

**SIKKIM UNIVERSITY**  
**Department of History**  
**Syllabus for MA (4 Semesters) 2016-17 onwards**

Paper No.	Courses	Core/ Open	Credits	Marks
<b>M.A. : Semester I (all core papers)</b>				
HIS-PG-C101	The Practice of History	Core	4	100
HIS-PG-C102	Ancient Society	Core	4	100
HIS-PG-C103	The Middle-ages	Core	4	100
HIS-PG-C104	Modern Society	Core	4	100
<b>M.A. : Semester II (all core papers)</b>				
HIS-PG-C201	Nationalism	Core	4	100
HIS-PG-C202	Political History of Modern India (1757-1947)	Core	4	100
HIS-PG-C203	State in Early India	Core	4	100
HIS-PG-C204	State in Medieval India: Society and Economy	Core	4	100
<b>M.A. : Semester III (any four open papers)</b>				
HIS-PG-O301	Economic History of India: 1757-1947	Open	4	100
HIS-PG-O302	Constitutional History of India	Open	4	100
HIS-PG-O303	Peasant Movements in India	Open	4	100
HIS-PG-O304	Tribal Movements in India	Open	4	100
HIS-PG-O305	Gender in Indian History	Open	4	100
HIS-PG-O306	Delhi Sultanate-1206-1526	Open	4	100
HIS-PG-O307	The Moghul Era -1526-1750	Open	4	100
HIS-PG-O308	Prehistory and Proto-history of India	Open	4	100
HIS-PG-O309	History of India from 1500 BCE to 200 BCE	Open	4	100
HIS-PG-O310	History of India - c.600 - 1300 CE	Open	4	100
<b>M.A. : Semester IV (Dissertation compulsory and any three open papers)</b>				
HIS-PG-D401	Dissertation	Core	4	100
HIS-PG-O402	Caste in India (Mid-19th century to the present)	Open	4	100
HIS-PG-O403	Social Reforms and Cultural Movements in 19th Century India	Open	4	100
HIS-PG-O404	Political History of India after Independence	Open	4	100
HIS-PG-O405	History of Famines in Modern India from 18th to 20th Centuries	Open	4	100
HIS-PG-O406	Environmental History of India	Open	4	100
HIS-PG-O407	State, Society and Economy in 18th Century India	Open	4	100
HIS-PG-O408	History of Medieval South India (1350-1565)	Open	4	100
HIS-PG-O409	Maritime Trade and Commerce (15th to 18th Century)	Open	4	100
HIS-PG-O410	Elements of Epigraphy and Numismatics	Open	4	100
HIS-PG-O411	Development of early Indian Religions and Philosophies	Open	4	100

HIS-PG-O412	Political Processes in Ancient India: Theories and practices	Open	4	100
HIS-PG-O413	History of India, c. 200 BCE-600CE	Open	4	100
<b>(HIS : History; PG: Post Graduate; D denotes Dissertation, C denotes Core or Compulsory and O denotes Optional or Open papers).</b>				

**SEMESTER I(ALL COURSES ARE COMPULSORY AND CARRY 4 CREDITS EACH)**

**Course No: HIS-PG-C101**

**Course Title:*The Practice of History*(Compulsory Paper, 4 Credits)**

This foundation course aims to introduce students to important issues related to historical method by giving them a broad overview of significant, including recent, historiographical trends. The aim is to acquaint students with important historiographical interventions and issues related to the historian's craft. The themes selected for discussion may include the ones given below, and may vary from year to year; more themes may be added to the list. Select readings have been given here; detailed readings will be provided in the course of instruction.

**Unit I: History of history**

The Concept of History-Pre-history- Chronicle and History- Is past History?-Marc Bloch's concept of History-The Materialist Concept of History

**Unit II: History and Historicism**

Objectivity in History- Causation in History- Biography as History-History as Social Science

**Unit III: Historiography**

Greco-Roman Historiography-Theological influences on History writing-Renaissance and Reformation-German Ideology (Hegel, Niebuhr, Ranke)- TheAnnales(Febvre,Ladurie, Braudel)- The Marxist School and Social History( Karl Marx, E.P. Thompson, Eric Hobsbawm, etc.,)

**Unit IV: History Writing in India**

Ancient and Middle Ages- Nationalist History-Social History (Marxist and Subaltern)-  
Postcolonial History

### **Essential Readings**

- Arthur, Mar wick. 1989, *Nature of History*, Macmillan
- Bloch, Marc. 2004. *The Historian's Craft*, Manchester University Press
- Carr, E.H. 1972. *What is History*, Macmillan
- Guha, Ranajit. 1999. *Elementary Aspects of Peasant Insurgency in Colonial India*, Duke University Press
- Hobsbawm, Eric. (2002) 'Among the Historians' in Hobsbawm *Interesting Times*, Hachette pp 282-297
- Jenkins, Keith. 1995. *On what is History*, Routledge
- Ladurie, Immanuel LeRoy. 1979. *The Territory of the Historian*, The Harvester Press
- Sarkar, Sumit. 1995. *Writing Social History*, Oxford University Press
- Thompson, E.P. 1977 'Folklore, Anthropology and History' in *Indian Historical Review*, Volume 3, No. 2, January 1977
- Yadav, Bhupendra. 2012. *Framing History: Context and Perspectives*, Publications Division, Ministry of I&B, Government of India, New Delhi
- Collingwood, R.G. *The Idea of History*, Oxford University Press, Madras, 1988.

**Course No:HIS-PG-C102**

**Course Title: *Ancient Society* (Compulsory Paper, 4 Credits)**

### **Unit I: Evolution of man**

Origin, evolution and migration- Hunter Gatherer (Tool making, tool types and technology)-  
Settlement and Social Formation

### **Unit II:Food Production and Neolithic Settlements**

Division of labour, craft specialization, Two Case studies

### **Unit III: Chalcolithic Age/Bronze Age Civilizations**

Economy: industry and trade; Social stratification; Religion; State Structure; Indus Civilization, Mesopotamia

#### **Unit IV: Urbanization**

Gangetic/Vedic civilization- Greek-Roman Civilizations

#### **Select Readings**

- Anderson Perry. 1978. *Passages from Antiquity to Feudalism*, London.
- Boren, Henry.C. 1986. *The Ancient World: An Historical Perspective*, second edition, Englewood Cliffs: New Jersey.
- Childe, V. Gordon. , 1942, 1964. *What Happened in History*, Harmondsworth
- Clark, Wobid. 1971. *Prehistory: A new outline*, Oxford University Press
- Farooqui, Amar. 2001. *Early Social Formations*, Manak Publications Pvt Ltd.
- Forde, Daeyle. 1963. *Habitat, Economy and Society*, London, 1963.
- Habib, Irfan. 2001. *Prehistory*, Tulika
- Habib, Irfan and Thakur, V.K. 2003. *The Vedic Age*, Tulika
- Kosambi, D.D. 1975. *An Introduction to the Study of Indian History*, Popular Prakashan
- Shrimali, K.M. 2007. *The Age of Iron and the Religious Revolution (c. 700-c.350 BC)*, Tulika
- Singh, Upinder, 2009. *A History of Ancient and Early Medieval India*, Pearson Longman
- Thapar, Romila. 1993. *Interpreting Early India*, Oxford University Press
- UNESCO, 1994-1996. *History of Humanity*, Volumes I-III, London

#### **Course No: HIS-PG-C103**

**Course Title: *The Middle Ages* (Compulsory Paper, Semester I, 4 Credits, 48 lecture hours)**

#### **Unit I: Feudalism**

Transition from antiquity to Feudalism- State formation in Western Europe- Feudal societies (stratification in the class of landlords, stratification in the class of peasants; roles and obligations of landlords and peasants)

#### **Unit II: Economic System**

Process of production- technological change- rise of population, and commerce, urbanization

### **Unit III: Society/Polity**

Feudal Polity in Western Europe- Rise of Absolutist monarchy and the crisis of feudalism

### **Unit IV: Feudalism in India**

Was there Feudalism in India-The Moghul Economy

### **Essential Readings**

- March Bloch, *Feudal Society*, Vol-I, Vol-II, London, 1952.
- M.L. Mush, *Social Orders & Social Classes in Europe since 1500*, London, 1972.
- Christopher Hill, *Puritanism and Revolution*, Penguins, 1950.
- Mark Bloch, *Land and work in Medieval Europe*.
- Eric Hobsbawm, *Age of Empire*

### **Course No: HIS-PG-C104**

### **Course Title: *Modern Society*(Compulsory Paper, 4 Credits)**

This course will investigate the history of capitalism and imperialism, focusing on British imperialism but also studying part of Spanish, Dutch and French Empire. It will sketch the idea of capitalism and imperialism and treat it as an analytical category within the history of political thought and practice.

### **Unit I: From Mercantile Capitalism to Industrial Capitalism**

Primitive Accumulation of Capital-Mercantilism-Economic development in the 14th century Europe-Renaissance and Reformation-Industrial Capitalism.

### **Unit II: Early Colonialism**

Theories on Colonialism (Hobson, Hilferding, Roza Luxemburg, Lenin)- Early colonial empires- Portugal and Spain- Discoveries and Inventions- Fall of the Holy Roman Empire- Rise of Islam- The discovery of America, Age of Conquistador and the Spanish conquest of America. The Portuguese empire in the Atlantic- Rise of Plantation economy, slave trade and its impact on Europe

### **Unit III: The Emergence of America**

17th century crisis in Europe–nature and impact- trade and commerce in the second half of the 17th century- Scientific Revolution of the 16th and 17th century-American War of Independence

#### **Unit IV: Inter-imperialist conflicts and Decolonisation**

Colonialism (Portuguese, Spanish, Dutch, French, English) colonial policy-Struggle for Empire-World War I and II-The Third World/Cold War – The Bandung Spirit and NAM- Neo-Colonialism

#### **Essential Readings**

- Anderson, Perry (1974) *Passages from Antiquity to Feudalism*, Verso, London.
- Dobb, Maurice (1963) *Studies in the Development of Capitalism*, Routledge & Sons Ltd., London.
- Habib, Irfan. “Colonization of the Indian Economy”, in *Social Scientist* Vol.3, no.8, March 1975, pp.22-53.
- Hill, Christopher, *The World Turned Upside Down*, Penguin
- Hilton, R. (ed.) (1982) *Transition from Feudalism to Capitalism*, Verso.
- Hobsbawm, Eric, *Age of Empire: 1875-1914*, Penguin.
- Hobson, John A. *Imperialism, a study*. (1902 and later editions)
- Lenin, V.I. *Imperialism: The Highest Stage of Capitalism*. New York, 1939. (1st published, 1916)
- Postan, M.M. (1966) *Cambridge Economic History of Europe*, vol. II, Cambridge.
- Schumpeter, Joseph. *Imperialism and Social Classes*. New York, 1951.
- Wallerstein, Immanuel (1980) *The Modern World System II, Mercantilism and Consolidation of the European World Economy 1600-1750*, N.Y.

