

## Course Distribution

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HIS 103	Medieval India: State, Economy and Society
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HIS 201	State, Society and Economy in Ancient India
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HIS 203	From French Revolution to First World War-A Brief History
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### SEMESTER III

HIS 301	Economic History of Modern India
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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
HIS 404	New World System Since 1945
HIS 405 (Optional)	(A) Some Aspects of Colonial Bengal (B) Ideas and Thoughts in Modern India: Select Themes & Personalities

R. M. Hartwell, (ed.): *The Causes of the Industrial Revolution*  
D.S. Landes: *Unbound Prometheus*  
E.P. Thompson: *The Making of the English Working Class*  
W. Abel: *Agricultural Fluctuations in Europe*  
Paul Mantoux: *The Industrial Revolution in the 18th Century*  
J.H. Clapham: *The Economic Development of France and Germany, 1815-1914*  
Tom Kemp: *Industrialization in 19th Century Europe*  
W. W. Rostow: *The Stages of Economic Growth*  
Robert C. Allen: *Farm to Factory: A Reinterpretation of the Soviet Industrial Revolution*

### SEMESTER III

#### Compulsory Course (i)

#### HIS 301

### ECONOMIC HISTORY OF MODERN INDIA

Full Marks-50

Lectures: 60

**Unit -I:** Economic History: Definition and Theories of Economic History – Historiography of Economic History of Modern India : The Imperialist View points, The Nationalist view, The Marxist Perspective, Liberal and Neo-Liberal Interpretations – Recent trends of researches in economic history of modern India.

**Unit -II:** Introduction of Colonial Economy and Its impact: Indian Economy in the middle of 18<sup>th</sup> Century – Changing patterns of The English East India Company's trading policies – Internal and External trade - Growth of Indian Political Economy – Land Revenue Policies – Permanent, Ryotwari and Mahalwari Settlement: Its backgrounds, implementation and impact – Capitalist Penetration in Indian Agriculture: Commercialization of Agriculture, Rural Indebtedness, Growth of Agricultural Labour – Famines and British policies.

**Unit -III:** Infrastructure, Trade and industrial policies: Trade and manufacture : firms, markets and colonial state – Introduction of Railways and its impact – History of Banking in India – Currency and Exchange – Price movements and fluctuations - Emergence of modern mining in colonial India and its impact on economy: coal, iron and oil – Modern industrial sectors: cotton, jute, tea, iron & steel and engineering industries – Emergence of industrial labour force.

**Unit -IV:** Economic Nationalism: Definition – Early thoughts – Role of Dadabhai Naoroji, Mahadev Govind Ranade and Romesh Chandra Dutta in shaping economic critique of colonial rule – The Drain of Wealth theory – Poverty problem - De-industrialization debate – Emergence of Swadeshi enterprise and technology : Textiles, Chemicals, Leather, Shipping etc. – Rise of Indian capitalist class and their role in developing Indian economy.

#### Select Readings:

A.K. Bagchi: *Colonialism and Indian Economy*

Neeladri Bhattacharya: *The Great Agrarian Conquest : The Colonial Reshaping of a Rural World*



- Sabyasachi Bhattacharya: *Essays in Modern Indian Economic History*
- B.M. Bhatia: *Famines in India : A Study in some Aspects of the Economic History of India, 1860-1985*
- Sugata Bose: *Peasant Labour and Colonial Capital: Rural Bengal since 1770*
- Dipesh Chakrabarty: *Rethinking Working-Class History*
- Bipan Chandra: *The Rise and Growth of Economic Nationalism in India : Economic Policies of Indian National Leadership, 1880-1905*
- B.B. Chaudhuri: *Peasant History of Late Pre-Colonial and Colonial India*
- K.N. Chaudhuri: *The Economic Development of India : Under the East India Company 1814-1858*
- Susil Chaudhury: *Trade and Organization in Bengal, 1650-1720 : With special reference to the English East India Company*
- R. Guha: *A Rule of Property for Bengal : An Essay on the Idea of Permanent Settlement*
- Ramachandra Guha: *The Unquiet Woods : Ecological Change and Peasant Resistance in the Himalaya*
- Irfan Habib: *Colonialization of the Indian Economy, 1757-1900*
- Dharma Kumar and Megnad Desai (ed.): *The Cambridge Economic History of India (Volume 2) : 1757-1970*
- Chittabrata Palit: *Tensions in Bengal Rural Society : Landlords, Planters and Colonial Rule, 1830-1860*
- Tirthankar Roy: *The Economic History of India*
- Samita Sen: *Women and Labour in Late Colonial India : Bengal Jute Industry*
- N. K. Sinha: *The Economic History of Bengal*
- Eric Stokes: *The Peasant and the Raj : Studies in Agrarian Society and Peasant Rebellion in Colonial India*
- B.R. Tomlinson: *The Economy of Modern India, From 1860 to the Twenty-First Century*
- Amal Tripathi: *Trade and Finance in the Bengal Presidency, 1739-1833*

### SEMESTER III

#### *Compulsory Course (ii)*

#### HIS 302

### INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO WORLD WARS

Full Marks-50

Lectures: 60

**Unit - I:** The Global Context of International Relations since 1914-Origin and Causes of the First World War – The course and strategies of the War – The Peace of Paris - The League of Nations.

