

Department of History
NEW SYLLABUS (2020-21 onwards)
SEMESTER 1

HIST CC 101: Ancient Indian History and Its Archaeological Foundations

I) Introduction:

Literary and Archaeological sources (stone tools, ceramics, coins, epigraphy, etc.) .

II) Prehistory and Protohistory:

1. Prehistory and Protohistory: definition, scope, terminology and periodization.
2. Hominid fossils, earliest stone tools (typological classification and techniques: direct percussion, block-on-block/ anvil technique, step technique, cylinder hammer or hollow hammer technique, punching technique, pressure flaking, compound technique clactonian flaking, levallois technique, fluting technique, polishing and grinding technique), India in the current scheme of Human Evolution.
3. Palaeolithic sites, sequences and materials: Baluchistan, Sind, North-western Frontier (Peshawar Plain, Potwar Plateau), Himalayan and Sub-Himalayan Areas (Kashmir, Ladakh, Jammu, Himachal Pradesh and Indian Punjab), Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Goa and Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, West Bengal, Tripura, Assam, and Other North-eastern Areas (Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, and Meghalaya), Bangladesh, Jharkhand, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Nepal.
Epi-Palaeolithic- Mesolithic transition.
Early Pleistocene beginning of Palaeolithic culture of the Indian subcontinent, environment, sequence and industries, chronology, elements of cognitive behaviour, general pattern of life.
4. The Mesolithic evidence: microliths in the Pleistocene bracket, early Holocene adaptations: microliths associated with the evidence of animal domestication, excavated early Mesolithic sites with habitational evidence; the Mesolithic survivors (continuity of microliths using traditions), rock art of the Mesolithic period.
5. Problem of the beginning of food production in India and the evidence from Mehrgarh, the

growth of villages from Baluchistan to western Uttar Pradesh: Kili Ghul Mohammad, Burj Basket-marked, Togau, Kechi Beg/ Hakra Wares, Amri-Nal, Kot Diji, Sothi-Siswal, Dam Sadaat phases.

6. Origin, terminology and chronology of the Harappan civilization, distribution and morphological features of Mature Harappan settlements, aspects of the Harappan civilization: agriculture and animal husbandry, internal and external trades, use of Metals, Pottery, Miscellaneous Crafts, Seals and Writings, Weights and Linear measurements, social and political framework, religion, burials and skeletal biology, Harappan art; decline of the Harappan urban centres; Late Harappan phase and legacy of the Harappan civilization.

7. Neolithic-Chalcolithic cultures outside the Harappan orbit, terminology, distribution and features: the mountains in the north (from Baluchistan to the Almorah hills), the Aravallis, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, south Indian Neolithic and Chalcolithic (the evidence from Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka), Odisha, the North-Eastern states, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, upper Ganga valley Copper Hoards, Haryana, Punjab, Jammu; beginning of rice cultivation in the central Ganga plain and other issues.

8. Early use of iron: the northwest, Kashmir, southeast Rajasthan, Malwa, south Indian Megaliths, West Bengal, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh; mature phase of the use of iron and associated debates.

III) Early Historical and Historical Period

1. The foundations of Early Historic India: debates associated with chronology and the arrival of the Northern Black Polished Ware (NBPW); date of Buddha, emergence of the Sixteen Mahajanapadas (based on the evidence of Buddhist, Jaina and later Vedic literatures), identifications of these geo-political orbits, debates pertaining to the so-called _Second Urbanization; the rise of Magadha.

2. Historical archaeology in India: problems of definition and chrono-cultural phases; general features of Early Historical archaeology; region-wise survey of Early Historical sites- urban centres/ cities; cultural and trading units, etc.

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HIST CC 102:

Early and Early Medieval India: Debates and Perspectives (1500 BCE- 1200 CE)