### **SEMESTER II (ALL COURSES ARE COMPULSORY AND CARRY 4 CREDITS EACH)**

**Course No: HIS-PG-C201**

**Course Title: *Nationalism* (Compulsory Course, 4 Credits)**

#### **Unit I: Theories on Nationalism**

Ernst Renan (Civic Nationalism) - Johann Gottlieb Fichte (Ethnic Nationalism)-Ernst Gellner - Eric Hobsbawm – Frantz Fanon, Amilcar Cabral (Nationalism and Anti-Colonialism)- Benedict Anderson (Imagined Communities)-,Anthony D. Smith (Typology Nationalism)-Edward Said (Post-Coloniality and Nationalism) - AshisNandy

### **Unit II: Historical Evolution of Nationalism**

The French Revolution-1789- Revolutions of 1848 – Foundations of Nationalism in Europe – Universal Suffrage and Nationalism in Europe (German and Balkan Nationalism)

### **Unit III: Anti-Colonialism and Nationalism**

The idea of Nation in Chinese and Japanese History-Nationalism in India-Algiers

### **Unit IV: Anti-Colonialism and Nationalism in Europe**

Rise of German Nationalism between the Wars-Fascism –Nationalism in the post-war world-Palestine –Nationalities within Nations (Sri Lanka)-The Balkan Experience

### **Essential Readings**

- Aloysius, G. (1997) *Nationalism Without a Nation in India*, Delhi: Oxford University Press
- Anderson, Benedict. (1983 or any subsequent editions) *Imagined Communities: Reflections on the Origin and Spread of Nationalism*, London, Verso
- Fichte J.G. (2000 or any subsequent editions) *Foundations of Natural Right According to the Principles of the Wissenschaftslehre*: Cambridge University Press (Introduction pp vii to xxviii and Outline of the right to nations, pp 320 – 334)
- Renan, Ernst. "What is a Nation?" in Eley, Geoff and Suny, Ronald Grigor, ed. 1996. *Becoming National: A Reader*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1996: pp. 41-55
- Gellner, Ernest, "Nationalism" *Theory and Society*, Vol. 10, No 6 (Nov 1981) pp 753-776
- Hobsbawm, Eric J. *Nations and Nationalism since 1780: Programme, Myth, Reality*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1990.
- Hobsbawm, Eric J and Terence O. Range (ed), *The Invention of Tradition*, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 1992.
- Fanon, Frantz, (2001 or any other edition) *The Wretched of the Earth*, Penguin Modern Classics.

- Cabral, Amilcar. History is a Weapon: National Liberation and Culture (Speech delivered on February 20, 1970; as part of the Eduardo Mondlane Memorial Lecture Series at Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York, under the auspices of The Program of Eastern African Studies; available at <http://historyisaweapon.com/defcon1/cabralnlac.html>
- Nandy, Ashis. (1983 or any subsequent edition), *The Intimate Enemy: Loss and Recovery of Self under Colonialism*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi
- Smith, Anthony D. (1986 or any subsequent edition) *The Ethnic Origins of Nations*, Oxford University Press.
- Said, Edward (1979 or any subsequent edition) *Orientalism*, Vintage

**Course No: HIS-PG-C202**

**Course Title: *Political History of Modern India (1757-1947)*(Compulsory Course, 4 Credits)**

**Unit I: Conquest and Consolidation of British Rule in India**

Advent of Europeans-Portuguese, Dutch, French, and English- Anglo French Rivalry- Carnatic wars-Battle of Plassey-Battle of Buxar-Dual Government in Bengal –Wellesley and Subsidiary Alliance – Anglo Mysore Wars-Anglo Maratha Wars

**Unit II: Emergence of Nationalism Early National Movement**

Revolt of 1857-Nature and character of revolt-Proclamation of 1858-Causes for the rise of Nationalism – Lytton and Ripon -Foundation of the Indian National Congress-Partition of Bengal and Swadeshi-The Surat Split – Lucknow Congress – Home Rule Movement

**Unit III: The Gandhian Era**

Gandhi's arrival (January 9, 1915)-Champaran, Kheda and Ahmedabad Mill Workers' Strike-Rowlatt Satyagraha - Khilafat Movement-Non Cooperation Movement- Simon Commission - Civil Disobedience Movement- Round Table Conferences-Gandhi Irwin Pact-Quit India Movement

**Unit IV: Making of India**

Cripp's Mission (1942)-Wavell Plan (1945)-Cabinet Mission's proposals-Interim Cabinet (1946)-Meerut Session of INC-Partition and Freedom

**Essential Readings**



- Bipan Chandra, (1989) *India's Struggle for Independence*, Penguin Books, New Delhi (also any later edition)
- SekharBandyopadhyay, (2015) *From Plassey to Partition and After: A History of Modern India*. Orient Blackswan, New Delhi (Revised edition).
- Sucheta Mahajan, (2000) *Independence and Partition: Erosion of Colonial Power in India*, Sage Publications, New Delhi.
- Bipan Chandra, (1979) *Nationalism and Communalism in Modern India*, Vikas Publishing House, New Delhi.
- SitaramGoel, (1995) *Muslim Separatism*, New Delhi
- Mushirul Hasan, (1991) *Nationalism and Communal Politics in India,1885-1930*,New Delhi.
- Anil Seal (1968) *The Emergence of Indian Nationalism*,Cambridge University Press, Cambridge
- Sumit Sarkar, (1983)*Modern India, 1885-1947*, Madras (or any later edition)
- Tara Chand, (1967) *History of freedom Movement in India*, Volumes 2,3,4,Delhi.

**Course No:HIS-PG-C203**

**Title of Paper: *State in Early India* (Compulsory Course, 4 Credits)**

**Unit I:** Towards formation of the state; proto-states; chiefdoms of later Vedic period; and territorial states in the Age of the Buddha.

**Unit II:** The Mauryan State; socio- economic basis; nature and functions; and theory and practice.

**Unit III:** The Gupta Polity; administrative organisations; tributary systems; and socioeconomic basis.

**Unit IV:** State formation in the south: chiefdoms and the Cholas.

**Essential Readings**

- Altekar, A. S., *State and Community in Ancient India*
- Claessen, H.J.M and P. Skalnik, *The Early State*, The Hague, 1978

- Drekmeier, Charles, *Kingship and Community in Early India*, OUP/ Stanford University Press, 1962
- Gurukkal, Rajan, *Social Formations in Early South India*, OUP, 2010
- Inden, R., *Imagining India*, (London 1990)
- Kosambi, D.D., *An Introduction to the Study of Indian History*
- Sharma, R.S., *Aspects of Political Institutions in Ancient India*
- Thapar, Romila, *From Lineage to State*.
- Thapar, Romila, *Mauryas Revisited*
- Veluthat, Keshavan, *The Political Structure of Early Medieval South Indian History*(Bombay, 1956)

**Course No: HIS-PG-C204**

**Course Title: *State in Medieval India: Society and Economy*(Compulsory Course, 4 Credits)**

**Unit I: Social Groups during Delhi Sultanate**

The nobility-The urban population-The rural community

**Unit II: Agrarian Structure and Economy under the Sultanate**

Land revenue administration - position of intermediaries - production process - trade and industry

**Unit III: Social Groups during the Mughals**

The nobility and the merchant classes - Stratification within zamindars and peasants - Caste system-Tribes

**Unit IV: Agrarian Structure and Economy under the Mughals**

Land revenue system –Mansabdari- Jagirdari system – Population - Agriculture production – Trade and Commerce

**Essential Readings**

- M Athar Ali, *Mughal India: Studies in Polity, Ideas, Society and Culture*, New Delhi, 2006.

- Irfan Habib, *Agrarian System of Mughal India*, Bombay, 1963.
- HarbansMukhia, *The Mughals of India*, Oxford, 2004.
- JF Richards, *The Imperial Monetary System of Mughal India*, Delhi, 1987.
- M Habib, *Politics and Society during the early medieval period*, New Delhi, 1974.
- NA Siddiqui, *Land Revenue Administration under the Mughal*, Aligarh, 1964.
- IP Gupta, *Urban Glimpses of Mughal India: Agra, the Imperial Capital (16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries)*, Delhi, 1986.
- KK Trivedi, “Changes in Caste-Composition of the Zamindar Class in Western Uttar Pradesh, 1595-1900”, *Indian Historical Review*, vol. II (1), 1975.
- H Fukazawa, *The Medieval Deccan: Peasants, Social Systems, and States, Sixteenth to Eighteenth Centuries*, Delhi, 1991.
- CA Bayly, *Rulers, Townsmen and Bazaars: North Indian Society in the Age of British Expansion*, Cambridge, 1983.
- Satish Chandra, *Medieval India: Society, the Jagirdari Crisis and the Village*, Delhi, 1982.
- Shireen Moosvi, *The Economy of Mughal Empire c. 1595: A statistical Study*, Delhi.

