieval India", *Modern Asian Studies*, Vol. 33, No. 1 (Feb., 1999), pp. 243-255.
- Ali, M. Athar, "Pursuing an Elusive Seeker of Universal Truth: The Identity and Environment of the Author of the 'Dabistān-i Mazāhib'", *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society*, Third Series, Vol. 9, No. 3 (Nov., 1999), pp. 365-373.
- Bangha, Imre, "Kabir Reconstructed", *Acta Orientalia Academiae Scientiarum Hungaricae*, Vol. 63, No. 3 (September 2010), pp. 249-258.
- Blumenthal, David R., "Maimonides' Philosophic Mysticism", *A Journal of Jewish Philosophy & Kabbalah* 64/66 (2009): 5-25.
- Brustein, William I., *Roots of Hate: Anti-Semitism in Europe before the Holocaust*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Burman, J. J. Roy, "Hindu-Muslim Syncretism in India", *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 31, No. 20 (May 18, 1996), pp. 1211-1215.
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- Chakravarti, Uma, “Victims, 'Neighbours', and 'Watan': Survivors of Anti-Sikh Carnage of 1984”, *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 29, No. 42 (Oct. 15, 1994), pp. 2722-2726.
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- Cinnirella, Marco , “The role of perceived threat and identity in Islamophobic prejudice.” In *Identity Process Theory: Identity, Social Action and Social Change*. Edited by Rusi Jaspal and Glynis M. Breakwell. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 253-269.
- Cohen, Mark R., “The “Golden Age” of Jewish-Muslim Relations: Myth and Reality.” In *A History of Jewish-Muslim Relations: From the Origins to the Present Day*. Edited by Meddeb, Abdelwahab / Stora, Benjamin, Princeton University Press, 2014, pp. 28-38.
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- Fleet, J. F., “The Rummidei Inscription and the Conversion of Asoka to Buddhism”, *The Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain and Ireland* (Apr., 1908): 471-498
- Fleming, K. E., “‘Salonica's Jews’: A Metropolitan History”, *Jewish History*, Vol. 28, No. 3/4, Special issue on Salonica's Jews (2014), pp. 449-455.
- Friedmann, Yohanan, *Tolerance and Coercion in Islam: Interfaith Relations in the Muslim Tradition*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2013.
- Fstima, Qamar, “The Rise and Fall of Taliban Regime (1994-2001) In Afghanistan: The Internal Dynamics”, *IOSR Journal Of Humanities And Social Science (IOSR-JHSS)* Volume 19, Issue 1, Ver. I (Jan. 2014), pp. 35-46
- Gould, William, *Hindu Nationalism and the Language of Politics in Late Colonial India*, Cambridge University Press, 2016, pp. 1-34, 265-275.
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- Harris, Julie A., “Mosque to Church Conversions in the Spanish Reconquest”, *Medieval Encounters* 3:2 (1997), pp. 158-172.
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- Hoefler, Herbert, “Why are Christians Persecuted in India? Roots, Reasons, Responses”, *International Journal of Frontier Missions*, 18:1 (Spring 2001), 7-13.
- Husain, Tasadduq, “The Spiritual Journey of Dara Shukoh”, *Social Scientist*, Vol. 30, No. 7/8 (Jul. - Aug., 2002), pp. 54-66.
- Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic, “The Yazidi Genocide: A Report on Crimes Committed by the Islamic State”, *Cairo Review* 23 (2016), pp. 103-112.
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- Metcalf, Barbara D., “A Historical Overview of Islam in South Asia”
- Mitri, Tarek, “Christians and Muslims: memory, amity and enmities “, in *Islam in Europe: Diversity, Identity and Influence*. Edited by Mitri Aziz Al-Azmeh, Effie Fokas. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 16-33.

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- Thapar, Romila, *Asoka and the Decline of the Mauryas*, Chapt V: The Policy of Dhamma, pp. 173-227.
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**HIST0592B**  
**Ecology and Environment in South Asian History**  
UG III, Semester 5  
Odd Semester 2019

**Course Description**

Contemporary concern over environmental issues arising out of global warming and the resultant climate change is shared widely. It is generally agreed that the beginning of modern life and society as the dominant mode of existing has led to a variety of crises and conflict at multiple levels: forest dwellers vs plains people, subsistence vs consumerist economy, developing vs developed nations and so forth. Although this consensus is partly valid in the case of South Asia, it suffers from at least two problems. One, it presents either a rosy picture of pre-modern societies as free of conflict over issues of subsistence and claims over natural resources; this perspective can breed ecological romanticism. Two, it overlooks the fact that the ecology has always been a factor in human history, albeit in variegated and different ways.

The aim of this course is to familiarize students with the complexities of environmental issues as they have unfolded and affected South Asian societies before and after British colonialism came to acquire ascendancy in the region.

**Mode of assessment**

As this is a sessional course, there will be no final examination. Instead, you will be evaluated on the basis of two assignments of 2500-3000 words each with 25 marks and proper referencing for the course, amounting to a total of 50 marks.

**Class Topics and Schedule**

Unit I: Ecology, Climate Change, History (**Week 1-4**)

Unit II: Nature, Natural Resources, Commons and the State in Pre-colonial Times (**Week 5-10**)

Unit III: Nature, Natural Resources, Commons and the State in Colonial Times (**Week 11-15**)

Unit IV: Environmental Movements in History (**Week 16-19**)

**Readings**

(Please note that the following list of readings may they be revised)

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