

Course Distribution

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SEMESTER III

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HIS 401	History of Science, Technology and Medicine in Colonial India
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HIS 403	Issues of Environmental History in India: Select Themes
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SEMESTER I

Compulsory Course (i)

HIS 101

MODERN HISTORIOGRAPHY

Full Marks-50

Lectures: 60

Unit - I: Evolution of Historiography in the West – Enlightenment Historiography – Philosophy of Romanticism - Positivism – Idealist view of history.

Unit – II: History writing and different versions of the Idea of Progress – T. B. Macaulay and the Idea of Liberty – Karl Marx and the principle of equality – G. M. Trevelyan and the Literacy and Social history. Development of economic and social history in the early twentieth century – Maurice Dobb and the Rise of Capitalism – R. H. Tawney and the Gentry Thesis – G. Lefevbre and A. Soboul and the French Revolution.

Unit – III: Social History as History of Movements – Seventeenth century crisis, English Revolution and Christopher Hill. Social History as history of classes – Eric J. Hobsbawm and the Age of Capital, E. P. Thompson and the working class, Raphael Samuel and the History of the People. Emergence of new social history – Thought of Annales School- Visions of Marc Bloch, Lucien Febvre, Fernand Braudel.

Unit – IV: Approaches to writing Indian history- Different Schools of Thought.

Debates in Indian History – Historiography of feudalism in India, Eighteenth century crisis in India, Revolt of 1857, Indian Awakening in Nineteenth century, Indian nationalism, Partition of India.

Modern Indian History with socio-economic perspective – peasantry and working classes, caste, tribe, gender, environment, science and technology.

Select Readings:

1. Ernest Breisach: *Historiography*.
2. Arthur Marwick: *The Nature of History*.
3. E. H. Carr: *What is History?*
4. Beverley Southgate: *History: What and Why*.
5. H. W. Kaye: *British Marxist Historians*.
6. Ken Morrison: *Marx, Durkheim, Weber*.
7. Peter Geyl: *Debates with Historians*.
8. P. Lambert and P. Schofield (eds): *Making History*.

9. Mary Fulbrook: *Historical Theory*.
10. M. C. Lemon: *Philosophy of History*.
11. David Cannadine (ed): *What is History Now?*
12. G. R. Elton: *The Practice of History*.
13. E. Sreedharan: *A Textbook of Historiography*.
14. Sumit Sarkar: *Writing Social History*.
15. Ronald Inden: *Imagining India*.
16. Sekhar Bandopadhyay: *From Plassey to Partition*.
17. Adam Budd: *The Modern Historiography Reader - Western Sources*.
18. Mark T. Gilderhus: *History and Historians*.
19. Georg G. Iggers and Edward Wang: *Global History of Modern Historiography*.
20. Fernand Braudel: *On History*.
20. Amales Tripathi: *Itihas o Aitihasik*

SEMESTER I

Compulsory Course (ii)

HIS 102

ANCIENT INDIAN HISTORY AND ITS ARCHAEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION

Full Marks-50

Lectures: 60

Unit - I: Sources of History; Prehistoric and Protohistoric Cultures of Indian subcontinent; Vedic and Post-Vedic Society: Definition, Scope, Terminology and Periodization; Palaeolithic; Mesolithic; Neolithic; Beginning of Agriculture; Chalcolithic (Harappan and outside Harappan orbit); Iron; Vedic Society; Aryan Debate.

Unit - II: Early Historic Archaeology of India: Rise of Sixteen Mahajanapadas; Rise of Magadha, Proliferation of Religions: Jainism and Buddhism; Sungas, Indo-Greeks, Kushanas, and Other Non-Indian Ruling Dynasties.

Unit -III: Sources for Reconstructing the Mauryan Period: Kautilya's Arthashastra, Megasthenes' Account (Indica), Asokan Inscriptions (Major and Minor Rock Edicts and Pillar Edicts), Archaeological Sites and Assemblages Related to the Mauryan Period; Political and Social Character of the Mauryan Empire; Asoka's Dhamma, Mauryan Art and Architecture; Decline of the Mauryan Empire.