**SEMESTER III (STUDENTS HAVE TO CHOOSE ANY FOUR OPEN PAPERS)**

**Course No: HIS-PG-O301**

**Course Title: *Economic History of India: 1757-1947*(Optional Paper, 4 Credits)**

**Unit I: Colonial Economy (1757-1813)**

Tribute - the Drain of Wealth -Introduction of new property rights in land and its impact (Bengal, Madras, and Bombay Presidencies)-Foreign Trade, 1757-1813

**Unit II: Agriculture and Property Rights (1813-1947)**

Impact of Land Settlements-Commercialization of Agriculture-Growth of wage labourers and Rise of rich peasantry–Irrigation, Traditional and canal irrigation –Population and Famines

**Unit III: Industry (1813-1947)**

Towns and Manufactures during early colonial India—Debate on De-industrialization- Rise and growth of modern industries –Industrial Working Class and Trade Unions

#### **Unit IV:Trade and Commerce (1813-1947)**

Transportation and Commodity Movement: Roads, Railways, Canals, and Ports - internal and external trade—Money and Banking System

#### **Essential Readings**

- Alice Thorner “Semi-Feudalism or Capitalism? Contemporary Debate on Classes and Modes of Production in India,” *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 17, No. 49, 50, & 51, pp. 1961-68, 1993-99, 2061-66.
- Chandra, Bipan, “Reinterpretation of Nineteenth Century Indian Economic History,” *IESHR*, 5 (1) March 1968.
- Desai, A.R. *Social Background of Indian Nationalism*, Popular Prakashan, Bombay, 1959.
- Dutt, R.C., *The Economic History of India*, Vol.1 & 2, Publications Division, Government of India, New Delhi, 1989 (originally published by Kegan Paul, Trench, 1902).
- Gadgil, D.R., *The Industrial Evolution in India in the Recent Times*, Oxford University Press, Delhi, 1972.
- Guha, Ranajit, *A Rule of Property for Bengal: An Essay on the Idea of Permanent Settlement*, Orient Longman, New Delhi, 1982.
- Habib, Irfan, “Colonialization of Indian Economy,” in *Essays in Indian History: Towards a Marxist Perception*, Tulika, New Delhi, 1995, pp.296-335.
- Habib, Irfan, *Indian Economy under Early British Rule, 1757-1857*, A Peoples History of India 25, Tulika, New Delhi, 2013.
- Habib, Irfan, *Indian Economy, 1858-1914*, A Peoples History of India 28, Tulika, New Delhi, 2006.
- Kumar, Dharma (ed), *The Cambridge Economic History of India*, Vol. 2, C.1750-c.1970, Cambridge University Press, New Delhi, 1983.
- Morris D. Morris, “Towards a Reinterpretation of Nineteenth Century Indian Economic History,” *IESHR*, 5 (1) March 1968.

- Roy, Tirthankar, *The Economic History of India, 1857-1947*, Oxford University Press, Delhi, 2000.
- Stokes, Eric, *The Peasant and the Raj: Studies in Agrarian Society and Peasant Rebellion in Colonial India*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1980.

**Course No: HIS-PG-O302**

**Course Title: *Constitutional History of India* (Optional Paper, 4 Credits)**

India's Constitution, with its roots firmly in the struggle for independence as much as in European modernity, was also seen as the key to social revolution. The road, however, was marked by hurdles that were overcome from within the Constitutional framework. This course will be an attempt to trace the history of the emergence of the Constitution and its working in the half a century after its adoption on November 26, 1949.

### **Unit I: Historical roots of the Indian Constitution**

Minto-Morley Reforms (1909), Montague-Chelmsford Reforms (1919), Government of India Act, 1935; Gokhale's Testament (1914), Karachi Resolution on Fundamental Rights; Cabinet Mission Plan, 1946, Making of the Constituent Assembly (constitution and composition of the assembly), Inclusion of representation from the Indian States

### **Unit II: Making of the Constitution; the process**

Objectives Resolution, Sub-committees, Drafting Committee; Ambedkar's election as Chairman of the Drafting Committee; Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles, Federalism, Separation of Powers (Executive, Legislature and Judiciary), Amending Procedure, Emergency Powers; The different Schedules (V, VI and VIII Schedules), The Preamble

### **Unit III: Working the Constitution**

Property Rights: Constitution Amendments and Case Laws – Kameshwar Singh – 1<sup>st</sup> amendment-Shankari Prasad Deo-Bela Banerji-4<sup>th</sup> amendment—Sajjan Singh—17<sup>th</sup> amendment—Golaknath, R.C.Cooper, Madhavrao Scindia-24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> amendment—Keshavananda, Minerva Mills—44<sup>th</sup> amendment-Noida Land Acquisition case

Social Justice: Constitution Amendments and Case Laws – Champakam Dorairaju-1<sup>st</sup> amendment-Balaji, Rajendran—Mandal Commission—Indira Sawhney, Ashoka Thakur—93<sup>rd</sup> amendment.

Federalism/Secularism – Article 356 – Rajasthan case, S.R.Bommai case

#### **Unit IV: Locating the Theory in the Indian Constitution**

Sovereignty and the Nation State; Nation as the Sovereign as distinct from the people as the Sovereign

From *A Theory of Justice* (John Rawls) to *The Idea of Justice* (Amartya Sen)

Procedure Established by Law and The Due Process of Law; Economic Rights and Socio Political Rights: Harmonising Fundamental Rights and the Directive Principles of State Policy - A.K.Gopalan-R.C.Cooper-Keshavananda- Olga Tellis- BanduaMazdoor-Unnikrishnan

#### **Essential Readings**

- Anand, C.L. (2008). *Constitutional Law and History of Government of India*, Delhi, Universal Law Publishing Company.
- Austin, Granville. (1966). *The Indian Constitution*, New Delhi, Oxford University Press.
- Austin, Granville. (1999). *Working a Democratic Constitution: A History of the Indian Experience*, New Delhi, Oxford University Press.
- Bakshi, P.M. (2009). *The Constitution of India*, Delhi, Universal Law Publishing Company.
- Rao, B Shiva (ed). (1967). *The Framing of India's Constitution: Select Documents*, Volume 1, Delhi, Universal Law Publishing Company.
- Rawls, John. (2010). *A Theory of Justice*, Delhi, Universal Law Publishing Company (Indian Reprint).
- Reddy, O Chinnappa. (2008). *The Court and the Constitution of India: Summits and Shallows*, New Delhi, Oxford University Press.
- Sen, Amartya. (2009). *The Idea of Justice*, Allen Lane, London.

**Course No: HIS-PG-O303**

**Course Title: *Peasant Movements in India*(Optional Paper, 4 Credits)**

**Unit I: Approaches to the study of peasant movements: a historiographical survey.**

Colonial/imperial approach- Marxist approach- Nationalist approach- Subaltern approach

**Unit II: Agrarian Policies (Moghul to British)**

Land revenue regimes (PRS, Ryotwari, etc.)-Commercialisation of agriculture, debt and money lending-Changing agrarian relations

### **Unit III: Pre-Nationalist peasant struggles**

Indigo Uprising- Kol Uprising- Santhal revolt- Peasants in 1857

### **Unit IV: Peasants and the Nationalist movement**

Champaran, Bardoli- Moplah Revolt-Kisan Sabha (Telengana, Tebhaga)

### **Essential Readings**

- D. N. Dhanagare, *Peasants Movements in India 1920-1950*, OUP, Delhi, 1983
- David Hardiman, *Peasant Nationalists of Gujarat*, OUP, 1982
- K.N. Pannikar, *Against Lord and State: Religion and Peasant Uprising in Malabar, 1836-1921*, New Delhi, 1992
- B.B. Kling, *The Blue Mutiny*, Firma KLM, Calcutta, 1977
- T. Shanin, *Peasant and Peasant Society*, Penguin, 1971
- Majjid Siddiqui, *Agrarian Unrest in North India*, Vikas, Delhi, 1978
- Mridula Mukherjee, *Peasants in India's Non-Violent Revolution: Practice and Theory*, Sage Series in Modern Indian History V, Sage Publication, New Delhi, 2004
- Alam, Javeed, "Peasantry, Politics and Historiography: Critique of New Trend in Relation to Marxism", *Social Scientist*, February 1983, 117, 11, 2, pp. 43-54.
- Partha Chatterjee, *Bengal, 1920-1947*, Vol. I: The Land Question, Calcutta, 1984
- Ranajit Guha, *Elementary Aspects of Peasant Insurgency in Colonial India*, OUP, New Delhi, 1983
- A R Desai, *Agrarian Unrest under British Rule in India*,
- Sugata Bose, *Agrarian Bengal: Economy, Social Structure and Politics, 1919-1947*, CUP, Cambridge, 1986

**Course No: HIS-PG-O304**

**Course Title: *Tribal Movements in India*(Optional Paper, 4 Credits)**

**Unit I:** Concept and definition of Tribes in Indian context; Theoretical approaches to the study of tribal movements

**Unit II:** British Forest Policy and its Impact on the Tribals, Peasantisation of adivasis

**Unit III:** Tribal Movements before 1857 (Each year 3-4 movements will be discussed in detail)

The Khasi Rebellion, 1787-1825; The Paharias (Chaur) Rebellion, 1795-1800; The Kuricciyar of the Wynad, 1802-04; The Hos of Singbhum, 1820-1932; The Kol Insurrection, 1831-32; The Kherwar Movement of the Santhals, 1833; The Santhal *Hul* of 1855; The Garha Uprising of 1857; The Sonakhan Uprising of 1857

**Unit IV:** Tribal Movements in India after 1857 (Each year 3-4 movements will be discussed)

Bokta Rising, Sardari Larai or Mukti Larai Movement of 1858-95; Birsa Munda Revolt, 1875-1901; Konds in Kalahandi, 1882; Rawain- Jaunpur Agitation, 1906-1930; Bastar Uprising 1876 - 1910 (The Bhumkal Rebellion); The Bhil Resistance of 1880; Oraons and the Tana Bhagat Movement 1914-1919; Gonds Movement, 1915-17; Kuki Movement, 1917-19; Tribal Movement in Midnapur, 1918-1924; Devi Movement in Gujarat, 1922-23; Jitu Santhal's Movement in Malda, 1924-32; Forest Satyagraha, 1930; Zeliangrong Movement 1930; The Jharkhand Movement; The Lepcha anti-dam movement in Sikkim

**Essential Readings**

- Crispin Bates and Alpa Shah, *Savage Attack*, Social Science Press, N. Delhi, 2014.
- Deepak Kumar Behera, ed. *Contemporary Society: Tribal Studies*, Concept Publishing Company, New Delhi, 2014.
- Ghanshyam Shah, *Social Movements in India, A Review of Literature*, Sage, 1990.
- Indra Munshi, *The Adivasi Question*, Orient Blackswan, N. Delhi, 2015.
- K.S. Singh, *Antiquity to Modernity in Tribal India*, Vol. IV. Inter-India Publications. Delhi, 1998.
- Laxman Prasad Mathur, *Tribal Revolts in India Under the British Raj*, Aavishkar Publishers
- Kamal K Mishra and N.K. Das, *Dissent Discrimination and Dispossession*, IGRMS, Bhopal, 2014.
- Ranajit Guha, *Elementary Aspects of Peasant Insurgency in Colonial India*, 1999.



