SYLLABUS

History of Modern India
History 291
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COURSE OBJECTIVES

This course will introduce students to some of the main themes of modern India. Emphasis will be placed on political developments, but attention will be paid to religious, social, and economic matters. Major topics to be covered include: Mughal Empire; British conquest and rule; 1857 Mutiny; emergence and evolution of Indian nationalism; Hindu and Muslim revival; Gandhi; Jinnah and Muslim League; Nehru; Partition; and post-independence India and Pakistan. It is intended that students will leave the class with a solid grasp of the major political, religious, and social developments that have shaped modern South Asia.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Students will be expected to attend lectures regularly and to participate fully in class discussions. They must complete all assigned readings on time, and to be prepared to discuss the readings at those sessions. Group discussion of the assigned readings is an important part of the learning process in this course; hence class participation will be graded and those unable or unwilling to participate in class discussions in an informed and active manner may submit summaries of the assigned readings, which will help compensate for poor performance in group discussions. There will be two examinations, each largely essay in nature. There will also be a research paper (8-12 pages, minimum of four sources) due near the end of the semester. Late research papers will be automatically reduced by one letter grade. Final grades will be determined as follows: mid-term examination - 25%; final examination - 25%; research paper - 25%; class participation/written summaries - 25%.
BOOKS TO PURCHASE

J. Richards, The Mughal Empire
C. A. Bayly, Indian Society and the Making of the British Empire
S. Wolpert, A New History of India, 3rd ed.
S. Hay, ed., Sources of Indian Tradition, 2nd ed. (vol. II)
J. S. Hawley, ed., Sati
L. Rudolph and S. Rudolph, Gandhi: The Traditional Roots of Charisma
S. Gopal, ed., Nehru: An Anthology
M. J. Akbar, India: The Siege Within

COURSE OUTLINE

Week I: Introduction and Origins of Mughal Empire
January 13 Introduction
January 15 Muslim Conquests and Indian Resistance

Week II: Golden Age of the Mughals
January 18 M. L. King, Jr. Holiday
January 20 Akbar, Jahangir and Shah Jahan
January 22 Discussion: (Richards, pp. 19-25, 29-93, 96-107, 121-27, 138-50)

Week III: Aurangzeb’s India
January 25 Aurganzeb
January 27 Sikh and Rajput resistance
January 29 Discussion: (Richards, pp. 171-204, 250-52; Akbar, pp. 96-117)

Week IV: Deccan Wars and Mughal Decline
February 1 Marathas and Deccan Wars
February 3 Mughal Decline (Wolpert, Chpt. 12)
February 5 Discussion (Richards, pp. 205-24, 242-46, 253-97; Shivaji handout)

Week V: Eighteenth Century Political Crisis and Origins of British Rule
February 8 Indian crisis and European penetration (Wolpert, Chpt. 10)
February 10 Origins of British Raj (Wolpert, Chpt. 13)
February 12 Discussion (Bayly, Chpts. 1-3; Hay, pp. 3-35)

Week VI: Expansion, Revolt and Aftermath
February 15 British expansion and 1857 revolt (Wolpert, Chpts. 14-15)
February 17 1857 and aftermath of revolt (Wolpert, Chpt. 16)
February 19 Discussion (Bayly, Chpts. 4-6, Conclusion; Hawley, pp. 3-6, 11-15, 27-53, 72-78)
Week VII: Emergence of Indian Nationalism
February 22    Origins of Nationalism (Wolpert, Chpts. 17-18)
February 24    Religious Revival
February 26    Discussion (Hay, Chpts. 2-3; Meera Kosambi, “The Meeting of

Week VIII: Nationalism Turns Radical
    March 1    Extremists (Wolpert, Chpt. 19; Hay, Chpt. 4)
    March 3    Mid-Term Examination
    March 5    Indian Food (lunch at India Palace Restaurant)
SPRING BREAK MARCH 8-12

Week IX: Emergence of Gandhi
    March 15   Gandhi in South Africa
    March 17   Gandhi and Non-cooperation
    March 19   Discussion (Hay, Chpt. 6; Rudolphs [all])

Week X: Rise of Muslim Nationalism
    March 22   Origins of Muslim Political Identity
    March 24   Jinnah and the Muslim League
    March 26   Discussion (Hay, Chpts. 5, 7 [pp. 289-295])

Week XI: World War II and End of Empire
    March 29   1930s (Wolpert, Chpt. 21)
    March 31   End of Empire (Wolpert, Chpt. 22)
    April 2    Easter recess

Week XII: Independent India
    April 5    Nehru’s India: I
    April 7    Nehru’s India: II (Wolpert, Chpt. 23)
    April 9    Discussion: (Gopal, Parts 1, 5, 7-9; Akbar, Part I, Chpt. 6- 11)

Week XIII: Independent Pakistan
    April 12   Pakistan: I
    April 14   Pakistan: II
    April 16   Discussion (Hay, Chpt. 9; Akbar, Part I, Chpt. 2-5)

Week XIV: Indira Gandhi’s India
    April 19   Kashmir
    April 21   Indira Gandhi
    April 23   Discussion: (Akbar, Part II, Chpt. 1, 5-12)

RESEARCH PAPERS DUE APRIL 19

Week XV: Contemporary Problems and Issues
    April 26   Religion and Politics (Discussion: Akbar, pp. 291-316)
    April 28   Discussion (Hawley, Chpts. 3-4, 5 [pp. 159-72])
    April 30   Review