Unit - IV: The Dynastic History of the Subcontinent from the Gupta to the Palas and Senas: Origin, Extent, and Material Culture of the Gupta Period; Gupta Administration; Post Gupta/Early Medieval History; Agrarian Administration; Feudalism Debate; the Palas; the Senas; Art; Religion

Select Readings:

Dilip Chakrabarti: *Theoretical Issues in Indian Archaeology*

___ *The Archaeology of Ancient Indian Cities*

___ *The Oxford Companion to Indian Archaeology: The Archaeological Foundations of Ancient India, Stone Age to AD 13th Century*

Ranabir Chakravarti: *Exploring Early India Up to c. AD 1300*

B. D. Chattopadhyaya: *Studying Early India: Archaeology, Texts and Historical Issues*

Rupendra Kumar Chattopadhyay: *The Archaeology of Coastal Bengal*

___ Sangrahok theke Utpadok: *Aadi theke Nabyo Prostor Yuger Pratnatattva*

A. Ghosh(ed.): *An Encyclopaedia of Indian Archaeology*

Nayanjot Lahiri: *The Archaeology of Indian Trade Routes (up to c. 200 BC)*

Kumkum Roy: *The Emergence of Monarchy in North India.*

K.K. Thaplyal: *Guilds in Ancient India*

Upinder Singh: *History of Ancient and Early Medieval India*

D.C. Sircar: *Studies in the Society and Administration of Ancient and Medieval India*

Romila Thapar: *Ancient Indian Social History: Some Interpretations*

___ *Asoka and the Decline of the Mauryas*

___ *Cultural Pasts: Essays in Early Indian History*

___ *Early India (from the Origins to AD 1300)*

SEMESTER I

Compulsory Course (iii)

HIS 103

MEDIEVAL INDIA: STATE, ECONOMY AND SOCIETY

Full Marks-50

Lectures: 60

Unit - I: Nature and Character of the State - Theories of Kingship - Political and Bureaucratic Setup of the State – Institutions of the State - Composition and nature of the ruling class – State and the

Religious Clergy - Nobility – Central Army – Provincial and local administration – Village organization - Land grants - Challenges to the state and beginning of the crisis.

Unit - II: Composition, stratification and evolution of the medieval society – Village community and its features – Structure of the urban society – Rural-urban relations - standards of living - Impact of Sufism and Bhakti movements on society - women in medieval India – social exclusion and status of untouchables.

Unit - III: Patterns of medieval economy - Fiscal measures - Agrarian relations - taxation – Non-agricultural production - Urban economy - Trade and Commerce : Inland trade – Overseas Trade – Indian Ocean trade network - the Role and position of Indian merchants in Overseas and hinterland or internal trade – Currency, banking and exchange system - mines and metallurgy – crafts and technologies - markets and market regulations – industries – transportation — Gender division of Labour.

Unit - IV: Emergence, growth and salient features of Regional States: The Rajputs, Bengal, Vijayanagara and Bahmani kingdoms, The Marathas, Awadh, Hyderabad - Nature of the Polity, Administrative Apparatuses – Economy: land revenue, trade and industry – social structures and social relations.

Select Readings:

Muzaffar Alam and Sanjay Subrahmanyam: *The Mughal State, 1556-1720*

C.A. Bayly: *Rulers, Townsman and Bazars : North Indian Society in the age of British Expansion*

K.N. Chaudhuri: *The European Trading World of Asia and the English East India Company*

Satish Chandra: *The Indian Ocean: Exploration in History, Commerce and Politics*

Satish Chandra: *Medieval India*

Ashin Dasgupta and M. N. Pearson (eds.): *India and Indian Ocean, 1500-1800*

Irfan Habib: *The Economic History of Medieval India: A Survey*

___ *The Agrarian System of Mughal India, 1556-1707*

Ratan Lal Hangloo: *Enquiries in Medieval India: Religion, Society, Culture and Polity*

Peter Jackson: *The Delhi Sultanate: A Political and Military History*

Iqtidar Alam Khan: *Studies in Thought, Polity and Economy in Medieval India, 1000-1500*

Hermann Kulke: *The State in India, 1000-1700*

Shireen Moosvi: *People, Taxation and Trade in Mughal India*

H. K. Naqvi: *Urban Centres and Industries in Upper India, 1556-1803, Bombay 1968*

J.F. Richard: *The Mughal Empire*

I.H. Siddiqui: *Delhi Sultanate: Urbanization and Social Change*

Sanjay Subrahmanyam: *The Political Economy of Commerce: Southern India, 1500-1650*

SEMESTER I

Compulsory Course (iv)

HIS 104

INDIA IN TRANSITION (1757 – 1857)

Full Marks-50

Lectures: 60

Unit- I: Collapse of Indian *Ancien Regimes* – Transition of the Eighteenth Century – Emergence of the Regional Powers - Background of the rise of colonial power – Foundation of British power under East India Company.