- S.N. Dubey and R. Murdiaed, *Land Alienation and Restoration in Tribal Communities in India*, Himalaya Publishing House, Bombay, 1977.
- Sanjukta Das Gupta and Rah ShekharBasu, *Narratives from the Margins*, Primus Books, Delhi, 2012.
- Thakur Debendra and D.N.Thakur, *Tribal Life in India*, Deep and Deep Publications, New Delhi, 1994.

**Course No: HIS-PG-O305**

**Course Title: *Gender in Indian History* ((Optional Paper, 4 Credits)**

**Unit I: Introduction to Gender History**

Gender as a category of Historical analysis (Invisibility of women in History) - Methodological and Theoretical Questions - Historical representation of women (literary, inscriptional and archaeological references) - Waves of feminism - Emergence of feminist history in India (Colonial, Nationalist, Marxist and recent trends.)

**Unit II: Culture as a Critical Site of Construction of Gender**

Women in different religious traditions (Brahmanical Heretic tradition (Vedic and post-Vedic period), Buddhist, Jain, Christianity and Islam) - Women in the public sphere (rulers, patrons and livelihood earners) - Imperial women - Masculinity of the medieval court culture (body and emotions; norms of masculinity; love, eros and devotion in mystical thought) - Marginalized women (devadasi, courtesans and prostitutes)

**Unit III: Women in Everyday Life – Women in Private Sphere**

Gender relations in the household (The constructions of womanhood – marriage, family (*stridhana*) and caste; Thebhadramahila, sati, female honor, age of consent, widow remarriage, child marriage and purdah.) - Gender questions in the social reform movements of the nineteenth century (BrahmoSamaj, Arya Samaj, PrarthanaSamaj and Aligarh Movement) - Women and law - Women's education

**Unit IV: Women's Question in the Modern and Postmodern Era**

Jyotirao and Savitribai Phule - Tarabhai Shinde and Pandita Ramabhai - Women in Indian National Movement (Gandhi and women) - Women's Questions (E.V. Ramasami and women) - The emergence of women's organizations

### Essential Readings

- Chakravarty, Uma. *Rewriting History*. New Delhi: Kali for Women, 1998.
- Chowdhry, Prem, *The Veiled Women: Shifting Gender Equations in Rural Haryana*. Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1994.
- Engels, Frederick. *The Origin of the Family: Private Property and the State*. Chicago: Charles H. Keer and Company, 1909.
- Forbes, Geraldine. *The Cambridge History of India: Women in India*. Vol. IV. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1996 (Rpt. 2004).
- Foucault, Michel. *The History of Sexuality: An Introduction*. Vol. 1. New York: Vintage Books, 1990.
- Kumar, Radha. *A History of Doing: An illustrated Account of Movements for Women's Rights and Feminism in India, 1800-1990*. New Delhi: Kali for Women, 1993.
- Lerner, Gerda. *The Creation of Patriarchy*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1986.
- Morgan, Sue. Ed. *The Feminist History Reader*. London: Routledge, 2006.
- Nair, Janaki. *Women and Law in Colonial India: A Social History*. New Delhi: Kali for Women, 1996.
- Ramasami, Periyar. E.V. *Women Enslaved*. New Delhi: Critical Quest, 2009.
- Rege, Sharmila. *Sociology of Gender: The Challenge of Feminist Sociological Knowledge*. New Delhi: Sage, 2003.
- Roy, Kumkum. Ed. *Women in Early Indian Societies*. New Delhi: Sundeep Prakashan, 2001.
- Sangari, Kumkum and Sudesh Vaid. Ed. *Recasting Women: Essays in Colonial History*. New Delhi: Kali for Women, 1989 (Rpt. 2010).
- Sinha, Mrinalini, *Colonial Masculinity: The 'Manly' Englishman and the 'Effeminate' Bengali*, Kali for Women, New Delhi, 1997.
- Tharu, Susie J. and K. Lalita. Ed. *Women Writing in India 600 B.C. to the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century*. Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1993.

**Course No: HIS-PG-O306**

**Course Title: Delhi Sultanate-1206-1526(Optional Paper, 4 Credits)**

**Unit I: Early Conquest**

India before invasions- the Ghazni and Ghori invasions- Alberuni's observation of India

**Unit II: Establishment and Expansion**

Ilbaris (1206-1290)-Expansion under QutbuddinAibak and Iltutmish- the *Chalisa* (the new regime under Balbans)-Barani's conception of state and kingship- Khaljis (1290-1320)-expansion under Alauddin; Alauddin reforms; Mongol invasions

**Unit III: Consolidation**

Tughlugs (1320-1414)-Muhamad Bin Tughlugs experiments and its consequences; Feruz administrative reforms and his religious policy

**Unit IV: The Fall**

Sayyids and Lodhis (1414-1526)-The Moghul Invasion

**Essential Readings**

- Aziz Ahmad, *Studies in Islamic Culture in the Indian Environment*, New Delhi, 1999.
- RM Eaton, *The Rise of Islam and the Bengal Frontier, 1204-1760*, New Delhi, 1997.
- RM Eaton, *Essays on Islam and Indian History*, New Delhi, 2000.
- RM Eaton, *Indian Islamic Traditions, 711-1750*, New Delhi, 2003.
- Irfan Habib, (ed.) *Religion in Indian History*, New Delhi, 2007.
- Irfan Habib, ed. *Medieval India 1: Researches in the history of India, 1200-1750*, Delhi, 1992.
- Irfan Habib, *Medieval India: The Study of a Civilization*, New Delhi, 2008.
- Yusuf Hussain, *Glimpses of Medieval Indian Culture*, New Delhi, 1957.
- JS Grewal, *The State and Society in Medieval India*, New Delhi, 2005.
- M Habib, *Politics and Society during the early medieval period*, New Delhi, 1974.
- M Habib and KA Nizami, eds. *A Comprehensive History of India, vol. v (The Delhi Sultanate)*, New Delhi, 1974.
- P Jackson, *Delhi Sultanate: A Political and Military History*, Cambridge, 1999.

- M Habibullah, *The Foundation of Muslim Rule in India*, Allahabad, 1961
- RP Tripathi, *Some aspects of Muslim Administration*, Allahabad, 1974.
- KA Nizami, *Some aspects of Religion and politics in India during the Thirteenth century*, Aligarh, 1961.

**Course No: HIS-PG-O307**

**Course Title: *The Moghul Era -1526-1750*(Optional Paper, 4 Credits)**

### **UnitI: Early Moghuls**

Babur, Humayun and the Sur dynasty; consolidation of Mughal empire under Akbar; Akbar administrative reforms; Akbar and the Rajputs, Akbar's religious policy

### **UnitII: Consolidation**

Jahangir's reign(the Rajputs and Deccan states)- religious policy- the problems in the Northwest frontiers

### **Unit III: The Zenith**

Shah Jahan's Reign- administrative measures-nobility-policy towards the Rajputs and Deccanis-religious policy

### **Unit IV: The Decline**

Aurangzeb (conquest and expansion)- administrative measures- Rajputs and Deccan policy-religious policy- agrarian and tribal disturbances- Disintegration of Mughal Empire; the Marathas; Rise of regional kingdoms (Bengal, Awadh, Punjab, Hyderabad)

### **Essential Readings**

- M Athar Ali, *Mughal India: Studies in Polity, Ideas, Society and Culture*, New Delhi, 2006.
- Muzaffar Alam and Sanjay Subrahmanyam, eds. *The Mughal State, 1526-1750*, New Delhi, 2002.
- Abdul Aziz, *The Mansabdari System and the Mughal Army*, Delhi, 1972.
- Satish Chandra, *Parties and Politics at the Mughal Court, 1707-1740*, Aligarh, 1959.
- Irfan Habib, *Agrarian System of Mughal India*, Bombay, 1963.

- Irfan Habib, “The Masab System, 1595-1637” in *Proceedings os the Indian History Congress*, 29<sup>th</sup> session, Patiala, 1967, pp. 221-42.
- IA Khan, ed. *Akbar and his Age*, New Delhi, 1999.
- Burton Stein, *History of India*, Oxford, 1998.
- Shireen Moosvi, “Evolution of the *Mansab*System under Akbar until 1596-97”, *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain and Ireland*, 1981, No. 2, pp. 178-85.
- MuzzafarAlam, *The Crisis of Empire in Mughal North India: Awadh and the Punjab, 1707-1748*, Delhi, 1986.
- SAA Rizvi, *Religious and Intellectual History of the Muslims in Akbar’s Reign, with special reference to Abu’lFazl, 1556-1605*, Delhi, 1975.
- Shireen Moosvi, *The Economy of Mughal Empire c. 1595: A statistical Study*, Delhi,

**Course No: HIS-PG-O308**

**Course Title:Prehistory and Proto-history of India(Optional Paper, 4 Credits)**

### **Unit I: Introducing Prehistory and Protohistory**

Terminology and scope; Pliestocene and Early Holocene environments; History of prehistoric and Pretohistoric Research in India.Homonid fossils and earliest stone tools. Paleolithic sites, sequences and materials in the northwest, central India, Eastern India and Peninsular India.Specialised Hunter gatherers of the Mesolithic. Microliths and Rock Art.

