

## South Asian Politics

Sugata Bose & Ayesha Jalal. 1998. Modern South Asia: History, Culture, Political Economy. New York: Routledge.

Robert Hardgrave & Stanley Kochanek. 2008. India: Government and Politics in a Developing Nation. Boston: Thomson/Wadsworth.

**In-classroom, students will lead the discussion of that week's topic. Each of the two**

discussion leaders should prepare a written overview of the assigned material, focusing on a particular issue with the purpose of stimulating debate or discussion on the topic. I will distribute the overview to the other students prior to the start of class. Please email me the document no later than 8pm the night before we meet. The overview should be 2-3 pages long, and you should be prepared to present it or read it out loud in class. Leading the discussion requires doing the following:

- (i) Providing a joint 15-20 minute summary of the readings, and a thoughtful critique in light of the literature.
- (ii) Providing a list of questions and issues for the whole class to discuss.
- (iii) Providing a joint 10-15 minute conclusion of the class discussion.

Students will also write a 1-page reading response (double spaced, 12pt font with standard margins) to the readings for a week of their choice in which they are reading the discussion. A good reading response summarizes the arguments of the relevant readings on the syllabus, gives a thoughtful critique, raises interesting political science questions and tries to answer them or analyze ways in which they can be answered using rigorous methodology. I recommend that you start working on the reading response early. All reading responses must be submitted before 11:59pm on April 16th, regardless of which week's reading it focuses on.

Students will also write a 25-30 page final paper for the class on a topic of their interest concerning South Asian politics. Before writing the paper, students should do some background research on their topic, referencing at least a few sources not included on the course syllabus. These references should be mostly academic in nature, but may also include newspaper articles from credible media sources specializing in South Asia. The topic of the paper should be chosen in consultation with me. A first draft of the paper which should be approximately 20 pages is due at 11:59pm on April 2nd. The final paper is due at 11:59pm on May 9th, 2014. Please email me both the draft and final versions of the paper.

Your grade will be determined as follows

Class Participation:	20%
Summary Notes & Discussion:	20%
Reading Response:	20%
Final Paper:	40%

### **Course Outline**

Jan. 21 - The Precolonial

Feb. 18 ~~D~~ Authoritarianism and Democracy in the Postcolonial State ~~2~~ [2]

- Bose & Jalal. pp. 162-204.
- Ayesha Jalal. 1995 ~~D~~ Democracy and Authoritarianism in South Asia ~~6~~ CUP. Ch. 3.

Feb. 25 ~~D~~ Contemporary Indian Politics ~~1~~ [1]

- Hardgrave & Kochaneck. pp. 250-515.

March 4 ~~D~~ Caste Politics in India ~~1~~ [1]

- Robert Deliege. 2001 ~~T~~ The Untouchables of India ~~3~~ Bloomsbury Academic. Ch. 1.
- Christophe Jaffrelot. 2000. "The Rise of the Other Backward Castes in the Hindi Belt," *Journal of Asian Studies*
- Avidit Acharya, John Roemer & Rohini Somanathan. 2013. "Caste Politics, Corruption and Distribution in India: The Effect of Voter Preferences on Distribution Policies in Uttar Pradesh," Yale University Working Paper.

March 18 ~~D~~ No Class (to be rescheduled for a special guest lecture by Alexander Lee)

March 25 ~~D~~ National Identities [2]

- France Bhattacharya. 2002. "East Bengal: Between Islam and Regional Identity" in Christophe Jaffrelot (ed.) *History of Pakistan and its Origins* Anthem Press.
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April 15 Ð Constitution Building in Nepal [2]

- Asian Survey Articles: Nepal and Bhutan in 2006, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11, 12.
- Sumit Ganguly & Brian Shoup. 2005. "Nepal: Between Dictatorship and Anarchy" Journal of Democracy
- Mahendra Lawoti. 2005. Toward a Democratic Nepal: Inclusive Political Institutions for a Multicultural Society Sage Publications. Ch. 4.

April 22 Ð Nuclear South Asia [2]

- Vipin Narang. 2010. "Posturing for Peace? Pakistan's Nuclear Postures and South Asian Stability" International Security
- Vipin Narang. 2009. "Pride and Prejudice and Prithvis" in Scott D. Sagan (ed.) Inside Nuclear South Asia Stanford University Press.
- Hardgrave & Kochanek. Ch. 10.

April 29 Ð Development and the Future of South Asia [2]

- Bose & Jalal. pp. 202-210.
- Hardgrave & Kochanek. pp. 44-73.
- Jagdish Bhagwati & Arvind Panagariya. Why Growth Matters 2013. pp. 426.
- Jean Dreze & Amartya Sen. 2013. Uncertain Glory: India and its Contradictions. Ch. 1