- I. Early Vedic economy and society: forms of property and forces of production – issues of the ‘lineage’ and ‘householding’ systems – religious practices and ideologies – forces of change. Later Vedic Age – Settlement of the Ganga-Yamuna Doab – expansion of agriculture and economic growth – ‘Second Urbanization’ – religion and philosophy of the later Vedic texts – towards the *Mahajanapadas*.
2. Dissent and Protest: the context of heterodox religions – Jainism and Buddhism – their philosophy and their implications – the social base of heterodox religions – patronage and spread– the rise of Magadha – the *Arthashastra* problem – the historian and the *Indica* – the importance of Asokan edicts – *dhamma* – debates on the nature of the Mauryan state – decline of the Mauryan state - assessing the Mauryan legacy; going beyond the stereotypes of ‘Dark Ages’ and ‘Golden Ages’
3. Social structure: varna, jati, gender; the idea of varna-samkara – position of women in the early Vedic and later Vedic ages
5. Literary and technical works in Prakrit, Sanskrit and Tamil
6. Debate on the periodisation of Indian history, the notion of the early medieval, the debate on the features of the early medieval period
7. The feudalism debate – RS Sharma, Harbans Mukhia et al - The Urbanisation debate – RS Sharma, BD Chattopadhyay, Champaklakshmi et al - trade and commerce, monetisation in early medieval India
8. Burton Stein and the concept of Segmentary State; the nature of the Chola state
9. Religion and Literature in Early Medieval India
10. Position of women in early medieval India

Select Readings:

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HIST CC 103: Art, Architecture, Literature and Society in Early India

1. Harappan art in terracotta, stone and metal, seals and sealings.

Harappan town planning: public buildings (dockyards, granaries, etc.), private houses, orientation of streets, cemetery, etc.

2. Mauryan art and architecture (pillars, animal figures, sculptures).

3. Relief sculptures and early Indian Narrative art (2nd – 1st Century BCE): select case studies from Bharhut, Sanchi, Bodhgaya, Amaravati, Nagarjunakonda, Sannati; debates associated with the concept of discontinuity between the art of the Mauryan and the Post-Mauryan periods (evidence from Deorkothar complex and others).

4. Development of Buddhist architectures, *caityas*, *stupas*, and *viharas*: Sanchi, Amaravati, Nagarjunakonda, Sannati, Bharhut, etc.; architectural features of the early rock-cut caves of Eastern and Western India: Bihar (Barabar and Nagarjuni hills and Sitamarhi near Gaya), the Deccan and Gujarat (Bhaja, Kondane, Pitalkhora, Caves 8, 9, 10, 12 at Ajanta, Bedsa, Pandu Lena at Nasik, Junnar and Karle, Kanheri, etc.), the Andhra region (Guntapalli, etc.), Odisha (Udaygiri-Khandagiri, Lalitagiri).

5. Urban centres (town planning) of the Early Historical period: perspectives from texts, select case studies from Taxila, Charsada, Sanghol, Mathura, Sonkh, Hulas, Hastinapur, Kausambi, Sringaverpura, Rajghat, Bhita, Kheradih, Masaon, Vaisali, Pataliputra, Sisupalgarh etc.
6. The art of the Bactro-Gandhara region (1st Century BCE to Mid 1st Century CE): Kapisha, Gandhara, Swat Valley and Mathura regions; artistic developments under the Kusanas: art and architecture of the Bactro-Gandhara region, Mathura and related sites, Non-Buddhist sculptures at Mathura.
7. Sculptural art of the Gupta Period: Udaygiri, Eran, Sanchi, Mathura, Sarnath etc.; Buddhist art in the North West; structural temples in stone and brick of the Gupta period: select case studies; sculptural art of the Gupta aftermath: Eran, Mandasor, Bodhgaya, Nalanda, Sultanganj, Mundesvari, Apsadh, Samalaji, etc.
8. The Buddhist rock-cut architectures and sculptures (5th-7th Centuries CE): Ajanta (under the Vakatakas), Bagh, Kanheri (under the Vakatakas and Traikutakas), Aurangabad (under the Vakatakas and Kalacuris), Ellora; Brahmanical rock-cut architectures and sculptures of the Deccan: Elephanta (under the Early Kalacuris), Aihole and Badami (under the Early Western Calukyas); Brahmanical rock-cut architectures and sculptures under the Pallavas and Pandyas; Brahmanical rock-cut architectures and sculptures under the Rastrakutas at Ellora.
9. The canonical classification of the temple architecture: Nagara, Dravida and Vesara; structural temples and sculptures under the Western Calukyas and related schools of the Deccan, the Eastern Calukyas, the Pallavas, Orissa and related schools, temples and sculptures under the Gurjara-Pratiharas of Kanauj, the Haihayas / Kalacuris of Tripuri, the Candellas of Bundelkhand (Khajuraho), the Solankis of Gujarat; Kashmir and related schools, Bihar and Bengal under the Palas and Senas; Cholas and related schools, temples and sculptures under the Western Gangas, the Later Calukyas of Kalyani, the Kakatiyas, the Hoysalas, the Vijayanagara period, temples and sculptures under the Nayakas; the Kerala region; *Mahaviharas* of the later periods: select case studies from Nalanda, Ratnagiri, Paharpur, etc.
10. Indian rock-shelter paintings, murals, manuscript paintings, etc.
11. Terracotta art from the pre-Harappan period to the post-Gupta Period.
12. Social dimensions of Indian art.
13. Early Indian literatures:
 - a) Vedic and later Vedic period: The Samhitas, the Brahmanas, the Aranyakas, the

Upanishads, Upanishads and Sutras

b) Epics and Puranas.

c) Early Jaina and Buddhist texts

d) Dharmasutra, Dharmasastra and Arthasastra

e) Biographies and chronicles

f) Creative literatures and works on varied subjects.

