

Course Distribution

SEMESTER I

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| HIS 101 | Modern Historiography |
| HIS 102 | Ancient Indian History and its Archaeological Foundation |
| HIS 103 | Medieval India: State, Economy and Society |
| HIS 104 | India in Transition (1757-1857) |
| HIS 105 | Rise of the Modern West (Select Themes) |

SEMESTER II

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| HIS 201 | State, Society and Economy in Ancient India |
| HIS 202 | Select Themes in Modern Indian Political History (1857-1947) |
| HIS 203 | From French Revolution to First World War-A Brief History |
| HIS 204 CBCS | India Since Independence: Select Themes |
| HIS 205 | Industrial Revolution and Industrialization in the Modern World |

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| HIS 301 | Economic History of Modern India |
| HIS 302 | International Relations Between the Two World Wars |
| HIS 303 | The Notion of Gender in Modern Indian Society |
| HIS 304 CBCS | Issues of the Contemporary World: Select Themes |
| HIS 305 | Themes in Social and Cultural History of Modern India |

SEMESTER IV

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| HIS 401 | History of Science, Technology and Medicine in Colonial India |
| HIS 402 | Post-Colonial Contemporary History of India: Select Themes |
| 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 |

Ranjani Mazumdar: *Desiring Women in Bombay Cinema*
Ranojoy Sen: *Nation at Play: A History of Sport in India*
Amitava Chatterjee, (Ed.): *People at Play: Sport, Culture and Nationalism*
Tapati Guha-Thakurata: *The Making of New Indian Art*
Amitava Chattopadhyay (ed): *Itihase Jana Sanskriti: Porishare Unish Bis Shatak*

SEMESTER IV

Compulsory Course (i)

HIS 401

HISTORY OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND MEDICINE IN COLONIAL INDIA

Full Marks-50

Lectures: 60

Unit- I: Colonial Science – Perspectives and Development – Concepts and Contours - considerations of the colonial power underpinning scientific and technological initiatives of British India – British surveys in India as colonial forms of knowledge – technology and the colonial project of India’s development – Departments of Irrigation, Agriculture, Public Works, Railways – Role of Institutions in promoting scientific knowledge - role of Asiatic Society of Bengal – Formation of Geological Survey of India – Botanical investigations - Agricultural experimental farms.

Unit-II: Western medicine in an Indian environment – State policy to public health and medicine – emergence of the study of tropical diseases – underpinnings of colonial power in epidemiology in colonial India – role of scientific education and technical institutions – government and private colleges – engineering and medical colleges – involvement of women in science education.

Unit-III: Nationalist science as a counter-discourse of colonial science - claim of ‘national’ scientific tradition for India - the search for ‘scientific’ texts from ‘antiquity’ – Nationalist medicine: Ayurveda, Unani, nationalist adoption of Homeopathy.

Unit- IV: Nationalism and the founding of institutions and associations for scientific research – Swadeshi technology: in theory and practice – response to western science: failures and successes – Science and indigenous personalities - modern scientific outlook and the ‘women question’.

Select Readings:

David Arnold: *The New Cambridge History of India III – 5: Science, Technology and Medicine Colonial India*

Zaheer Baber: *The Science of Empire: Scientific Knowledge, Civilization, and Colonial Rule in India*

Pratik Chakrabarti: *Western Science in Modern India: Metropolitan Methods, Colonial Practices*

Deepak Kumar: *Science and the Raj: A Study of British India*

Satpal Sangwan: *Science, Technology and Colonization: An Indian Experience, 1757-1857*

J.D. Bernal: *Science in History* (2 volumes)

David Arnold: *Colonizing the Body: State Medicine and Epidemic Disease in Nineteenth-Century India*

J. Lourdasamy: *Science and National Consciousness in Bengal, 1870-1930*

S. Irfan Habib & Dhruv Raina (eds.): *Social History of Science in Colonial India*

Mark Harrison: *Public Health in British India: Anglo-Indian preventive medicine 1859-1914*

Subrata Dasgupta: *Jagadis Chandra Bose and the Indian Response to Western Science*

Sujaya Sarkar: *The Making of Geology – A Historical Study in Science and Colonialism, 1767-1856*

Deepak Kumar & Roy MacLeod (eds.): *Technology and the Raj: Western Technology and Technical Transfers to India, 1700-1947*