### **Unit II: Neolithic and beginning of food production**

Multilineal character of early agriculture; issues connected with early domestication; Mehrgarh and its significance; beginning of rice cultivation in the Ganga plains.Growth of villages (upto c.2600 BCE)

### **Unit III: Harappan Civilization**

Terminology and chronology; Understanding the transition from Early Harappan to the Mature Harappan Civilization; distribution and extent; town planning and architecture. Economic and social features; agriculture and animal husbandry, trade, arts and crafts, technology; social organization, writing, seals and sealings; funerary customs, decline and collapse, nature of

contemporary and successor cultures; character of Harappan legacy. Neolithic and Chalcolithic in non-Harappan India; regional patterns and multiple traditions from Kashmir to Tamil Nadu; interactions with Harappan sites

#### **Unit IV: Beginning and development of iron technology**

Early appearance of iron as smelted metal. 'Iron Age' cultures and their chronological spectrum; major production centres

#### **Essential Readings**

- Agarwal, D.P and Chakravarti, D.K. 1979. *Essays in Indian Protohistory*. New Delhi: B. R Publishing Corporation.
- Allchin, F.R.A and Allchin, B. 1995. *The Origins of a civilization*. Delhi: Viking
- Chakravarti, D.K. 1988. *A History of Indian Archaeology from the beginning to 1947*. New Delhi: MunshiramManoharlal Publishers Pvt. Ltd.
- Chakravarti, D.K. 2006. *The Oxford Companion to Indian Archaeology: The Archaeological Foundations of Ancient Stone Age to AD 13<sup>th</sup> Century*. New Delhi. OUP.
- Lahiri, N. 2005. *Finding Forgotten Cities – How the Indus Civilization was discovered*. New Delhi. Permanent Black.
- Possehl, G. 1999. *Indus Age: The Beginnings*. Delhi. Oxford and IBH.
- Ratnagar, S. 1991. *Enquiries into the Political Organisation of Harappan Society*. Pune: Ravish publishers
- Sahu, B.P. 2006. *Iron and Social Change in Early India*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press
- Sankalia H.D.1974. *Prehistory and Protohistory of India and Pakistan*

**Course No: HIS-PG-O309**

**Course Title:History of India from1500BCE to 200 BCE(Optional Paper, 4 Credits)**

This course seeks to familiarize the student with the major themes and debates in Indian History during the period covered in it. The intention therefore is not to survey the period. By making an in-depth study of the problems and the different answers proposed, it is hoped that the student will be able to understand similar problems in other periods of Indian history.

## **Unit I: Debate on the “Aryan problem”**

Sir William Jones to F. Max Muller - Early Vedic Economy and Society: Vedic Texts and their chronology – the archaeological record of the Saptasindhu region – forms of property and forces of production – cattle and its importance-booty, capture and redistribution – issues of lineage and “householding” systems – religious practices and ideologies – forces of changes- gender relations

## **Unit II: Neolithic, Chalcolithic and Early Iron Age horizons of the Deccan and Deep South**

Chalcolithic sites: Jorwe, Nevasa, Daimabad, Inamgoan and Chalcolithic cultures: Malwa, Ahar, Jorwe, Kaytha. Beginning of Iron Age and the issue of Neolithic-Megalithic overlap in Vidharbha and the far south- correlation between megalithic archaeology and early Tamil Songs

## **Unit III: Later Vedic period and Iron Age**

PGW and Later Vedic Texts- Settlements of the Ganga-Yamuna Doab- expansion of agriculture and economic growth- surplus and its unequal distribution- social differentiation and gender relations - varna, jati – trade, traders, guilds, trading centers and trade routes, coined money and “Second Urbanization” – religion and philosophy of the Later Vedic Period – towards *Mahajanapadas*

## **Unit IV: Dissent and Protests**

Heterodox Religious Philosophies like Jainism, and Buddhism – origin, growth, spread and patronage -- The arrival of the state: NBP economy and society – *Ganasanghas* and Monarchies, their structural details. Rise of Magadha – the Arthashastra and Indica as historical sources. Ashokan Edicts - *dhamma*- Debates on the Mauryan State – decline.

## **Essential Readings**

- Bhattacharya, N.N. 1996. *Ancient Indian Rituals and their Social Contents*
- Chakravati, Uma. 1986. *The Social Dimensions of Early Buddhism*.
- Erdosy, George (Ed.), 1995, 1997. *The Indo-Aryans of Ancient and South Asia: Language, material culture and Ethnicity*.
- Roy, Kumkum, ed., 2005. *Women in Early Indian Societies*, Manohar. Delhi

- Sharma, R.S. 1983. *Perspectives in Social and Economic History of Early India*. MunshiramManoharlal. Delhi
- Thapar, Romila. 1984. *From Lineage to State: Social Formations in the Mid-First Millennium BCE in the Ganga Valley*, OUP, Delhi.
- Thapar, Romila. 1985. *Ashoka and the Decline of theMauryas*. Oxford
- Thapar, Romila. *The Mauryas Revisited*.
- Trautmann, Thomas R., ed., 2005. *The Aryan Debate*. OUP. Delhi
- Wagle, Narendra. 1995. *Society at the Time of the Buddha*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition
- Yamazaki, Gen'ichi. 2005. *The Structure of Ancient Indian Society: Theory and Reality of the Varna System*. Tokyo.

**Course No: HIS-PG-O310**

**Course Title: *History of India - c.600-1300 CE*(Optional Paper, 4 Credits)**

### **Unit I: Representations of Early Medieval India**

Debate surrounding the movement towards the early medieval; its constituents

### **Unit II: Economy and Society**

Agrarian Expansion and spread of settlements with reference to perspective from regions; problems of land-ownership and the 'Village Community', Urbanization, Trade, Money and Markets; guilds in North and South India. Issues related to social stratification; emergence of regional societies, rise of new groups, gender relations, inheritance; history of untouchability.

### **Unit III: Political Systems**

Conceptions of kingship; evolution of the structure of the polities across the regions; changing forms of legitimization

### **Unit IV: Cultural Processes and Transactional Networks**

Puranic Hinduism, Tranticism, Temples, *mathas* and *tirthas*; spread of sastric-epic-puranic ideas; developments in art and literature; Weaving of the local/autochthonous, regional and trans-regional

### **Essential Readings**



- Chakrabarti, Ranabir, *Trade and Traders in Early India*, Manohar, 2002
- Champaklakshmi, R., *Trade, Ideology and Urbanization*, OUP, 1996
- Chattopadhyaya, B.D., *Aspects of Rural Settlements and Rural Society in Early Medieval India*, OUP, 2005
- Chattopadhyaya, B.D., *The Making of Early Medieval India*, 1995
- Deyell, J., *Living without Silver*, CUP, 1982
- Kane, P.V., *History of Dharmashastras*
- Kulke, H., *The State in India, 1000-1700*, OUP 1995
- Huntington, S., *The Art of Ancient India: Buddhist, Hindu, Jain*, 2006
- Sharma, R.S., *Early Medieval Indian Society: A Study in Feudalism*, Orient Longman, 2003
- Sharma, R.S., *Urban Decay in India AD 300-1000*, MunshiramManoharlal, 1987

**SEMESTER IV (DISSERTATION IS COMPULSORY; STUDENTS WILL HAVE TO CHOOSE ANY THREE OPEN PAPERS DEPENDING ON THEIR STREAM OF SPECIALIZATION: ANCIENT, MEDIEVAL OR MODERN. ALL COURSES CARRY FOUR CREDITS EACH)**

**Course No: HIS-PG-D401**

**Course Title: Dissertation**

**(for all streams of specializations - Ancient, Medieval or Modern)**

Students will choose a topic and work with a teacher assigned to them from among the members of the faculty in the department. The dissertation that will be submitted at the end of the course will be evaluated for 100 marks.

### **MODERN HISTORY**

**Course No: HIS-PG-O402**

**Course Title: *Caste in India (Mid-19<sup>th</sup> century to the present)* (Optional Paper, 4 Credits)**

## **Unit I: An Outline of the Caste Structure in India**

The three tier social structure; The Caste-Class overlap; The Dynamics of Backwardness; the Scheduled Castes and the Other Backward Castes

## **Unit II: Impact of the Social Structure on the course of Economic Development**

The social mosaic and the political discourse; The 1931 Communal Award and the Gandhi-Ambedkar debate

## **Unit III: The Idea of Justice**

Social, Economic and Political as in the Preamble to the Constitution; Caste and the Constitution: Articles 14 to 17 and 340 of the Constitution; Caste based Reservation in jobs and elected offices; The Mandal Commission Recommendations

## **Unit IV: Social Reforms in India and Caste:**

JyothibhaPhule, B.R.Ambedkar, Srinarayana Guru, E.V.Ramasami, Gandhi, Lohia and the Marxist approaches

### **Essential Readings**

- Beteille, Andre, *Society and Politics in India: Essays in a Comparative Perspective*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 1992.
- Beteille, Andre. The peculiar Tenacity of Caste, *Economic and Political Weekly*, March 31, 2012
- Bose, N.K., *The Structure of Hindu Society*, Orient Longman, Delhi, 1975.
- Hasan, Zoya (Edited), *Parties and Party Politics in India*, Oxford University Press, Delhi, 2002.
- Kothari, Rajni, *Politics in India*, Orient Longman, Delhi, 1970.
- Kothari, Rajni (Edited), *Caste in Indian Politics*, Orient Longman, Delhi, 1970.
- Limaye, Madhu, *Manu, Gandhi and Ambedkar and Other Essays*, Gyan Publishing House, New Delhi, 1995.
- Lohia, Ram Manohar, *The Caste System*, NavahindPrakasahan, Hyderabad, 1964.
- Muralidharan, Sukumar The Politics of Reservation, *Frontline*, Volume 16, Issue 24, November 13-26, 1999
- Mustafa, Seema, *The Lonely Prophet: V.P.Singh A Political Biography*, New AGE International (P) Limited, New Delhi, 1995.