**Unit – II:** The New International Order -The Reparation Issues and war debts - Impact on International Relations-The Great Depression and its International Repercussions- The collapse of the World Economic Order – Problems in the European Security System - European Dictatorships: Origins of Fascism in Italy and Nazism in Germany- The Policy of Appeasement –Origins of the Second World War – Impact on World Politics.

**Unit – III:** Russia and the First World War - Soviet Foreign Policy-The Russian Revolution - -Role of Russia in inter-war period - The US in the Inter-war period-US Foreign Policy - Its response to the World orders-US and its role to War and Diplomacy.

**Unit – IV:** Middle East in Inter-war period- Impact of the First World War – Condition of the Ottoman Empire – The Palestine Question -Far East in the inter-war period- Japan's supremacy in East Asia - Far Eastern Crisis from Manchuria to Pearl Harbour – Post war changes.

**Select Readings:**

- Asa Briggs and Patricia Clavin: *Modern Europe, 1789-Present*  
David Thomson: *Europe since Napoleon*  
Gordon A. Craig: *Germany 1866-1945*  
Ludwig Dehio: *Germany and World Politics in the Twentieth Century*  
A.J.P. Taylor: *The Struggle for Mastery in Europe, 1848-1918*  
Stephen J. Lee: *European Dictatorships 1918–1945*  
Sidney Fay: *The Origins of the World War I*  
Alan Bullock: *Hitler: A Study in Tyranny*  
Antony Beevor: *The Second World War*  
A.J.P. Taylor: *The Origins of the Second World War*  
William R. Keylor: *The Twentieth –Century World – An International History*  
W.C. Langsome: *World Since 1919*  
Nathaniel Piffer: *The Far East: A Modern History*  
Eric Hobsbawm: *The Age Of Extremes, 1914-1991*  
E. H. Carr: *International relations between the Two World Wars, 1919-1939*  
Zara Steiner: *The lights that failed: European International history, 1919- 1933*  
Martin Kitchen: *Europe between the Wars: A Political History*  
Charles Loch Mowat: *Britain between the wars: 1918-1940*  
Ruth Henig: *Versailles and After: 1919-1933*  
Clive Emsley, Arthur Marwick, and Wendy Simpson: *War, peace and social change in twentieth century Europe; Total war and historical change: Europe, 1914-1955*  
Charles S. Maier: *Recasting Bourgeois Europe: stabilization in France, Germany and Italy in the decade after World War One*  
N. Crafts and P. Fearon: *The Great Depression of the 1930s*  
J. Stevenson & C. Cook: *Britain in the Depression: society and politics, 1929-1939*  
E.H. Carr: *The Russian Revolution: from Lenin to Stalin, 1917-1929*  
David Stuart Lane: *Politics and Society in the USSR*



## SEMESTER III

### Compulsory Course (iii)

HIS 303

## THE NOTION OF GENDER IN MODERN INDIAN SOCIETY

Full Marks-50

Lectures: 60

**Unit- I:** Understanding gender and patriarchy; theory and practice--- Historiography of women's history in India---Construction of Gender: effeminacy and Masculinity.

**Unit- II:** Women and Social Reforms in Nineteenth Century India-Women and Modern Education -- Muslim women and education with special reference to Begum Rokya-Gender and Domesticity -- Dress code in the private sphere---The emergence of *Bhadramahila*- Question of Marriage, Dowry and divorce-Notion of patriarchy---The Age of Consent Bill- The cursed Widowhood----Tradition of Sati-- polygamy- Marginal Women-the prostitutes.

**Unit- III:** Class, Caste, Communalism and gender in India-Women and Politics--- participation in Gandhian movement as well as in revolutionary movements---- Women And Labour-Women and Labour Class Movement-Gender, Nation and Nationalism-Concept of Mother India

**Unit- IV:** Gender and Cultural Representations----Visual Culture and Literature---Performance in Theatre, Films---Circus and in the Sporting arena---Representation of women in the *patachitra*, calendar art, almanacs and advertisements.

