

SEMESTER III

HIS-HC-3016: HISTORY OF INDIA III (c. 750 -1206)

Lectures : 5; Tutorial : 1 (per week)

Course Outcome: The completion of this paper will enable the students to relate and explain the developments in India in its political and economic fields and its relation to the social and cultural patterns therein in the historical time period between c.700 to 1206. They will also be able to analyse India's interaction with another wave of foreign influence and the changes brought in its wake in the period.

Unit I. Studying Early Medieval India:

- (a) Historical geography; Sources: texts, epigraphic and numismatic data
- (b) Debates on Indian feudalism, rise of the Rajputs and the nature of the state

Unit II. Political Structures:

- (a) Evolution of political structures: Rashtrakutas, Palas, Pratiharas, Rajputs and Cholas
- (b) Legitimization of kingship; brahmanas and temples; royal genealogies and rituals
- (c) Arab conquest of Sindh: nature and impact of the new set-up; Ismaili dawah
- (d) Early Turkish invasions: Mahmud of Ghazna; Shahab-ud-Din of Ghur

Unit III. Agrarian Structure and Social Change:

- (a) Agricultural expansion; crops
- (b) Landlords and peasants
- (c) Proliferation of castes; status of untouchables
- (d) Tribes as peasants and their place in the Varna order

Unit IV. Trade and Commerce:

- (a) Inter-regional trade
- (b) Maritime trade
- (c) Medium of exchange
- (d) Process of urbanization
- (e) Merchant guilds of South India

Unit V. Religious and Cultural Developments:

- (a) Bhakti, Tantricism, Puranic traditions; Buddhism and Jainism; Popular religious cults
- (b) Islamic intellectual traditions: Al-Biruni; Al-Hujwiri
- (c) Art and architecture: Evolution of regional styles

Readings:

- R.S. Sharma, *Indian Feudalism* (circa 300 - 1200).
B.D. Chattopadhyaya, *The Making of Early Medieval India*.
R.S. Sharma and K.M. Shrimali, eds, *Comprehensive History of India*, Vol. IV (A & B).
Mohammad Habib and K.A. Nizami, eds, *Comprehensive History of India*, Vol. V, The Delhi Sultanate
Hermann Kulke, ed., *The State in India* (AD 1000 - AD 1700).
N. Karashima, *South Indian History and Society (Studies from*

Inscriptions, AD 850 -1800

Derryl N. Maclean, *Religion and Society in Arab Sindh*.

Irfan Habib, *Medieval India: The Study of a Civilization*.

Richard Davis *Lives of Indian Images*.

Romila Thapar, *Somanatha: The Many Voices of a History*.

John S. Deyell, *Living Without Silver: The Monetary History of Early Medieval North India*.

Vijaya Ramaswamy, *Walking Naked: Women, Society, and Spirituality in South India*.

Burton Stein, *Peasant State and Society in Medieval South India*.

R. Champakalakshmi, *Trade, Ideology and Urbanization: South India, 300 BC to 1300 AD*.

Al. Beruni's India, NBT edition..

S C Mishra, *Rise of Muslim Communities in Gujarat*.

J. Schwartzberg, *Historical Atlas of South Asia*.

HIS-HC-3026: RISE OF THE MODERN WEST – I

Lectures : 5; Tutorial : 1 (per week)

Course Outcome: On completion of this course, the students will be able to explain the major trends and developments in the Western world between the 14th to the 16th century CE. They will be able to explore and analyse the significant historical shifts and events and the resultant effects on the civilizations of Europe in the period.

Unit I. Transition from feudalism (to capitalism):

[a] concepts of feudalism; regional variations

[b] The Crisis of Feudalism

[c] Economic Crisis : commercial decline, decay of towns and epidemics

[d] The transition debate : Maurice Dobb and Paul Sweezy; Marc Bloch, Georges Duby; the Brenner Debate

Unit II. Geographical explorations and early colonial expansion:

[a] Factors and motives behind voyages and explorations

[b] the conquests of the Americas:

[c] beginning of the era of colonization;

[d] mining and plantation; the African slaves.

Unit III. Renaissance:

[a] Origins and impact

[b] Humanism in Renaissance

[c] Re-discovery of Classics

[d] Italian influence on Art, Architecture, Culture, Education and Polity; Northern Humanism

Unit IV. Reformation in the 16th century: Origin and impact

[a] Martin Luther, John Calvin, Zwingli

[b] The Radical Reformation: Anabaptists, Huguenots

[c] English Reformation and the state

[d] Counter Revolution

Unit V. Economic developments of the sixteenth century: Shift of economic balance from the Mediterranean to the Atlantic; agricultural revolution , Enclosure movement; Commercial Revolution; Influx of American silver and the Price Revolution.