- Omvedt, Gail., *Dalit Visions*, Orient Longman, New Delhi, 1995
- Pai, Sudha., *Dalit Assertion and the Unfinished Democratic Revolution: The BahujanSamaj Party in Uttar Pradesh*, Sage, New Delhi, 2002.
- Rodrigues, Valerian., (ed) *The Essential Writings of B.R.Ambedkar*, OUP, Delhi, 2002.
- Srinivas, M.N. *Caste in Modern India and Other Essays*, Asia Publishing House, Bombay, 1962
- Government Reports and Supreme Court Judgments.
- *Report of the Backward Classes Commission*, (Volumes 1-5), Government of India, New Delhi, 1980.
- ChampakamDorairajan Vs. State of Madras, AIR 1951 Madras 120
- Balaji Vs. State of Mysore, AIR 1963 SC 649
- P. Rajendran Vs. State of Madras, AIR 1968 SC 1012
- IndraSawhney Vs. Union of India, AIR 1993 SC 497

**Course No: HIS-PG-O403**

**Course Title: *Social Reforms and Cultural Movements in 19<sup>th</sup> Century India*(Optional Paper, 4 Credits)**

**Unit I: Early 19<sup>th</sup> Century Society in India and the Awakening**

Social changes in Modern India – Impact of British Rule on pre-colonial Indian society – British Policies in the domain of Culture

**Unit II: 19<sup>th</sup> Century Reform Movements**

Raja Ram Mohan Roy and the BrahmoSamaj- M.G.Ranade and the PrarthamaSamaj - DayanandSaraswati and Arya Samaj - IshwarchandraVidyasagar and Emancipation of Women - Vivekananda and the Ramakrishna Mission -Faraizi movements - Wahabi movement – Sir Sayeed Ahmed Khan and The Aligarh Movements - Deoband School of thoughtBengal Renaissance

**Unit III: Education Reforms**

Maccaulay’s Minutes and the Growth and Expansion of Modern Education – Madan Mohan Malaviya and Sir Sayed Ahmed Khan – The Press in India and Social Reforms

**Unit IV: Caste and Anti-Caste Movements**

JyotibhaPhule – Srinarayana Guru – Ambedkar- E V Ramasamy Self Respect Movement - Gandhi s Campaign Against Untouchability

**Essential Readings**

- Azad, AbulKalam (1991), *Selected Works of AbulKalam Azad* (ed) Ravinder Kumar, New Delhi.
- Bhabha, Homi (1994), *The Location of Culture*, London, Routledge.
- Bhattacherya, Sabyasachi, 'Paradigms Lost: Notes on Social History in India, *EPW*, Volume XXVIII, Nos. 14-19, 1982, pp 692-8
- Chandra, Bipan, et al., (1988 or any subsequent edition), *India's Struggle for Independence*, New Delhi, Penguin (Chapters 6 and 18)
- E Sa. Viswanathan (1983), *The Political Career of E.V.RamasamiNaicker*, Madras.
- Gandhi, M.K. (1931 or any subsequent edition), *Hind Swaraj*, Ahmedabad, Navjeevan Press.
- Irschick, Eugene F (1994), *Dialogue and History: Constructing South India, 1795-1895*, Berkeley, University of California Press.
- Nehru, Jawaharlal (1946 or any subsequent edition), *The Discovery of India*, Delhi, Oxford University Press.
- Omvedt, Gail (1976), *Cultural Revolt in a Colonial Society: The Non-Brahmin Movement in Western India (1873-1930)*, Bombay, 1976.
- Panikkar, K.N. (1975), Presidential Address, Modern Indian History, Proceedings of the Indian History Congress.
- Poddar, Arabinda (1970 or any subsequent edition), *Renaissance in Bengal: Quests and Confrontations: 1800-1860*, Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, Simla
- Poddar, Arabinda (1977 or any subsequent edition), *Renaissance in Bengal: Search for Identity*, Simla, Indian Institute of Adanced Studies.
- Ray, Baren (ed) (1996), *Gandhi's Campaign Against Untouchability 1933-1934: An Account from the Raj's Secret Official Reports*, New Delhi, Gandhi Peace Foundation.
- Sen, Amartya (2005 or any subsequent edition), *The Argumentative Indian*, Penguin, New Delhi.

**Course No: HIS-PG-O404**

**Course Title: *Political History of India after Independence*(Optional Paper, 4 Credits)**

**Unit I: The political mosaic in the decade following Independence**

The era of “Nehruvian” socialism - The Shastri interlude - The 1967 elections and the emerging consolidation against the Congress

**Unit II: The Indira Gandhi years**

The Congress split in 1969 - The socialist phase again - The “liberation” of Bangladesh and Indian politics - Indira under siege; the student movement in Gujarat and Bihar; the Railway general strike; the arrival of Jayaprakash Narayan on the scene

**Unit III: The Emergency and After**

The Allahabad High Court verdict - the Emergency: June 26, 1975-March 21, 1977 - The Janata experiment: March 1977-July 1979 – Indira’s return to power.

**Unit IV: The Era of Coalitions**

Assam, Punjab and Kashmir - The States against the Centre; the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam, the Telugu Desam Party – The National Front, Mandal and Masjid - The ascendancy of the BJP

**Essential Reading**

- Brass, Paul R., *The Politics of India Since Independence*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1994.
- Chandra, Bipan, et al., *India after Independence*, Penguin Books, New Delhi, 1999.
- Dhar, P.N., *Indira Gandhi, the 'Emergency' and Indian Democracy*, Oxford University Press, Delhi, 2000.
- Gopal, S., (Edited), *Anatomy of a Confrontation: The Babri Masjid-Ramjanmabhoomi Issue*, Viking, Delhi, 1991.
- Guha, Ramachandra, *India after Gandhi*, Penguin, New Delhi 2009.
- Hasan, Zoya (Edited), *Parties and Party Politics in India*, Oxford University Press, Delhi, 2002.
- Jaffrelot, Christophe, *Hindu Nationalist Movement and Indian Politics*, Viking, New Delhi, 1996.

- Kanungo, Pralay, *RSS'S Tryst with Politics: From Hedgewar to Sudarshan*, Manohar, Delhi, 2002.
- Krishna Ananth, V. *India since Independence: Making Sense of Politics*, Pearson Longman, New Delhi, 2009.
- Ludden, David, (Ed), *Making India Hindu: Religion, Community and the Politics of Democracy in India*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 1996.
- Malhotra, Inder, *Indira Gandhi: A Personal and Political Biography*, Hodder and Stoughton Limited, London, 1989.
- Mustafa, Seema, *The Lonely Prophet: V.P.Singh A Political Biography*, New AGE International (P) Limited, New Delhi, 1995.
- Nayar, Kuldip, *The Judgment: The Inside Story of the Emergency in India*, Vikas, Delhi, 1977.
- Scarfe, Allan and Wendy, *J.P. His Biography*, Orient Longman, Hyderabad, 1997.
- Selbourne, David, *An Eye to India: The Unmasking of the Tyranny*, Penguin, Harmondsworth, 1977.

**Course No: HIS-PG-O405**

**Course Title: *History of Famines in Modern India from 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries*(Optional paper. Semester IV, 4 Credits, 48 Lecture hours)**

**Unit I: Theories and Nature of Famine**

Meaning and nature of famine –Theories of famine(Malthusian, Exchange Entitlement, and Marxist)–State and famine in pre-colonial India

**Unit II: Colonial Economy and Famines**

Famines in 18<sup>th</sup> Century and State response –Rural indebtedness, de-peasantization and Deindustrialization-Rainfall

**Unit III: Colonial Famines**

Bengal Famine of 1770-Orissa famine of 1866-Bengal Famine of 1873-74 -Madras Famine of 1877-78 –Famine of 1899-1900-Bengal Famine of 1943-Famine Mortality– High prices and people sufferings – Classes affected during famines

## **Unit IV: ColonialFamine Policies from 1880**

Introduction of Famine Codes –The Impact of Famine Codes- Famine works- Gratuitous and other relief

### **Essential Readings**

- Amartya Sen (1983) *Poverty and Famines: An Essay on Entitlement and Deprivation*. NewYork: Oxford University Press.
- B.M. Bhatia (1967) *Famine in India- A Study of Some Aspects of the Economic History of India, 1860-1965*. Bombay: Asia Publishing House.
- Brahma Nand (ed) *Famines in Colonial India: Some Unofficial Historical Narratives*.NewDelhi: Kanishka Publishers and Distributors.
- David Arnold (1988) *Famine: Social Crisis and Historical Change*. Oxford: Basil Blackwell.
- Elizabeth Whitcombe (1993) “Famine Mortality”*EPW*, June.
- Hari Shanker Srivastava (1968) *The History of Indian Famines and Development of Famine Policy (1858-1918)*. Agra: Sri Ram Mehra& Co. Publishers.
- R.C. Dutt, (1989) *The Economic History of India, 2Vols*, New Delhi: Publications Division, Government of India.
- Utsa Patnaik (1999) *The Long Transition, Essays on Political Economy*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
- Mike Davis, (2001) *Late Victorian Holocausts: El Nino Famines and the Making of the Third World*, London: Verso.

**Course No: HIS-PG-O406**

**Course Title: *Environmental History of India* (Optional Paper, 4 Credits)**

### **Unit I: Introduction to Environmental History**

As a discipline, Environmental history (French Annales School) - Interdisciplinary approaches of environment history - Emergence of environmental history in India - Basic environment concepts (Colonization, Conservation, Ecofeminism, Ecotourism, Deforestation, Green Revolution,

Historical Ecology, Industrial Revolution, Nature, Sacred Places, Technology, Urbanization and Waste Management.)

### **Unit II: Environmental discourse in the pre-modern Indian society**

Man and Nature in Ancient period - Forest and wildlife (Ancient India) - Agrarian expansion in the early India (transformation of forestland into agricultural land) - Transformation of landscapes in the medieval period (gardens, new-urban centres, etc...)

