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History 48: South Asia and the World

This course places South Asia in the context of global history. The semester is structured into five units: the economics of colonization, nineteenth-century migrations, anti-colonial cosmopolitanism, global political ideologies, and postcolonial internationalism. How has globalization impacted South Asian economy, society and culture from the eighteenth century until today? Alternatively, how have South Asians influenced other societies through their travels and migrations? Major themes include colonial capitalism, indentured labor, the history of migrations to East Africa, the West Indies, North America and Europe and the creation of immigrant identities. We also study anti-colonial resistance movements, the relationship between nationalism and internationalism, and contemporary South Asian involvement in organizations such as the United Nations.

Required Books:

Chris Bayly, *Birth of the Modern World*

Sugata Bose, *One Hundred Horizons*

Amitav Ghosh, *Glass Palace*

Coursepack (digitized, available online). All texts listed below, except for the three books listed above, are included in the coursepack as excerpted selections.

Evaluation:

Class participation and response papers 15%

Midterm (take home) 15%

Literary review essay 20%

Oral presentations 10%

Final exam 40%

Unit One: Global Economics of Colonization

Week One: Introduction, early Globalizations

09/08 Tue: Introduction to global history

09/10 Thurs: Asia before Europe
Janet Abu-Lughod, *Before European Hegemony*
Sheldon Pollock, *Language of the Gods in the World of Men*

Week Two: The World Economy

09/15 Tue: Interregional economic zones of Asia

Andre Wink, *Indian Ocean Trade*
Philip Curtin, *Cross-Cultural Trade in World History*
Bayly, *Birth of the Modern World*, 27-47

09/17 Thurs: The rise of center and periphery
Immanuel Wallerstein, *The Modern World-System*
Sanjay Subrahmanyam, *Improvising Trade: Portuguese Trade and Settlement in the Bay of Bengal*

Week Three: From Colonialization to Imperialism

09/22 Tue: Imperial competition and settle colonialism
Chris Bayly, *Imperial Meridian*

09/24 Thurs: Global administration
Eric Stokes, *The English Utilitarians and India*
Thomas Metcalfe, *Imperial Connections: India and the Indian Ocean Arena*

Unit Two: Nineteenth-Century Migrations

Week Four: The Age of Colonial Liberalism

09/29 Tue: Free labor and Improvement
Chris Bayly, *Birth of the Modern World*, 125-168
Blair Kling, *Partner in Empire*

10/01 Thurs: Indentured Labor
David Northrup, *Indentured Labor in the Age of Imperialism*
Hugh Tinker, *A New System of Slavery*

Week Five: Migrations within the Indian Ocean

10/06 Tue: Trade networks

Rajat Kanta Ray, "Asian Capital in the Age of European Domination: The Rise of the Bazaar, 1800-1914," *Modern Asian Studies*, 29.3 (1995): 449-554

Sugata Bose, *A Hundred Horizons*, 72-121

10/08 Thurs: Workers for the global factory

Thomas Metcalfe, *Indian Ocean World 1860-1920*

Week Six: Cultural Migrations

10/13 Tue: Islamic Ecumenes

Chris Bayly, *Birth of the Modern World*, 325-363

Sugata Bose, *Hundred Horizons*, 193-233

10/15 Thurs: Travels to the colonial center

Michael Fischer ed., *The Travels of Dean Mahomet: An eighteenth-century Journey through India*

Rosina Visram, *Ayahs, Lascars, Princes: Indians in Britain 1700-1947*

Unit Three: Anti-Colonial Cosmopolitanism

Week Seven: Anti-colonial globalism 1905-1915

10/20 Tue: The year the world shook

Rajat Kanta Ray "Moderates, Extremists and Revolutionaries: Bengal, 1900-1908"

Chris Bayly, *Birth of the Modern World*, 199-243

10/22 Thurs: New networks of anti-colonialism

James Ker, *Political Trouble in India, 1907-1917*

T.R. Sareen, *Indian Revolutionary Movement Abroad, 1905-1921*

Week Eight: Internationalism between the Wars

10/27 Tue: Internationalism in the aftermath of WWI

Harald Fischer-Tine, 'Indian Nationalism and the World Forces': Transnational and Diasporic Dimensions of the Indian Freedom Movement on the Eve of the First World War", *Journal of Global History*, 2 (3) 2007, pp. 325-44.

Amitav Ghosh, *The Glass Palace* (finish by 11/05)

10/29 Thurs: The case of Indians in Europe
Nirode Barooah, *The Life and Times of an Indian Anti-Imperialist in Europe*

Week Nine: 1930s and 1940s

11/03 Tue: Solidarity
Rabindranath Tagore, *Letters from Russia*
Sugata Bose, *A Hundred Horizons*, 233-272

11/05 Thurs: India and the Second World War
Leonard Gordon, *Brothers against the Raj*
Gordon Corrigan, *Sepoys in the Trenches: the Indian Corps on the Western Front*

Literary review paper due.

Unit Four: Global Political Ideologies

Week Ten: Asianism

11/10 Tue: Asianism
Susan Bayly, 'Imagining "Greater India": French and Indian visions of colonialism in the Indic mode'
Ceymil Aydin, *Politics of Anti-Westernism in Asia*

11/12 Thurs: Greater India and Islamic Universalism
Rabindranath Tagore, *On Nationalism*
Mohammad Iqbal, *The Reconstruction of Religious Thought in Islam*

Week Eleven: Liberalism and Socialism

11/17 Tue: The League of Nations
Dina Verma, *India and the League of Nations*

Oral presentations.

11/19 Thurs: Communism
Kris Manjapra, "The Communist International"

Oral presentations.

Week Twelve: Fascism and Science

11/24 Tue: Fascist Internationalism

Mario Prayer, "Creative India and the World: Bengali Internationalism and Italy In the Interwar Period"

Zachariah, Benjamin, "Rethinking (the absence of) fascism in India

11/26 Thurs: Communities of Science

Meghnad Saha, "The Organisation of Scientific Research in India"

P.C. Mahalanobis, *Talks on Planning*

Zakir Husain, *Educational Reconstruction in India*

Unit Five: Postcolonial Internationalism

Week Thirteen: International Organizations and Development Discourse

12/01 Tue: Kashmir and the United Nations

Kashmir and the United Nations, report by Pakistan United States Embassy

Kashmir and the United Nations, report by India Ministry of External Affairs

Norrie Macqueen, *Peacekeeping and the International System*

12/03 Thurs: The Cold War Context

Vijay Prashad, *The Darker Nations*

Jyotsna Bakshi, *Russia and India: from ideology to geopolitics, 1947-1998*

Week Fourteen: Neo-Liberalism

12/08 Tue: High-Skilled South Asians Abroad

Vijay Prashad, *Karma of Brown Folk*

Devesh Kapur and John McHale, *Give Us Your Best and Brightest: The Global Hunt for Talent and Its Impact on the Developing World*

12/10 Thurs: Current Debates about Globalization and Social Justice

Kaushik Basu, 'India's Dilemmas: The Political Economy of Policymaking in a Globalised World' in: *Economics and Political Weekly*, February 2, 2008

Ajay Gudwarthy, 'Globalisation and Regionalisation' in: *Economics and Political Weekly*, June 13, 2009