Gyan Prakash: *Another Reason: Science and The Imagination in Modern India*

Waltraud Ernst: *Mad Tales from the Raj: Colonial Psychiatry in South Asia, 1800 - 58*

Kabita Ray: *History of Public Health – Colonial Bengal, 1921 – 1947*

Poonam Bala: *Imperialism and Medicine in Bengal: A Socio-Historical Perspective*

A. Rahman: *Science and Technology in Indian Culture*

Pradip Kumar Bose (ed.): *Health and Society in Bengal: A Selection from Late 19th-Century Bengali Periodicals*

Chittabrata Palit et al: *Science, Technology, Medicine and Environment in India: Historical Perspectives*

SEMESTER IV

Compulsory Course (ii)

HIS 402

POST-COLONIAL CONTEMPORARY HISTORY OF INDIA: SELECT THEMES

Full Marks-50

Lectures: 60

Unit- I: Definitions of Contemporary History. 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 after Nehru-Indira Gandhi and the Congress-Collapse of the Congress system-the Emergency: The context and impact-the Janata government and experiments with coalition politics.

Unit-IV: India in world politics: Non-Alignment-conflict with Pakistan and China-India and Soviet Union- the emergence of India and her neighbors: 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 Chadra, 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*

SEMESTER IV

Compulsory Course (iii)

HIS 403

ISSUES OF ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY IN INDIA: SELECT THEMES

Full Marks-50

Lectures: 60

Unit – I: Environment and ecology in Indian ethos and philosophy - Perception of Environment in past times – Changing approaches to environment in pre-colonial India.

Unit – II: Colonialism as a watershed in environmental historiography - Beginning of new regime of environmental issues - land, forest and water - Colonial intervention and environment - Colonial Forest Policy –Nationalism and the environmental discourse.

Unit – III: The idea of Tropics and Climate change –Environmental disasters - Drought – earthquake – flood – Impact of industries on ecology – types of environmental pollution and related issues.

Unit – IV: Environmental Issues after Independence -Environmental Disasters – Deforestation and Construction of Dams – Displacement and resistance of people - Environmental Protection - Conservation of natural resources - Waste management - Environmental movements in Independent India.

Select Readings:

Mahesh Rangarajan: *Environmental Issues in India*

Mahesh Rangarajan: *Fencing the Forest: Conservation and Ecological Change in India's Central Provinces*

Madhav Gadgil and Ramachandra Guha: *This Fissured Land, An Ecological History of India*

— *Ecology and Equity: The Use and Abuse of Nature in Contemporary India*

David Arnold and Ramachandra Guha (Eds.): *Nature, Culture and Imperialism*

Sumit Guha (ed.): *Environment and Ethnicity in India*

Ramachandra Guha: *The Unquiet Woods: Ecological Change and Peasant Resistance in India*

Vulli Dhanaraju (ed.): *Regional Environmental History*

S. Singh: *Taming the Waters. The Political Economy of Large Dams in India*

R. Grove, V. Damodaran and S. Sangwan (eds.): *Nature and the Orient: The Environmental History of South and Southeast Asia*

D. Mosse: *The Rule of Water, Statecraft, Ecology and Collective Action in South India*

K. Sivaramakrishnan.: *Modern Forests, Statemaking and Environmental Change in Colonial Eastern India*

SEMESTER IV

Compulsory Course (iv)

HIS 404

NEW WORLD SYSTEM SINCE 1945

Full Marks-50

Lectures: 60

Unit- I: The Cold War and bilateralism in world politics: historiography – ideological and political basis of Cold War – condition in Eastern Europe and Western Europe – formation of the European Union – NATO and its changing role – UNO and the concept of World Peace.

Unit- II: Internationalization of regional tensions: Korea, Vietnam, Cuba, and Kashmir – the Middle East in World politics: birth of Israel; the Palestine Question and Arab-Israel conflict – Suez crisis and oil diplomacy – the Iranian Revolution 1979 – Iraq-Kuwait conflict and Gulf War – the changing face of Afghanistan: Soviet intervention; Talibanism and after.

Unit- III: Historical context of the emergence of the Third World – Developmental issues of the Third World – changing face of Africa and Latin America; politics, economy, culture – the impact of the rise of Communist China in world politics – changing contours of Sino-Soviet (Russian) and Sino-US relations – East Asian economic development.