### **Unit III: Imperial Expansion**

Capitalism and natural resources (European Expansion, Ecological imperialism (exchange of flora and fauna, animals etc...)) - Colonial economic policy and exploitation of natural resources - Forest Policies (colonial and post-colonial period) – Wildlife - Agriculture

### **Unit IV: The Environmental discourse**

Women and Environment - Development discourse (Chipko Movement, Narmada Bachao Movement, Silent Valley Movement, Anti-Posco Movement, Anti-Dam Movement)

### **Essential Readings**

- Adam Rome, “‘Give Earth a Chance’: The Environmental Movement and the Sixties”. *Journal of American History* 90, (2003), 525-554.
- Agrawal, Arun and K. Shivaramakrishnan. *Social Nature, Resources, Representation and Rule in India*. Delhi: 2001.
- Baviskar, Amita. “Tribal Politics and Discourses of Environmentalism”. *Contribution to Indian Sociology*, 31. (July, 1997): 195-223.
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- Cederlof, Gunnel and Sivaramakrishnan, K. Ed. *Ecological Nationalisms: Nature, Livelihoods, and Identities in South Asia*. New Delhi: Permanent Black, 2005.
- Crosby, Alfred W. *Ecological Imperialism: The Biological Expansion of Europe, 900-1900*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1995.
- D’Souza, Rohan. *Drowned and Dammed: Colonial Capitalism and Flood Control in Eastern India*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2006.



- Gadgil, Madhav and Ramachandra Guha. *The Fissured Land: An Ecological History of India*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1993.
- Guha, Ramachandra. "Forestry in British and Post-British India: A Historical Analysis". *Economic and Political Weekly* 18, no. 44. (October 29, 1983): 1882-1896.
- Guha, Ramachandra and J. Martinez-Alier. *Varieties of Environmentalism- Essays and South*. London: Earthscan Publications Ltd.
- MacKenzie, John M. *The Empire of Nature: Hunting, Conservation, and British Imperialism*. Manchester: Manchester University Press, 1988.
- Rangarajan, Mahesh and Sivaramakrishnan, K. Ed. *India's Environmental History: From Ancient times to the Colonial Period: A Reader*. Vol. 1 and 2. Ranikhet: Permanent Black.
- Schumacher, E.F. *Small is Beautiful A Study of Economics as if People Mattered*. London: Vintage Books, 1993.
- Simmons, I.G. *Environmental History: A Concise Introduction*. Cambridge: Blackwell, 1993.
- Sivaramakrishnan, K. *Modern Forests: State Making and Environmental Change in Colonial Eastern India*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1999.

## **MEDIEVAL HISTORY**

**Course No: HIS-PG-O407**

**Course Title: *State, Society and Economy in 18<sup>th</sup> Century India* (Optional Paper, 4 Credits)**

### **Unit I: The context in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century**

The 18th century debate - Regionalisation of polity and administration

### **Unit II: The economics in regional kingdoms:**

Agriculture - Land Revenue System – Monetary system and Credits – The Artisans, Craft and Industry - Trade and Commerce

### **Unit III: The Socio-economic Scene**

Society and culture between Empires – Art and Architecture

#### **Unit IV: The Transformation**

The Company's Raj – Changes and Continuities

#### **Essential Readings**

- B.C. Ray, *Orissa under the Mughals*, Calcutta, 1981.
- B.S. Cohn, "Political Systems in Eighteenth-Century India: The Benares Region", *Journal of the American Oriental Society*, Vol.lxxxii, (3), 1962, pp. 312-19.
- C.A. Bayly, *Rulers, Townsmen and Bazaars: North Indian Society in the Age of British Expansion*, Cambridge, 1983.
- Dilbagh Singh, *The State, Landlords and Peasants: Eastern Rajasthan in the 18th Century*, Delhi, 1990.
- H. Fukazawa, *The Medieval Deccan: Peasants, Social Systems, and States, Sixteenth to Eighteenth Centuries*, Delhi, 1991.
- K. Leonard, "The Hyderabad Political System and Its Participants", *The Journal of Asian Studies*, Vol. xxx (3), 1971, pp. 569-82.
- K.K. Trivedi, *Agra: Economic and Political Study of a Mughal Suba (1580-1707)*, Pune, 1998.
- M.N. Pearson, "Shivaji and the Decline of the Mughal Empire", *The Journal of Asian Studies*, vol. 35, 2, 1976, pp. 221-35.
- MuzaffarAlam, *Mughal India: Studies in Polity, Ideas, Society and Culture*, New Delhi, 2006.
- MuzaffarAlam, "The Zamindars and Mughal Power in the Deccan, 1686-1712", *IESHR*, 11, 1, 1974, pp. 74-91.
- MuzaffarAlam, *The Crisis of Empire in Mughal North India: Awadh and the Punjab, 1707-1748*, Delhi, 1986.
- P.B. Calkins, "The formation of a regionally-oriented Ruling Group in Bengal, 1700-1740", *The Journal of Asian Studies*, 29, 4, 1970, pp.799-806.
- R.B. Barnett, *North India Between Empires: Awadh, the Mughals and the British, 1720-1801*, Berkeley, 1980.

- Satish Chandra, *Medieval India: Society, the Jagirdari Crisis and the Village*, Delhi, 1982.
- Satish Chandra, *The Eighteenth Century in India: Its Economy and the Role of the Marathas, the Jats, the Sikhs and the Afghans*, Delhi, 1986.
- Shirin Aktar, *The Role of Zamindars in Bengal, 1707-1772*, Dacca, 1982.

**Course No: HIS-PG-O408**

**Course Title: *History of Medieval South India (1350-1565)*(Optional Paper, 4 Credits)**

**Unit I: The Vijayanagar and the Bahmani Kingdoms**

Vijayanagar Empire (conquest, expansion, and disintegration) – Bahmani Empire (conquest, expansion, and disintegration)

**Unit II: Administration**

Development of the administrative structure in Vijayanagar and Bahmani Kingdoms

**Unit III: The Economy**

Agrarian structure, Revenue and economy of Vijayanagar and Bahmani

**Unit IV: Polity**

Society, culture and religion under Vijayanagar and Bahmani

**Essential Readings**

- Appadorai, (1936 or any subsequent edition) *Economic Conditions in South India, (1000-1500)*, 2 vols. Madras.
- A.K. Pillai, (1964) *Tamil Country under Vijayanagara*.
- Burton Stein (1980), *Peasant State and Society in Medieval South India*, Delhi.
- Burton Stein, (1993) *Vijayanagara*, (New Cambridge History of India, vol. 1.2), Cambridge.
- H Fukazawa, (1991) *The Medieval Deccan: Peasants, Social Systems, and States, Sixteenth to Eighteenth Centuries*, Delhi.
- Jeyaseela, S. Stephens, (1997) *Coromandel Coast and Its Hinterland*, Delhi.

- Ludden, David (1985), *Peasant History in South India*, Princeton.
- P.M. Joshi, (1973 or any subsequent edition) *The History of Medieval Deccan, (1295-1724)*, 2 vols. Hyderabad.
- Sanjay Subrahmanyam, (1990) *Political Economy of Commerce in South India 1500-1650*, Cambridge.
- Shastri, K.A.N. (ed) (1971 or any subsequent edition), *Advanced History of India*.
- Shastri, K.A.N. (1955 or any subsequent edition), *A History of South India*, Madras.

**Course No: HIS-PG-O409**

**Course Title: *Maritime Trade and Commerce (15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> Century)*(Optional Paper, 4 Credits)**

**Unit I: The Portuguese and the Dutch**

Arrival of Portuguese in India, its trade and commercial organisations, its settlements, its conflicts with Indian rulers - Dutch seaborne empire: its conflicts with the Portuguese, its trade and commercial organisation, its settlements and administration

**Unit II: The English East India Company**

Its trade and commercial organizations - its settlements in India - conflicts with other European powers

**Unit III: The French**

The French in Indian Oceans, its trade and commercial organisations, its settlements –Anglo-French Wars

**Unit IV: Impact**

Impact of European commerce: on Indian economy, its indigenous merchants, its craft and industries, and on the coastal societies

**Essential Readings**

- Arasaratnam, S. (1986), *Merchants, Companies and Commerce on the Coromandel Coast, 1650-1740*, Oxford University Press, Delhi.
- Boxer, C.R., *Portuguese India in the Mid Seventeenth Century*, New Delhi, Oxford University Press, 1980.

- Chaudhuri, K.N. (1990), *Asia before Europe: Economy and Civilization of the Indian Ocean from the rise of Islam to 1750*, Cambridge.
- Chaudhuri, K.N., *The Trading World of Asia and the English East India Company 1660-1760*, Cambridge, 1978.
- Dasgupta, Ashin and Pearson, M.N., *India and the Indian ocean, 1500-1800*, New Delhi, OUP, 1999.
- Furber, Holden, *Rival Empires of trade in the Orient, 1600-1800*, Oxford, 1976.
- Matthew, K.S., *Portuguese Trade with India in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century*, New Delhi, Manohar, 1983.
- Narayana Rao, Velcheru, Shulaman, David and Subrahmanyam, Sanjay, *Symbols of Substance: Courts and State in Nayaka Period Tamil Nadu*, New Delhi, OUP, 1998.
- Om Prakash, *New Cambridge History of India, European Commercial Enterprises in Pre Colonial India, II. 5*, Cambridge, CU P, 1998.
- Pearson, M.N., *Portuguese in Coastal Western India: Studies from Portuguese Records*, ICHR Studies Series, No.2, New Delhi, Concept Publishing House, 1981.
- Reid, Anthony, *South East Asia in the Age of Commerce 1400-1500*, Yale University Press,
- Stephen, S. Jeyaseela, *Portuguese in the Tamil Coast: Historical exploration in commerce and culture, (1507-1749)* Navajothi, Pondicherry, 1998.
- Stephens, Jeyaseela, S., *Coromandel Coast and Its Hinterland*, Manohar, Delhi, 1997.
- Subrahmanyam, Sanjay, *Political Economy of Commerce in South India 1500-1650*, Cambridge, CUP, 1990.
- Subrahmanyam, Sanjay, *The Career and Legend of Vasco Da Gama*, New Delhi, CUP, 1997.
- Watson, I.B., *Foundation for Empire: English Private trade in India 1659-1760*, Vikas, New Delhi, 1980.