14. A brief review of the traditions of historical writings: the Itihasa-Purana tradition, Graeco-Roman tradition, Chinese and Tibetan tradition, Arabic and Persian tradition.

b) Forces of production, forms of property and social formations.

c) Caste system in ancient India

d) *Varna*, *jati* and marriages; position of women

e) Social stratification and legal system.

f) Stages in the history of the untouchables.

HIST CC 104: History of Environmental Ideas

Global Perspective

1. Environmentalism, desiccationalism and environmental history.

2. Global environmental history from Edmund Halley to John F. Richards.

3. Global environmental thinking in the 1920s and 1930s.

4. From Glacken to Crosby global climate anomalies and environmental history – The Americas, the Africanists and the Asianists.

5. The idea of Tropics and Climate change.

6. Eco-feminism and Eco-feminist movements all over the world.

South East Asian Perspective

1. Ecology in the pre-colonial period a brief survey – Early Man and Environment in South Asia.

2. The colonial state and constructions of Nature: Debates over Environmental Degradation.

3. The colonial scientific community its environmental agenda: Expansion of the Railways and its impact on Indian forests – History of the British Forest policy, a critical analysis of early Forest Acts – Imperial Environmentalism or Environmental Imperialism?
4. Early environmentalism – role of the British naturalists, colonial management of forests, and its impact on the indigenous people, rights, and collective resistance.
5. Colonial scientists and the mechanisms of a global climate – case studies.
6. History of the water resources, including rivers, canals, and dams in India.
7. The flora and fauna – desiccation and changes in the 19th and 20th centuries.
8. Forest knowledge – a case study of the Sundarbans in Bengal.
9. Historiography of the environmental history of South Asia.
10. India and the North-South politics of global environmental issues.
11. The Environmental Refugees—different aspects.

Select Readings:

- Arnold, D. & Guha, R, *Nature Culture and Imperialism: Essays on the Environmental History of South Asia*, OUP, 1998
- Baviskar, A., *Waterscapes: The Cultural Politics of Natural Resources*, Permanent Black, 2007
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HIST CC 105: Economy, State and Society in Medieval India 1200-1700

- 1.The land revenue systems of the Delhi Sultans with emphasis on Alauddin Khalji's land revenue reforms; the market policies of Alauddin Khalji.
- 2.The Iqta system and its evolution under the Delhi Sultans.
- 3.The land revenue systems of Mughal India with emphasis on Akbar's Ain i Dahsala.
- 4.The wajhdari system, the mansabdari system, subsequent changes in the system; the Mughal ruling class-nobility- jaigirdars - mansabdars.
- 5.The nature of zamindari right and categories of zamindars;, the village community in medieval India; categories of peasantry.
- 6.Jagirdari crisis, agrarian crisis agrarian revolts, lower caste movements; the downfall of the Mughal empire.
- 7.Nature of the Vijayanagar state – economy, society and culture of the Vijayanagar empire; the nayankara system.
8. Society in the Sultanate period: Muslim society and the role of Ulema and other dominant religions groups; impact of Islam on society; whether Sultanate was a theocratic state.
- 9.Mughal art, architecture and painting.
- 10.Religious Movements: Bhakti movement and Sufism; interaction of cultures.