### Select Readings:

Geraldine Forbes: *Women in Modern India*

Amitava Chatterjee (ed): *Historicizing Gendered Modernities in India*

Sumit Sarkar and Tanika Sarkar (ed.): *Women and Social Reform*

Amitava Chatterjee (ed): *Gender and Modernity*

Charu Gupta: *Sexuality, Obscenity, Community: Women, Muslims, and the Hindu Public in Colonial India*

Bharati Ray and Aparna Basu (eds.): *From Freedom to Independence: Women and Fifty Years of India's Independence*

Lata Mani: *Contentious Traditions: The Debate on Sati in Colonial India*

Sabyasachi Bhattacharya, J. Bara, C. R. Yagati and B. M. Sankhdher, (Eds.): *The Development of Women's Education in India 1850-1920*

Gerda Lerner: *The Majority Finds its Past: Placing Women in History*

Judith Butler: *Gender Trouble: Feminism and the Subversion of Identity*

Bernice Carroll: *Liberating Women's History: Theoretical and Critical Essays*

Aparna Bandyopadhyay: *Desire and Defiance: A Study of Bengali Women in Love, 1850-1930*

**SEMESTER III**

*Compulsory Course (iv)*

**HIS 304(CBCS)**

**ISSUES OF THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD: SELECT THEMES**

**Full Marks-50**

**Lectures: 60**

**Unit-I:** The World after 1945 – the Cold War – Division of Europe – the emergence of the American and Soviet spheres of influence – various military and economic alliances.

**Unit-II:** The Process of Decolonization in Asia and Africa: An Overview - The emergence of the Third World – Developmental issues of the Third World – Changing face of the Third World - politics, society, economy.

**Unit-III:** The Arabian world and Oil politics - Impact of the rise of China - the Sino-Soviet rift and tensions within the East European Soviet Bloc - Glasnost – Perestroika and collapse of Soviet Union.

**Unit-IV:** Twentieth century world in the nuclear diplomacy – Reunification of Germany - Globalization and its impact on polity and economy – information revolution and its impact of the present day world. – Condition of women in contemporary world

**Select Readings:**

L.J. Halle: *The Cold War as History*

P. Calvocoressi: *World Politics 1945-2000*

C.T. Mohanty: *Third World Women and the Politics of Feminism*

Robert J. C. Young: *Postcolonialism*

Pramod K. Mishra: *South Asia – Challenge and Co-operation*

J. Braunthal: *History of the International-World Socialism*

M.R. Gordon and B. E. Trainor: *The General's War-The Inside Story of the Conflict in the Gulf*

Peter Fleiss: *International Relations in the Bipolar World*

Walter Lippman: *The Cold War and the Making of the Modern World*

M.J. Hogal: *America in the World Politics*

J. Haynes: *Third World Politics*

N. Lowe: *Mastering Twentieth Century Russian History*

Benson Linda: *China since 1949*

A.G. Hopkins: *Globalization in World History*



**SEMESTER III**

*Compulsory Course (iv)*

**HIS 204 (CBCS)**

**INDIA SINCE INDEPENDENCE: SELECT THEMES**

**Full Marks-50**

**Lectures: 60**

**Unit- I:** Phases of the Political transition in India after Independence – The Congress System- the Kashmir Question--Refugee problems.

**Unit- II:** Framing of the new Constitution- integration of the princely states-the birth of republic - Nehru and the formation of a planned economy-Agriculture and Land Reform-the Green Revolution- drive for industrialization- Linguistic reorganization of the provinces- Birth of Indian Electoral politics.

**Unit-III:** India from Lal Bahadur Shastri to Indira Gandhi- 1969-1973: The JP Movement and the Emergency-- Indian Democracy Tested: The Janata Interregnum—and Indira Gandhi's second Coming.

**Unit-IV:** India in world politics: Non-alignment-conflict with Pakistan and China-India and Soviet Union- the emergence of India and her neighbours: SAARC-Foreign policy in an age of globalization: the Look east policy.

**Select Readings:**

Ramchandra Guha: *India after Gandhi, The History Of World's Largest Democracy*

Bipan Chandra, Mridula Mukherjee and Aditya Mukherjee: *India after Independence*

B. N. Pande, ed.: *A Centenary History of the Indian National Congress*

Sudipta Kaviraj: *Politics in India*

N. Jayapalan: *Foreign policy of India*

P. R. Brass: *The Politics of India Since Independence*

B. R. Nanda ed: *Indian Foreign Policy: The Nehru Years*

Bimal Jalan: *India's Economy in the New Millennium*

Partha Chatterjee: *A Possible India: Essays in Political Criticism*

Paul R. Brass: *Language, Religion and Politics in North India*

Rajni Kothari: *Politics in India*



W H Morris-Jones: *The Government and Politics in India*

Partha Chatterjee ed: *Wages of Freedom: Fifty Years of Indian Nation-State*

Samuel P. Huntington: *The Third Wave: Democratization in the Late Twentieth Century*

Stephen, P Cohen: *India: Emerging Power*