## ANCIENT HISTORY

**Course No: HIS-PG-O410**

**Course Title: *Elements of Epigraphy and Numismatics*(Optional Paper, 4 Credits)**

## Part I: Elements of Epigraphy

1. The decipherment of ancient scripts and the evolution of epigraphic research in India.
2. Classifying inscriptions on the basis of language, scripts and purport. Analysing inscriptions: the role and potential of epigraphic evidence in historical reconstruction; modes of analysis—quantitative methods; mapping; issues of intent, purpose, audience, context, the relationship between inscriptions and literature
3. The Harappan script: basic features; claims to decipherment; the role of writing in the Harappan civilization
4. The origins, palaeographic features, and development of early historic Indic script, with special reference to Brahmi, Kharoshthi, and Tamil-Brahmi. Languages of ancient and early medieval inscriptions—Prakrit, Sanskrit and the regional vernaculars.
5. Reading and interpreting inscriptions: A close reading and analysis of at least 6 different types of inscriptions (eg. Edicts, prasastis, votive inscriptions, land grants and records of the proceedings of local bodies) belonging to different periods and regions.

## Essential Readings

- Bühler, G. *Indian Palaeography* ([1904], 2004). New Delhi: MunshiramManahorlal.
- Dani, A. H. ([1986], 1997). *Indian Epigraphy*. New Delhi: MunshiramManahorlal.
- Mahadevan, Iravatham. 2003. *Early Tamil Epigraphy: From the Earliest Times to the Sixth Century AD*. Chennai: Cre-A and the Department of Sanskrit and Indian Studies, Harvard University.
- Ojha, G.H. (1918, 1993) *The Palaeography of India*. New Delhi: MunshiramManahorlal
- Pollock, Sheldon. (2006, 2007) *The Language of the Gods in the World of Men: Sanskrit, Culture and Power in Premodern India*. New Delhi: Permanent Black.
- Ramesh, K.V. 1984. *Indian Epigraphy*, vol 1. Delhi. SundeepPrakashan

- Salomon, Richard. 1998. *Indian Epigraphy: A Guide to the Study of Inscriptions in Sanskrit, Prakrit and the other Indo-Aryan Languages*. New Delhi: MunshiramManahorlal
- Sircar, D.C. 1965. *Indian Epigraphy*. Delhi: MunshiramManahorlal
- Subramanian, N and Venkataraman, R. 1980. *Tamil Epigraphy* Madurai: Ennes Publication

## **Part II: Elements of Numismatics**

1. Survey of Numismatic Studies (early 18<sup>th</sup> century to the present)
2. Methods for using coins for reconstruction of different kinds of histories or early India: economic, social, political, religious and cultural.
3. Numismatic Terminology
4. Origin and evolution of coins—techniques of manufacture
5. Metrology of coins : weight standards
6. Survey of early coins (up to circa 1300 CE)

## **Essential Readings**

- P. John Casey, *Understanding Ancient Coins : An Introduction for Archaeologists and Historians* (1986)
- Joe Cribb (ed.), *Money : From Cowrie Shells to Credit Cards* (1986)
- S. K. Chakraborty, *Study of Ancient Indian Numismatics* (1931)
- H. Dani, *Indian Palaeography* (1963)
- Parmeshwari Lal Gupta, *Coins*, (4<sup>th</sup> ed.,1996)
- Parmeshwari Lal Gupta, *Coins: The Source of Indian History* (1981)
- S.K. Maity, *Early Indian Coins and Currency System*
- B.N. Mukherjee, *The Techniques of Minting Coins in Ancient and Medieval India* (1997)
- Satya Prakash and Rajendra Singh, *Coinage in Ancient India* (1968)
- BirbalSahni, *Techniques of Casting Coins in Ancient India* (1945)

**Course No: HIS-PG-O411**

**Course Title: *Development of early Indian Religions and Philosophies*(Optional Paper, 4 Credits)**

**Unit I: Understanding the Dynamics of Religions**

Prehistoric Religion; religion of hunter-gatherers and food producers. Palaeolithic to Chalcolithic times (Harappan Religious beliefs)

**Unit II: Religious beliefs and social stratification in the Vedic period**

**Unit III: Religious ideas and practices in the Ganga Valley (c.700 to c. 200 BCE)**

Buddhism and Jainism

**Unit IV: Religions in complex societies (C. 200 to 500 BCE)**

Vishnuism, Shivaism, emergence of Mahayana and popular cults.

**Essential Readings**

- Bhattacharya, H., *The Cultural Heritage of India*, 2nd ed., Vol.IV, 1969
- Bhattacharya, N.N. *The Indian Mother Goddess*, 1977
- Bhattacharya, N.N., *Indian Religious Historiography*, Vol. I, 1996
- Ghurye, G.S., *Gods and Men*, 1962
- Jones, Lindsay (ed.), *Encyclopedia of Religion* (15 Volumes), 2005
- Kosambi, D.D. *Myth and Reality*, 1962
- Shrimali, K.M., 'Religion, Ideology and Society' in *Proceedings of the Indian History Congress*, 49th Session, 1988, Dharwad (1989)
- Weber, Max., *The Religion of India*, 1968
- Whaling, Frank (ed.), *Contemporary Approaches to the Study of Religion*, 1985

**Course No: HIS-PG-O412**

**Course Title: *Political Processes in Ancient India: Theories and practices*(Optional Paper, 4 Credits)**



**Unit I:** Historiographical considerations on issues of approaches to the understanding of state and society in Ancient India. Debate on Problems of origin of State.

**Unit II:** The Vedic scene and the transition to state: Political processes in the Rig veda-pre-state situation in the Middle Ganga Valley-Lineage society-process of transition from Lineage to State-booty capture and redistribution-cetending definitions of power and the centrality of the raja-rituals and legitimisation.

**Unit III:** The "Republics" and "Kingdoms": Geographical Distribution and its importance-trade and urbanization-the incipient state and the Varna System--Political structure of the *Mahajanapadas*- Emergence of Monarchy in the Gangetic north India.

**Unit IV:** The Mauryan State: The Tribal confederacies-the Structure of the Nanda monarchy- the formation of the Mauryan Empire- the Structure of the state under Ashoka- the Form of the State in the *Arthashastra*- Recent interpretations of the Mauryan State.

**Unit V:** Post-Mauryan politics- the varying structures of the "successor states"- the Kushans and the Satvahanas

**Unit VI:** The Guptas and after: Political processes under the Guptas- the "*samanta system*" and Indian feudalism- the concept of dharma- brahma-kshatriya relations- kingship and the structure of polity in early medieval India- the regional states.

### **Essential Readings**

- Bhattacharya, Sibesh, "Brahmana-kshatriya relationship in Northern India- Aspect of Power-Elite Configuration", *IHR*, Vol. 10, pp, 1-20, 1984.
- Chhotopadhyaya, Brajadulal, *The Making of Early Medieval India*, OUP, Delhi, 1994.
- Claessen, H.J.M and P.Skalnik, *The Early State*, The Hague, 1978.
- Inden, R., *Imagining India*, (London, 1990)
- Kosambi, D.D., *An introduction to the Study of Indian History*, 1956.
- Mabbet, I.W., *Truth, Myth and Politics in Ancient India*, OUP, Delhi, 1980
- Roy, Kumkum., *Emergence of Monarchy in North India*, OUP, New Delhi, 1994
- Sharma, R.S., *Aspects of Political ideas and Institutions in Ancient India*, MacMillan, New Delhi, 1983
- Sharma, R.S., *Material Culture and Social Formations in Ancient India*, MacMillan, New Delhi, rpt. 1990.
- Thapar, Romila, *From Lineage to State*, OUP, 1984.

**Course No: HIS-PG-O413**

**Course Title: *History of India, c. 200 BCE-600CE*(Optional Paper, 4 Credits)**

This course will give an overview of important aspects of the history of the subcontinent between the period c. 200 BCE--600CE focusing on the themes listed below. A broad overview of various aspects (social, economic, political, religious and cultural) will be covered.

**Unit I:** Historiography and sources. Assessing the Mauryan legacy; going beyond the stereotypes of 'Dark Ages' and the 'Golden Ages'.

**Unit II:** Changing political and economic processes: the proliferation of the state society; political and administrative structures, agrarian structures; urban developments; money; crafts and guilds; trade within the subcontinent and long-distance trade.

**Unit III:** Social and Religious structure: *varna, jati*, gender; the idea of *varna-samskara*. Religious doctrine and practice.

**Unit IV:** Art and Architecture and literature: religious architecture and sculpture--forms and patronage; early Hindu temples; Buddhist Stupas; Buddhist and Jaina Cave shrines; *gandhara* and Mathura schools of sculpture. Literary and technical works in Prakrit, Sanskrit and Tamil.

**Essential Readings**

- Champaklakshmi, R. *Trade, Ideology and Urbanization: South India 300 BCE to AD 1300*, OUP, New Delhi.1996.
- Gupta, P.L., *The Imperial Guptas*, 2 Vols, VishwavidyalayaPrakashan, 1974, 1979.
- Huntington,Susan., *The Art of Ancient India: Buddhist, Hindu, Jain*. New York, 1985.
- Maity, S.K., *Economic Life in northern India in the Gupta Period (c. 300--550)*, MotilalBanarsidass, 1957.
- Meister, Michael W., M.A. Dhaky, and Krishna Deva, eds., *Encyclopedia of Indian Temple Architecture. North India: Foundations of North Indian style c. 250 BC-AD 1100*, Vol .2, parts 1 an 2. American Institute of Indian Studies, 1988
- Olivelle, Patrick. Ed. 2006. *Between the Empires: Society in India 300 BCE to 400 CE*. OUP. 2006
- Parasher-Sen, Aloka. Ed.*Subordinate and Marginal Groups in Early India*. OUP. Delhi. 2004

- Ray, HimanshuPrabha, *The Winds of Change: Buddhism and the Maritime Links of early South Asia*. OUP, Delhi.
  - Sharma, R.S, *Perspective in Social and Economic History of Ancient India*. MunshiramManoharlal, Delhi2003.
  - Singh, Upinder, *A History of Ancient and early medieval India from the Stone Age to the 12<sup>th</sup> Century*. Pearson Longman, Delhi, 2009.
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