Unit – II: Apparatus of the British colonial administration – British Parliament - Structure of colonial governance - bureaucracy – army – police – judiciary – Administrative changes during the Company's rule.

Unit – III: The colonial ideology - Consolidation and Expansion of British power in India – the nature and dynamics of British imperialist annexation.

Unit- IV: Reforms and Rebellions as early Indian responses – Social and Religious reform activities – Popular resistances to British expansion and rule – Peasant and Tribal Uprisings - Uprising of 1857.

Select Readings:

- Sekhar Bandyopadhyay: *From Plassey to Partition: A History of Modern India.*
Ishita Banerjee Dube: *A History of Modern India.*
Sabyasachi Bhattacharya (ed.): *Rethinking 1857*
Richard B. Barnett: *Rethinking Early Modern India*
C.A. Bayly: *Rulers, Townsmen and Bazaars: North Indian Society in the Age of British Expansion 1770-1870*
_____*Indian Society and the Making of the British Empire*
Sushil Choudhary: *Prelude to Empire: Plassey Revolution of 1757.*
Bernard Cohn: *Colonialism and its Forms of Knowledge.*
Michael Fisher: *The Politics of the British Annexation of India, 1757-1857*
Ranajit Guha: *Elementary Aspects of Peasant Insurgency in Colonial India.*
P.J. Marshall (ed.): *Eighteenth Century in Indian History: Evolution or Revolution?*
P.J. Marshall: *Bengal the British Bridgehead*
Thomas Metcalfe: *Ideologies of the Raj.*
_____*Land, Landlords and the Raj: Northern India in the Nineteenth Century.*
Anil Seal: *Emergence of Indian Nationalism.*

SEMESTER I

Compulsory Course (v)

HIS 105

RISE OF THE MODERN WEST: SELECT THEMES

Unit-I: Approaches to History of Early Modern Europe - Mentalities and 'Total' History; Anthropological Interventions and Cultural History- Transition from feudalism to capitalism – the transition debate – the worldwide impact.

Unit-II: Renaissance, Humanism and the Rediscovery of the Classics – the impact of humanism on Europe: Secularization of social attitudes – renaissance art – humanism and political theory with special reference to Machiavelli and Thomas More- The Renaissance man of new knowledge – science, arts, literature and music.

Unit-III: Reformation, Iconoclasm and Secularisation – Protestant and Catholic-Luther and Calvin – reformation in national contexts – political theory of the reformation: Luther and princely authority – the French religious wars

Unit-IV: Mapping Mentalities 1500-1700-Print, Books and Reading Habits- Europe and the World- The scientific revolution and its cultural impact – the origins of the enlightenment – the radical enlightenment

Select Readings:

Peter Burke: *The Historical Anthropology of Early Modern Europe: Essays on Perception and Communication*

Paula Findlen (ed.): *The Italian Renaissance: The Essential Readings*

Natalie Zemon Davis: *Society and Culture in early Modern France*

Steven E. Ozment: *The Reformation in the Cities: The Appeal of Protestantism to Sixteenth century Germany and Switzerland*

Philip Benedict and Myron P. Gutmann(eds.): *Early Modern Europe: From Crisis to Stability*

E. Cameron: *Early Modern Europe*

Meenakshi Phukan: *Rise of The Modern West*

Elizabeth Eisenstein: *The Printing Revolution in Early Modern Europe*

Marc Bloch: *Feudal Society*

H. Butterfield: *The Origin of Modern Science*

G.R. Elton: *Reformation Europe*

R. Hilton: *Transition from Feudalism to Capitalism*

J.H. Parry: *The Age of Reconnaissance: Discovery, Explorations and Settlement*

SEMESTER II

Compulsory Course (i)