Bounded by the Himalayas and the Indian Ocean the vast South Asian subcontinent contains a teeming population which constitutes a fifth of humanity. Boasting one of the world's oldest civilizations it has had a tumultuous modern history. In the living museum of the subcontinent's history there are paradoxes galore. A common heritage and environment notwithstanding, South Asia presents a picture of social complexity, economic disparity, cultural diversity and political heterogeneity. This course will examine the formation and the shifting contours of the rich mosaic of modern South Asia.

A semester's study permits an analytical rather than a comprehensive survey of the society, economy and politics of the subcontinent. Beginning with a rapid overview of India's pre-modern and early modern history, the bulk of the course will concentrate on the changes and continuities during two centuries of British rule from the mid-eighteenth to the mid-twentieth centuries. A short concluding segment will be devoted to post-independence developments. Primarily a lecture course, time will be available at the end of each class for questions and discussion. It is important to read ahead in order to participate in some of the major debates in South Asian history and historiography. The following books have been ordered for purchase at the College Bookstore:

Required:
1) Sugata Bose and Ayesha Jalal, *Modern South Asia: History, Culture, Political Economy*
2) C.A.Bayly, *Indian Society and the Making of the British Empire*
3) Sugata Bose and Ayesha Jalal (eds.), *Nationalism, Democracy and Development: State and Politics in India*

Recommended:
1) R.Guha and G.Spivak (eds.), *Selected Subaltern Studies*
2) Saadat Hasan Manto, *Black Milk*
3) Salman Rushdie, *Midnight's Children*
4) Kalpana Bardhan (ed.), *Of Women, Outcastes, Peasants, and Rebels*

Equally important are the other required readings on reserve in the Tisch Library and posted on Blackboard in the readings folder under the lecture headings. It is essential that you do the readings before each class. The requirements for successful completion of the course include: class attendance and participation (10%), in class mid-term exam (25%) on October 26, a four-page review of a literary work chosen in consultation with me (15%) due on November 18 and a final take home exam (50%). My office hours are on Mondays between 3 and 4:30p (East Hall) and on Tuesdays between 1:30 pm and 3:00 pm (601 Cabot - Fletcher). I can also be reached via email at ayesha.jalal@tufts.edu.
Calendar of Topics and Assignments

(*denotes recommended reading)

Wed., Sept. 9 Introduction

Mon., Sept. 14 Unravelling India's Ancient Heritage

Sugata Bose & Ayesha Jalal, Modern South Asia, chs. 1 and 2
Romila Thapar, Early India, pp. 280-325 (on Blackboard)
Sugata Bose & Ayesha Jalal (eds.), Nationalism, Democracy and Development, chs. 1
Readings on Blackboard

Wed., Sept. 16 Unravelling India's Indo-Islamic Heritage

Bose & Jalal, Modern South Asia, ch. 3
Catherine Asher and Cynthia Talbot, India Before Europe, chs. 2 and 3
Readings on Blackboard

Mon., Sept. 21 The Mughal Empire: State, Economy and Society

Bose & Jalal, Modern South Asia, ch. 4
Readings on Blackboard
*Muzaffar Alam and Sanjay Subrahmanyam (eds.), The Mughal State, pp. 1-16

Wed., Sept. 23 The Remaking of India? The Mughals and their Arts

Readings on Blackboard
Consult South Asia Polyphonic History Website

Mon. Sept. 28 India Between Empires: Decline or Decentralization?

Bose & Jalal, Modern South Asia, ch. 5
C.A. Bayly, Indian Society and the Making of the British Empire, ch. 1
Muzaffar Alam, The Crisis of Empire in Mughal North India, pp. 1-17 and pp. 299-318
Readings on Blackboard

Wed., Sept 30 The Transition to Colonialism: the late 18th Century

Bose & Jalal, Modern South Asia, ch. 6
Bayly, Indian Society and the Making of the British Empire, chs. 2 and 3
Mon., Oct.5 The First Century of British Rule, 1757 to 1857: State and Economy
Bose & Jalal, Modern South Asia, ch.7
Bayly, Indian Society and the Making of the British Empire, ch.4
Readings on Blackboard

Bose & Jalal, Modern South Asia, ch.8
Bayly, Indian Society and the Making of the British Empire, ch.5
R.Guha and G.Spivak (eds.), Selected Subaltern Studies, pp.45-86
Readings on Blackboard

