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**British Rule In India**

**Course Description:** South Asia today is strategically a vital part of the world which as significant implications for the international order at the beginning of the new millennium. This course will cover the entire spectrum of modern South Asian history, cultural, economic political and social that seeks to take full account of the striking new developments in the field. The focus of study will be on the role of intermediate social groups in the construction of British raj and more on subaltern social groups in anti-colonial resistance, also the part played by the colonial state in the reinvention of communal and cast categories. The refashioning of social relations of class by the linking of Indian economic regions to wider capitalist systems will also be focused. The study of the impact of the interplay between national, communal and regional levels of politics on the process of decolonization will also be the part of this course.

**Objectives of Course:**

* At the end of the course the students will be expected to understand the rich and complex layers of Culture of South Asia, and also strategically as a vital part of the world.
* To understand the Colonial political and economic policies in India, the twin dialectics of centralism and regionalism and of nationalism and communitarianism.
* To understand the invention of communally defined political categories in the early twentieth century and a dialectic between communitarian and provincial as well as religious and linguistic identities.

The following books are recommended as compulsory and optional to this course.

**Compulsory:** Sugata Bose & Ayesha Jalal.(2002). Modern South Asia:

History,Culture,Political Economy.NewYork: Routledge

**Optional :** C.A,.Bayly.(1988) Indian Society and the making of the British Empire. Cambridge.

Francis, Robinson.(1974) Separatism among Indian Muslims: The politics of united Provinces Muslims, 1860 -1923. Cambridge.

Partha, Chaterjee.(1986,1993).nationalist thought and the colonial world; a Derivative Discourse.University of Minnesota press.

**Course Requirements** : All students are required to attend the classes regularly to complete the required weekly readings to join in class discussions. Students should write two assignments during the semester which should tackle one of the issues dealt in the course. Attendance and Participation 10%, Assignments 20%, Mid-Term exam 30%, Final exam 40%.

**Weekly Schedule and Reading Assignments:**

**Week 1.** South Asian History: an Introduction

**Week 2.** The Mughal Empire; state, economy and society

**Week 3.**  India between empires: decline or decentralization?

**Week 4.** Transition to Colonialism: resistance and collaboration

**Week 5.** The First Century of British Rule, 1757-to 1857: state and economy

**Week 6.** Company raj and Indian Society 1757-1857: reinvention and reform of ‘Tradition ‘.

**Week 7.** 1857 : rebellion, collaboration and the transition to crown raj.

**Week 8.** Highnoon of colonialism, 1858-1914; State and Political economy.

**Week 9.** A nation in making? Rational, Reform, religious revival and swadeshi nationalism, 1858 to 1914.

**Week 10.** Gandhian Nationalism and mass politics in the 1920s.

**Week 11.** The Depression Decade: society, economics and politics.

**Week 12.** Nationalism and colonialism during world war 2 and its aftermath: economic crisis and political confrontation.

**Week 13.**  Partition of India and the creation of Pakistan.