Select Readings:

- Ahmad, Aziz, *Studies in Islamic Culture in the Indian Environment*, New Delhi, 1991
- Ahmed, Muhammad Aziz *Political History and Institutions of the Early Turkish Empire of Delhi (1206-1290)*, Delhi, 1972

- Alam, Muzaffar, *The Crisis of the Empire in Mughal North India: Awadh and Punjab*, Delhi, 1993
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SEMESTER 2

HIST CC 201: The Rise of Islam: Contestations and Negotiations

1. Survey of sources in medieval Indian history: historical writings, contemporary texts, travelogues, indigenous literatures, archaeological sources.
2. Historiographical debates regarding transition to the Sultanate period.
3. Foundation and consolidation of the Delhi Sultanate: early Muslim invasions, coming of the Turks, Mahmud of Ghazni, Muhammad of Ghur, Qutbuddin Aibak, Iltutmish, Raziyya Sultan, Balban, the Khiljis, the Tughlaqs, Timur's invasion, the Sayyids and Lodis, rise of regional states with special reference to the Bengal Sultanate; decline of the Delhi Sultanate; state and society under the Delhi Sultanate.
4. The kingdom of Vijayanagar; central and provincial administrations, land revenue, army, society.
5. The Bahmani kingdom and the Deccani Sultanates: administrative parameters of the Bahmani state; the Bahmani successors: the Nizam Shahis of Ahmednagar, the Imad Shahis of Berar, the Adil Shahis of Bijapur, the Qutb Shahis of Golconda, the Barid Shahis of Bidar.
6. The Mughal empire: establishment of Mughal rule: Babur's accession to the throne, his central Asian connection, Humayun and Sher Shah Sur interlude.
7. Political achievement, administrative and religious policies of Akbar; his successors: Jahangir, Shah Jahan, Aurangzeb.
8. Mughal administration, central and provincial; land revenue, the army, the judiciary; decline of the Mughal empire.
9. Ascent of the Marathas under Shivaji; rise of the Peshwas, emergence of the regional states: Punjab, the Jats, the Rajputs, Awadh, Bengal, Bihar and Odisha, Rohilkhand, Hyderabad, Karnataka, Mysore, etc.

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HIST CC 202 History of Ideas- Art, Architecture, Literature and Religion of Medieval India: Art and Architecture

1. The sources of art and architecture of the medieval India.
2. Islamic art and architecture under the Delhi Sultanate :the imperial style - under the Slave kings, the Khaljis, the Tughlaqs, the Sayyids and the Lodis.
3. Islamic art and architecture of the regional states - the Provincial Styles: Bengal, Jaunpur, Malwa, Bijapur, Khandesh, Kashmir, Sasaram.
4. Art and architecture of the medieval Deccan.
5. Art and architecture of the Vijayanagara state.
6. Art, architecture (including courts, palaces, royal Cities, gardens), painting and music of the Mughal India.
7. Legitimizing ideologies of Mughal art and architecture.
8. The development of non/Islamic art and architecture with special reference to Bengal.

Religion:

- a. Islam and Muslims in South Asia: historiographical trends
- b. Patterns of religious authority: Sufis and Ulama.
- c. Bhakti movement: historical background, Saint Traditions.
- d. Saiva-Sakta religious tradition, Vaisnavism, Sikhism
- e. Religion in early modern South Asia: varieties and diversities.

Literature;

1. Sultanate Period: early Sultanate chroniclers; Khusrau and the turn of the thirteenth century; The efflorescence of Sultanate historiography – Barani and Isami; retrospective accounts of Nizam al-Din, Badauni and Firishta.

2. Literary sources of the Mughal period: Persian chronicles: imperial histories; non-state chronicles; regional histories: Gujarat, Malwa and Bengal; The *akhlaq* literature; works on ethics and morality; memoirs, diaries and biographies, biographies of nobles and scholars; Hindawi sources; travellers' accounts, travelogues by European and Asian travelers; religious writings: *malfuzat*, *maktubat*, *tazkiras*, etc.
3. Vernacular literary works of medieval Bengal: Mangal-Kavya, Vaisnava literature and others.

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HIST CC 203: 18th Century India and Transition to Colonialism

1. Mughal absolutism and its crisis – various interpretations of the decline of the Mughal empire
2. Eighteenth century debate: ‘Evolution or Revolution’; recent trends in the historiography on the eighteenth century ‘crisis’
3. Emerging regional cultures: Awadh, Bengal, Hyderabad, Mysore and the far South

4. Bengal under Murshid Quli Khan – his land revenue experiments, Alivardi Khan, Siraj-ud Daulah and conflict with the English East India Company – the Battle of Plassey – Battle of Buxar; grant of Diwani; Dual System
5. Drain of wealth; issue of private inland trade, destruction of cotton textile industry
6. Land settlement & agrarian relations: Permanent, Ryotwari, & Mahalwari settlements.
7. Administrative and constitutional changes during the Company's rule – formation of Charter Acts – changes in educational policy of the British Government in India – development of the state apparatus: army, bureaucracy and police
8. Colonial ideology & colonial rule: The white man's burden; Orientalism, Utilitarianism, missionary activity & Evangelicalism
9. Popular resistance: The Faqir & Sannyasi revolts & the Chuars, Santhal rebellion
10. Great Revolt of 1857: background, nature, recent writings, impact.

