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SYLLABUS

History 294: Modern India
Rhodes College
Spring Semester 2007
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COURSE OBJECTIVES

This course will introduce students to some of the main themes of modern South Asian history. The emphasis will be on political developments, but some attention will be devoted to religious, social, economic and cultural matters. Major topics that will be covered include: decline of the Mughal empire and rise of regional powers; European imperialism and emergence of British rule; expansion and consolidation of British rule; 1857 mutiny-rebellion; origins and evolution of Indian nationalism; Hindu and Muslim revivals; Gandhi's rise to power; Muslim separatism; World War Two and Partition; Nehru's era; and post-colonial India and Pakistan.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Students are required to attend lectures regularly and to participate fully in class discussions. They will be expected to read all assigned readings on time and to be prepared to discuss those readings during the designated class sessions. Class participation will be graded; those unable or unwilling to participate in class discussions may submit summaries of the assigned readings to compensate. Excessive absences will affect the final course grade. There will be two take-home essay examinations; each will be graded on the basis of style, clarity, and organization, as well as content. Essay examinations submitted after the deadline has passed will be automatically reduced by one letter grade. **There are no exceptions to this rule.** Students must also properly cite all sources used for the essay assignment, including websites such as Wikipedia. **The professor reserves the right to assign a failing grade for the assignment, or for the entire course, for any misuse of sources.**

Final grades will be determined as follows: class participation - 30%; mid-term examination - 30 %; final examination - 40%.

Extra credit: During the course of the semester students will have the opportunity to earn extra credit by attending approved events, such as lectures, movies, and restaurant meals. Extra credit will also be awarded for book reviews (maximum of two) and visiting appropriate off-campus sites, such as the India Cultural Center and Temple in Eads. The amount of extra credit will vary for each activity and will be announced in advance.

TEXTBOOKS TO PURCHASE

H. Kulke and D. Rothermund, *A History of India*, 4th ed.

M. Gandhi, *Hind Swaraj*, ed. A. Parel

K. Singh, *Train to Pakistan*

COURSE OUTLINE

Week I: Getting Started: I

Jan. 11 Hinduism

Week II: Getting Started: II

Jan. 16 Islam and Sikhism

Map assignment due

Jan. 18 Social and Economic Background

Reading: S. Gordon, *Marathas, Marauders, and State Formation in Eighteenth-Century India*, Chpt. 5 [available in my public folder on the Academic Volume]

Week III: Eighteenth-Century Political Order: I

Jan. 23 Decline and Fall of the Mughal Empire

Jan. 25 Regional Powers

Reading: Gordon, *Marathas ...*, Chpt. 3 [available in my public folder]

Week IV: Eighteenth-Century Political Order: II

Jan. 30 Marathas and Sikhs

Reading: Gordon, *Marathas ...*, Chpt. 1 [available in my public folder]

Feb. 1 Europeans

Reading: Kulke and Rothermund [KR], pp. 214-31

Week V: Emergence of British Raj

Feb. 6 John Company Raj

Reading: KR, pp. 231-57

Feb. 8 An Empire of Opinion or of Reform?

Reading: L. Zastoupil and M. Moir, eds. *The Great Indian Education Debate*, pp. 1-72, 161-73, 205-24 [available in my public folder on the academic volume]

Week VI: 1857 and Aftermath

Feb. 13 Mutiny and Aftermath

Reading: KR, pp. 257-77

Feb. 15 Origins of Indian Nationalism

- Week VII: Reform, Religion and Nationalism
Feb. 20 Social Reform and Nationalism
Reading: M. Kosambi, "Meeting of the Twain" [available in my public folder]
Feb. 22 Religious Revival and Extremism
Reading: KR, pp. 284-91

- Week VIII: Gandhi
Feb. 27 Gandhi's Rise to Power
March 1 **Discussion:** Gandhi, *Hind Swaraj* (all)

- Week IX: Origins of Muslim Nationalism
March 6 Gandhi: Non-Cooperation and Civil Disobedience
MIDTERM EXAMINATIONS DUE BY 5:00, MARCH 6
March 8 Communalism and Muslim Political Identity

SPRING BREAK MARCH 12-16

- Week X: Muslim Nationalism
March 20 Impact of World War One
March 22 Jinnah and the Muslim League

- Week XI: Impact of World War Two
March 27 War and Partition
Reading: KR, pp. 308-24
March 29 **Discussion:** Singh, *Train to Pakistan* (all)

- Week XII: Independent India
April 3 Nehru's India
Reading: KR, pp. 325-34, 352-56
April 5 **Easter recess**

**MOVIE NIGHT WITH RICE: "LAGAAN"
APRIL 4, 7:00**

- Week XIII: Independent Pakistan
April 10 Mullahs and Constitutions
Reading: H. Abbas, *Pakistan's Drift into Extremism*, Chpt. 2 [available in my public folder]
April 12 Dictatorship, Civil War and Democracy
Reading: Abbas, *Pakistan's Drift*, Chpt. 6 [available in my public folder]

Week XIV: India after Nehru

April 17 Indira Gandhi, Rajiv Gandhi, and the BJP

Reading: KR, pp. 334-50, 356-61

April 19 Hindu Nationalism

Reading: T. B. Hansen, *The Saffron Wave*, pp. 3-14, 154-85 [available in my public folder]

Week XV: Pakistan and Its Discontents

April 24 Pakistan and Muslim Extremism

Reading: Abbas, *Pakistan's Drift*, Chpts. 9-10 [available in my public folder]

April 26 **Review**

FINAL EXAMINATIONS DUE AT BEGINNING OF FINAL EXAM PERIOD