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A. Faculty: Humanities and Social Sciences

Year: 5799

Course Code: 0037-1-172

Course Name:

Politics, Society, and Law in Modern India

Lecturer:

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Course Schedule:

To be agreed in advance.

Course Objectives:

This course will deal with research on conflicts and the analysis of political dynamics in Indian democracy, the largest and most democratic democracy in the world. Throughout the course, we will focus on central issues in government, law, and politics in India, especially in the context of religious, ethnic, linguistic, gender, social, and regional aspects. We will also analyze the country's relations with its neighbors. The course will focus on post-independent India (since 1947) and includes theoretical and comparative perspectives. The students will develop skills in case study analysis, and gain knowledge about the case studies themselves.

Guidelines and Requirements:

- Attendance and active participation in lectures are mandatory, including reading bibliographies and supplementary materials provided by the course model.
- Successful completion of assignments.
- There will be class discussions and a variety of reading and viewing assignments.

The course is not recommended for first-year students.

The course grade will be given as follows:

- Attendance and participation - will not be credited, but can be taken into account, or result in failure, cases of missing sessions.
- Intermediate assignment - analysis of an article or two articles from the selected readings in the syllabus (20%).
- Final assignment - 80% of a comprehensive final exam (considered as 100% of the final mark). The final exam will be held before the summer vacation. The exam will be held at the scheduled time.

Course Structure:

The topics covered in the course:

Lesson No. 1:
2.02: The Role of the Indian State in Politics

Readings:


Optional Readings:


Skocpol, Theda. "Bringing the State Back in." In Peter Evans, Dietrich Rueschemeyer, & Theda Skocpol (Eds.). *Bringing the State Back In*. Cambridge University Press, 1985: 3-37.


Connor, Walker. “A Nation is a Nation, is a State, is an Ethnic Group, is a…” *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 1(10) 1978: 377-400.


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**Readings:**


Optional Readings:


Chakrabarty, Dipesh. "‘In the Name of Politics’: Democracy and the Power of the Multitude in India." Public Culture 19(1) 2007: 35-57.


Readings:


Selected parts of Supreme Court Verdicts.

Optional Readings:


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Optional Readings:


Jacob, Suraj. "Gender and Legislative Performance in India”. Politics & Gender, 10(2) 2014: 236-264.


Torgovnick, May Kate. TED Fellow Shalini Kantayya bravely shares her story of sexual assault in India, 2013: http://blog.ted.com/ted-fellow-shalini-kantayya-bravely-shares-her-story-of-sexual-assault.in-india


Readings:

Varshney, Ashutosh. "How has Indian Federalism Done?" Studies in Indian Politics 1(1) 2013: 43-63.


Optional Readings:


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Optional Readings:


Readings:

Ganguly, Sumit & Manjeet S. Pardesi. "Explaining Sixty Years of India's Foreign Policy." India Review 8(1) 2009: 4-19.


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