

SEMESTER AT SEA COURSE SYLLABUS

Discipline: Politics

Fall 2008

PLCP 363Z: Politics in India and Pakistan

Upper Division

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Pre-requisites: None.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will explore parallel activities in politics, economic development and security in India and Pakistan since 1947, with special focus on this decade. We'll cover nationalism, democracy, militarism, religion, energy, environment, and ethnic and regional issues. Finally, we'll examine the competition between India and Pakistan over nuclear arms and Kashmir, its destabilizing effects and possible outcomes. Using online materials and knowledge gained through field trips and lectures in India, class members will prepare team presentations on self-chosen topics, such as Kashmir, the role of women, economic and energy development, and the role in the region of the US and China.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. Appreciate the very different post-1947 histories of India and Pakistan.
2. Understand the religious, ethnic and communal divisions within India and Pakistan.
3. Learn about the various social and economic development challenges facing each country.
4. Contrast the leadership of the two countries.
5. Explore the military rivalry between the two countries, focusing on Kashmir, and cross-border insurgency and the nuclear race.

REQUIRED READING

Guha, INDIA AFTER GANDHI (2007), and Abbas, PAKISTAN'S DRIFT INTO EXTREMISM (2004)

TOPICAL OUTLINE OF COURSE

1. Guha, Prologue (Sets up the question and controversy about the sustainability of democracy in India)
2. Guha, Chapter 1: Freedom and Parricide (partition, independence and death of Gandhi)
3. Guha, Chapter 6: Ideas of India (the making of the constitution)
4. Guha, Chapter 9: Redrawing the map (division of states, controversies, main architect and the processes)
5. Guha, Chapter 10: The conquest of nature (planning and industrialization in Nehruvian India)
6. Guha, Chapter 17: Minding the minorities (post Nehru scuffles and negotiations with minorities)
7. Guha, Chapter 24: Democracy in disarray (Indira Gandhi's death and Punjab violence)
8. Guha, Chapter 27: Riots (ethnic, regional and state violence and the integrity of the state in the last two decades)
9. Guha, Chapter 28 Rulers (argues India is a populist and not a constitutional democracy)
10. Epilogue: Why India survives
11. Team presentations: India as an Asian Power; India and China; India and the U.S.
12. Team presentations: social and economic issues.
13. Team presentations: Kashmir
14. Team Presentations: the rise of Hindu nationalism in India
15. Team Presentations: the rise of Islamic fundamentalism in Pakistan
16. Pakistan: The Early Years: A Dream Deferred
17. Ayub Era: Kashmir and the 1965 War with India; General Yahya and the Dismemberment of Pakistan
18. Zulfikar Ali Bhutto: The Charismatic; General Zia-ul-Haq: The Redefinition of a Country
19. A Return to Democracy: Benazir Bhutto and Nawaz Sharif
20. General Pervez Musharraf; Jihadi Outfits: Pakistan's "Rent-a-Son" Agencies
21. 9/11 and the War on Terror; The Road Ahead
22. Review of course's major themes
23. FINAL EXAM

FIELD COMPONENT

Each student should make every effort to attend at least ONE of my faculty directed practica in Chennai; students are strongly encouraged to attend both FDPs in Chennai. Also, students will be required to do an independent practicum designed by you and approved by me. Each student will prepare three reports of 1000 words each explaining what she/he learned in each practicum about the politics of India and/or Pakistan.

SUGGESTED PRACTICA:

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| SOUTH AFRICA: | Climate and Change Environmental Scientist (FDP) |
| INDIA: | Swaminathan Research Foundation (FDP); Consumer Action Group (FDP) |
| HONG KONG: | Environmental Attitudes and Values in China (FDP) |

METHODS OF EVALUATION

Attendance and discussion participation – 30%
team presentations– 20%
field report – 20%
final exam – 30%

REQUIRED TEXTS

See required reading, above.

LIBRARY BOOKS (to be provided by the instructor)

1. Bose and Jalal, Modern South Asia (1998)
2. Mehta, Snakes and Ladders (1997)
3. Naipaul, India: A Million Mutinies Now (1990)
4. Rosencranz, Environmental Law and Policy in India (2001)
5. Tharoor, India: From Midnight to the Millennium (1997)
6. Weaver, Pakistan: In the Shadow of Jihad and Afghanistan (2002)