Bose & Jalal, Modern South Asia, ch.9
Bayly, Indian Society and the Making of the British Empire, ch.6 and conclusion
Readings on Blackboard
*Guha and Spivak (eds.), Selected Subaltern Studies, pp.129-175

Wed., Oct.14 High Noon of Colonialism, 1858 to 1914: State and Political Economy
Bose & Jalal, Modern South Asia, ch.10
Sumit Sarkar, Modern India, pp.24-42
Readings on Blackboard

Mon., Oct.19 High Noon of Colonialism, 1858 to 1914: Social Reform and Religious Revival
Bose and Jalal, Modern South Asia, pp.86-94
Sarkar, Modern India, pp.88-100
Readings on Blackboard

Wed., Oct.21 A Nation in Making? Swadeshi Nationalism - 1858 to 1914
Bose & Jalal, Modern South Asia, pp.94-101
Bose & Jalal (eds.), Nationalism, Democracy and Development, ch.4
Sarkar, Modern India, pp.147-178
Readings on Blackboard
*Guha and Spivak (eds.), Selected Subaltern Studies, pp.89-128 and 391-426

Mon., Oct.26 Colonialism Under Siege: State and Political Economy After World War I
Bose & Jalal, Modern South Asia, ch.12
Bose & Jalal (eds.), *Nationalism, Democracy and Development*, ch.3

Wed., Oct.28 - **Midterm Exam**

Mon. Nov.2 **Gandhian Nationalism and Radical Social Politics: Enigma and Reality in the 1920s**

*Readings on Blackboard*
*Guha and Spivak (eds.), *Selected Subaltern Studies*, pp.231-348*
*Jawaharlal Nehru, *An Autobiography*, ch.11*

Wed. Nov.4 **The Depression Decade: Society, Economy and Politics**

D.Rothermund, 'A Vulnerable Economy: India in the Great Depression' in Bose (ed.), *South Asia and World Capitalism*  
Ayesha Jalal, *The Sole Spokesman*, pp.7-34  
*Readings on Blackboard*

Mon., Nov.9 **World War II and its Aftermath: Economic Crisis and Political Confrontation**

Bose & Jalal, *Modern South Asia*, ch.15  
Amartya Sen, *Poverty and Famines*, ch.6  
*Readings on Blackboard*

Wed., Nov.11 Documentary film *Rebels against the Raj* in class

Mon., Nov.16 **Partition and Pakistan**

Bose & Jalal, *Modern South Asia*, ch.16  
Jalal, *Self and Sovereignty*, pp.165-186, 324-334, 386-400  
Bose & Jalal (eds.), *Nationalism, Democracy and Development*, ch.5  
*Readings on Blackboard*
Mushirul Hasan (ed.), *India's Partition*, introduction, pp.44-68 and pp.101-131  
*Jalal, *The Sole Spokesman*, chs.2 and 7*

Wed., Nov.18 **1947: its Meaning and Memory**

Bose & Jalal, *Modern South Asia*, ch.17  
*Readings on Blackboard*
*Veena Das, *Critical Events*, ch.3*
*Film: Pinjar* - to be screened this week
Mon., Nov.23  Documentary Film *The Sky Below* in class

*Book Review Due*

Mon., Nov.30 **Post-Colonial South Asia: 1947-71**

Bose & Jalal, *Modern South Asia*, chs.18  
Jalal, *Democracy and Authoritarianism*, ch.2  
*Readings on Blackboard*
*Paul Brass, The Politics of India Since Independence*, ch.1

Wed., Dec.2 **Post-Colonial South Asia: 1971-2006**

Bose & Jalal, *Modern South Asia*, ch.19  
Jalal, *Democracy and Authoritarianism*, ch.3 and 5  
*Readings on Blackboard*
*Dreze and Sen, India: Economic Development and Social Opportunity*, ch.8  
*Rounaq Jahan, Bangladesh Politics*, pp.63-127  
*Sumantra Bose, Kashmir: Roots of Conflict, Paths to Peace*, pp.164-200

Mon., Dec.7 **Women in Modern South Asian History**

Kumkum Sangari and Sudesh Vaid (eds.), *Recasting Women*, pp.88-126  
Deniz Kandiyoti (ed.), *Women, Islam and the State*, pp.77-175  

Wed. Dec.9 **Decolonizing South Asian History**

Bose & Jalal, *Modern South Asia*, ch.20  
Jalal, *Democracy and Authoritarianism*, conclusion