Unit- IV: Disintegration of the Soviet Union and its impact on international politics – changes in the political order – from bipolar to unipolar World System – international terrorism and its impact on world politics – Globalization: its economic and political impact – economic and technological development in contemporary World – Condition of peasants, labours, women in society, economy and culture of contemporary world.

Select Readings:

W.C. McWilliams and H. Piotrowski: *The World since 1945 – A History of International Relations.*

P. Calvocoressi: *World Politics 1945 – 2000*

G. Lundestad: *East, West, North, South*

D. Urwin: *Western Europe since 1945*

D. Reynolds.: *The origin of the Cold War*

A. Briggs and P. Clavin: *Modern Europe, 1789 – Present*

B. Chakraborty(ed.): *Exploring Regional Security South and Central Asia*

J. Haynes: *Third World Politics*

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

N. Lowe: *Mastering Twentieth Century Russian History*

J. Baylis and S. Smith (eds.): *The Globalization of World Politics – An Introduction to International Relations*

G. Stokes: *From Stalinism to Pluralism – A Documentary History of Eastern Europe since 1945*

A.A. Mazrui and M. Tidy: *Nationalism and New States in Africa*

B. Burns: *Latin America: A Concise Interpretative History*

G. Achar: *The Clash of Barbarisms*

M.B. Oren: *Power, Faith and Fantasy – America in the Middle East*

SEMESTER IV

Optional Course (i)

HIS 405 (A)

SOME ASPECTS OF COLONIAL BENGAL

Full Marks-50

Lectures: 60

Unit-I: Bengal in colonial period: From traditional system of education to western education- Contributions of the British Government, Missionaries and local people – Impact of western ideas and growth of new intelligentsia – Medical education - Technical education – Reaction and Response of indigenous people – emergence of modern professions – social consequences of westernization – newspapers and periodicals – Evolution of Bengali literature, music and theatre.

Unit-II: Social and religious reform movements – Rammohun Roy, Young Bengal, Iswar Chandra Vidyasagar, Swami Vivekananda, Ramakrishna Mission, Bharat Sevashram Sangha – Emerging new social order – Case studies of Namasudras, Rajbangshis and Matuas – Social mobility in Bengal.

Unit-III: Emergence of modern politics –Nature of Bengal politics - Indian National Congress and Gandhian ideology in Bengal- Rise of revolutionary activities and militant nationalism - the Muslim League – Left wing politics.

Unit-IV: Changes in agrarian economy- commerce of salt, silk, cotton – rise of indigenous enterprises - condition of zaminders, peasants, labours – condition of women, tribes and castes – ecology and environment – natural disasters and distress of people.

Select Readings:

Anuradha Roy: *Cultural Communism in Bengal 1936-1952*

Bharati Ray: *Women of India: Colonial and Post-Colonial Periods*

Geraldine Forbes: *Women in Modern India*

Indrani Ganguly: *The Social History of Bengal Town, 1872-1947*

Joya Chatterji, *Bengal Divided: Hindu Communalism and Partition 1932-1947*

Kenneth W. Jones: *Socio-Religious Reform Movements in British India*

Leonard Gordon: *Bengal: The Nationalist Movement, 1876-1940*

N.K Sinha (ed.): *The History of Bengal 1757-1905*

Partha Chatterjee: *Bengal, 1920-1947: The Land Question*

P.J Marshall: *Bengal: The British Bridgehead: Eastern India 1740–1828*

___ *East Indian fortunes: The British in Bengal in the Eighteenth century*

P. Mitter: *Art and Nationalism in Colonial India, 1850-1922*

Rajat Kanta Ray: *Social Conflict and Political Unrest in Bengal, 1875-1927*

Satyajit Dasgupta: *The Tebhaga Movement in Bengal 1946-1947*

Sekhar Bandyopadhyay: *From Plassey to Partition: A History of Modern India*

___ *Caste, Culture and Hegemony: Social dominance in colonial Bengal*

___ *Caste, Politics and the Raj: Bengal 1872-1937*

Sumit Sarkar: *Swadeshi Movement in Bengal, 1903-1908*

Sumit Sarkar and Tanika Sarkar: *Women and Social Reform in Modern India, (Vol 1 and 2)*