Readings:

- T.S. Aston and C. H. E. Philpin (eds.), *The Brenner Debate: Agrarian Class structure and Economic Development in Pre-industrial Europe*, Cambridge University Press. 2005
- H. Butterfield, *The Origins of Modern Science*.
- Carlo M. Cipolla, *Fontana Economic History of Europe*, Vols. II and III. Carlo M. Cipolla, *Before the Industrial Revolution, European Society and Economy*. 1000 -1700. 3rd ed. (1993)
- D. C. Coleman (ed.), *Revisions in Mercantilism*.
- Ralph Davis, *The Rise of the Atlantic Economics*.
- Maurice Dobb, *Studies in the Development of Capitalism*.
- J. R. Hale, *Renaissance Europe*.
- R. Hall, *From Galileo to Newton*.
- Christopher Hill, *A Century of Revolutions*.
- Rodney Hilton, *Transition from Feudalism to Capitalism*.
- H. G. Koenigsberger and G. L. Mosse, *Europe in the Sixteenth Century*.
- Stephen J. Lee, *Aspects of European History, 1494 - 1789*.
- G. Parker, *Europe in Crisis. 1598- 1648*.
- G. Parker and L. M. Smith, *General Crisis of the Seventeenth Century*.
- J. H. Parry, *The Age of Reconnaissance*.
- Meenaxi Phukan, *Rise of the Modern West: Social and Economic History of Early Modern Europe*.
- V. Poliensiky, *War and Society in Europe, 1618 - 48*.
- Theodore K. Rabb, *The Struggle for Stability in Early Modern Europe*.
- V. Scammell, *The First Imperial Age: European Overseas Expansion, 1400 - 1715*.
- Jan de Vries, *Economy of Europe in an Age of Crisis 1600 û 1750*.
- M. S. Anderson, *Europe in the Eighteenth Century*.
- Perry Anderson, *The Lineages of the Absolutist State*.
- Stuart Andrews, *Eighteenth Century Europe*.
- B. H. Slicher von Bath, *The Agrarian History of Western Europe. AD.500 - 1850*.
- The Cambridge Economic History of Europe. Vol. I - VI*.
- James B. Collins, *The State in Early Modern France: New Approaches to European History*.
- G. R. Elton, *Reformation Europe, 1517 û 1559*.
- M. P. Gilmore, *The World of Humanism. 1453 -1517*.
- Peter Kriedte, *Peasants, Landlords and Merchant Capitalists*.
- J. Lynch, *Spain under the Hapsburgs*.
- Peter Mathias, *First Industrial revolution*.
- Harry Miskimin, *The Economy of Later Renaissance Europe: 1460 -1600*.
- Charles A. Nauert, *Humanism and the Culture of the Renaissance*(1996).
- The New Cambridge Modern History of Europe, Vols. I -VII.
- L. W. Owie, *Seventeenth Century Europe*.
- D. H. Pennington, *Seventeenth Century Europe*.
- F. Rice, *The Foundations of Early Modern Europe*.

HIS-HC-3036: HISTORY OF INDIA IV (c.1206 - 1550)

Lectures : 5; Tutorial : 1 (per week)

Course Outcome: After completion of this course students will be able to explain the political and administrative history of medieval period of India from 1206 to 1550 AD. They will also be able to analyse the sources of history, regional variations, social, cultural and economic set up of the period.

Unit I. Sources:

- (a) Persian *tarikh* tradition
- (b) Foreigners' accounts; vernacular literature.
- (c) Epigraphy and numismatics.
- (d) Architecture.

Unit II. Polity:

- (a) Foundation, expansion and consolidation of the Sultanate of Delhi; Theories of kingship
- (b) The Khaljis and the Tughluqs; Mongol threat and Timur's invasion; The Sayyids; The Lodis: Conquest of Bahlul and Sikandar; Ibrahim Lodi and the battle of Panipat
- (c) Ruling elites; Sufis, *ulema* and the political authority; imperial monuments and coinage

Unit III. Society and Economy:

- (a) *Iqta*; revenue-free grants
- (b) Agricultural production; technology
- (c) Changes in rural society; revenue systems
- (d) Monetization; market regulations; growth of urban centers; trade and commerce; Indian Ocean trade

Unit IV. Regional Polities:

- (a) Bahmani, Vijayanagar,
- (b) Gujarat, Malwa, Jaunpur, Assam and Bengal
- (c) Consolidation of regional identities: art, architecture and literature

Unit V. Religion and Culture:

- (a) Sufi *silsilas*: Chishti and Suhrawardi; doctrines and practices; social roles; literature
- (b) Bhakti movements and monotheistic traditions in South and North India; Women Bhaktas; Nathpanthis; Kabir, Nanak and the Sant tradition

Readings:

Mohammad Habib and K.A. Nizami, eds, *Comprehensive History of India*, Vol. V, *The Delhi Sultanate*.

Satish Chandra, *Medieval India I*.

Peter Jackson, *The Delhi Sultanate*.

Catherine Asher and Cynthia Talbot, *India Before Europe*.

Tapan Raychaudhuri and Irfan Habib, eds, *Cambridge Economic History of India*, Vol. I.

K.A. Nizami, *Religion and Politics in the Thirteenth Century*.

W.H. McLeod, Karine Schomer, et al, Eds, *The Sants*.

S.A.A. Rizvi, *A History of Sufism in India*, Vol. I.

Mohibul Hasan, *Historians of Medieval India*.