Suranjan Das: *Communal Riots in Bengal 1905-1947*

Tapati Guha-Thakurta: *The Making of a New 'Indian' Art: Artists, Aesthetics, And Nationalism In Bengal, C. 1850 1920*

Hitesh Ranran Sanyal: *Social Mobility in Bengal*

Joya Chatterjee: *Bengal Divided*

Tapan Roychaudhury: *Europe Reconsidered*

Sabyasachi Bhattacharyya (Ed.): *A Comprehensive History of Modern Bengal 1700-1950*

SEMESTER IV

Optional Course (ii)

HIS 405 (B)

IDEAS AND THOUGHTS IN MODERN INDIA: SELECT THEMES & PERSONALITIES

Full Marks-50

Lectures: 60

Unit- I: Early Responses towards Nationalism: thoughts of Rammohan Roy – Bankimchandra Chattopadhyay's ideas in shaping Nationalism – Moderate ideology of M. G. Ranade – Extremist Ideology of B. G. Tilak, Bipin Chandra Pal – Revolutionary Ideology of Vasudev Balwant Phadke - Hinduism: Swami Vivekananda and Sri Aurobindo Ghosh.

Unit-II: Hindu Revivalism and Regeneration: Dayanand Saraswati; VD Savarkar; MS Golwalkar – Muslim thought: Sir Syed Ahmed Khan; Mohammed Iqbal; Mohammed Ali Jinnah – Communist thought: MN Roy; EMS Namboodiripad – Socialist thought: Rammanohar Lohia; Jayaprakash Narayan.

Unit-III: Nation & Identity Concern: Jyotiba Phule; Sree Narayan Guru; E. V. Ramaswamy Naicker; Jaipal Singh; Pandita Ramabai; Sarala Devi Chaudhurani – Ideas & views on education: Pandit Ishwarchandra Vidyasagar; Sir Asutosh Mukherjee; Acharya Satish Chandra Mukhopadhyay.

Unit-IV: Makers of Modern India: thoughts and ideas of M. K. Gandhi – Rabindranath Tagore – Subhas Chandra Bose – B. R. Ambedkar – Vallabhbai Patel - Maulana Abul Kalam Azad – Jawaharlal Nehru.

Select Readings:

- A.F.S. Ahmed: *Social Ideas and Social Change in Bengal, 1818-1835*
A. Appadorai: *Documents on Political Thought in Modern India (Volumes 1 & 2)*
A. Basu: *The Growth of Education and Political Development in India, 1898-1920*
U. Chakravarti: *Rewriting History: Life and Times of Pandita Ramabai*
P. Chatterjee: *Nationalist Thought & the Colonial World: A Derivative Discourse*
A. Chousalkar: *Indian Idea of Political Resistance: Aurobindo, Tilak, Gandhi and Ambedkar*
G.P. Deshpande (ed.): *Selected Writings of Jotirao Phule.*
S. Gopal: *Jawaharlal Nehru: A Biography*
M.S. Gore: *The Social Context of an Ideology: Ambedkar's Political and Social Thought*
R. Guha: *India after Gandhi: The History of the World's Largest Democracy*

Makers of Modern India
S.S. Hameed.: *Maulana Azad, Islam and the Indian National Movement*
David Hardiman: *Gandhi: In His Time and Ours*
P. Heehs: *Situating Sri Aurobindo: A Reader*
A. Jalal: *The Sole Spokesman: Jinnah, the Muslim League and the Demand for Pakistan*

K.W. Jones: *Socio-Religious Reform Movements in British India*
J.T.F. Jordans: *Dayananda Saraswati: Essays on His Life and Ideas.*
V.C. Joshi(ed.): *Rammohun Roy and the Process of Modernization in India*
S. Kaviraj: *The Unhappy Consciousness: Bankimchandra Chattopadhyaya and the formation of Discourse in India*
M. Kosambi (ed.): *Pandita Ramabai through Her Own Words: Selected Works*
B.B. Majumder: *History of Indian Social and Political Ideas: From Rammohan to Dayananda*
A.K. Mukhopadhyay (ed.): *The Bengali Intellectual Tradition: From Rammohun Roy to Dhirendranath Sen*
S. Sarkar: *Writing Social History*
V.D. Savarkar.: *Hindu Rashtra Darshan*
A. Tripathi: *Vidyasagar: The Traditional Modernizer*