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HIST CC 204: Europe in Transition 1300-1800

1.Renaissance humanism and the new view of man – rediscovery of the classics – humanism as a social ideology – the restoration of the dignity of man – implications for education, art and architecture, science, technology and the age of discovery

2.Printing Revolution – new techniques of warfare and military revolution – the origins of modern science – the voyages and discovery of the New World

3.Absolutism and formation of early modern states

4.Humanism and Political theory – Machiavelli and Thomas More. Reformation as reinforcement of absolutist Lutheranism – Calvinism Zwingli, and its impact on the modern states of Europe. Reformation in the national contexts

5.Scientific Revolution – Science and culture in the age of masses. Scientific Institutions, Scientific Committees of contemporary times

6.The decline of feudalism and the transition from feudalism to capitalism - the Transition Debate

7.Europe in 1500 – Political, Economic and Social overview

Select Readings:

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HIST CC 205: Socio-Economic History of Bengal 1700-1947

- 1.The pre- colonial economic heritage: an examination of the nature of pre-Plassey economy of Bengal
- 2.The nature of imperial impact – the nature of the Company’s intrusion into the domain of internal and international trade, with special reference to control over production and organization of salt, cotton textiles and silk
- 3.Changes in the agrarian economy of Bengal till the end of the eighteenth century: (a) maximization of land revenue (b) behaviour of the agricultural sectors of the economy before and after the Famine of 1770 (c) the Famine and its aftermath: agrarian distress and desertion in Bengal for three decades after 1770. (d) Towards a Permanent Settlement
- 4.Background of the Company’s monopoly in retreat and its final withdrawal (a) the continuance of internal monopoly over salt and opium (b) the rise and fall of the European Agency Houses

5. Permanent Settlement at work; developments from the Rent Act of 1859 to the Bengal Tenancy Legislation of 1885
6. The role of state in the rural power relationships – zamindars and jotedars – peasantry and the market
7. The rise of the new indigenous enterprises – rise and growth of Calcutta and its satellite towns – the structure of modern industry

Select Readings:

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HIST CC 301: Struggle for Independence: Modern India 1885-1947

1. The foundation of the Indian National Congress; early activities of the Congress
2. The Swadeshi Movement and its aftermath
3. The beginning of 'Gandhian' politics (a) Champaran, Kheda, Ahmedabad, (b) Rowlatt Satyagraha
4. Khilafat & Non-Cooperation & the ways of mass nationalism.
6. The Quit India Movement.
7. Partition and its aftermath.
8. Popular movements in 1940s -- Tebhaga, Telangana
9. Women and the nationalist movement

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HIST CC 302: The Rise of the Modern West: 19th and 20th Centuries

A. Industrialization

1. Industrialization in Britain
2. Industrialization in the European Continent: France, Germany and Russia

3. Why Industrialization did not occur in China and India?
4. Industrialization in USA
- B. Nationalism and Expansion
 1. Rise of nationalism and nation states in Britain, France and Germany.
 2. Nationalism and consolidation in USA.
 3. Expansion and Collapse of the Multi Racial Empires of Europe-Czarist Russia and Habsburg Austria-Hungary.
- C. The Era of Two World Wars
 1. Origins, Courses and Consequences of First World War
 2. Bolshevik Revolution and Rise of Communism
 3. Rise of Fascism and Nazism in Europe
 4. Causes, Course and Legacies of Second World War
- D. Cold War and its Impact
 1. Origins of the Cold War
 2. Cold War in the Heartland
 3. Cold War in the Periphery: Vietnam, Chinese Revolution and the subsequent Sino-Soviet Split
- E. Globalization and Humanitarian Interventions
 1. What is Globalization?
 2. Humanitarian Intervention in Afghanistan
 3. Humanitarian Intervention in Iraq

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HIST CC 303: State, Economy and Society in British India: 1800-1947

1. British Expansion in South Asia: Contestation and Confrontation with the Bengal and Awadh *Nawabis*, Marathas, and *Khalsa* Raj
2. Collaboration and the Making of Colonialism.
3. Ideologies of Raj (a) Arms of Colonial State – Army, Police and Law (b) Education: Indigenous and Modern
4. Caste, Class, Gender and Social Dynamics of British Rule

5. The Making of the Colonial Economy: (a) Deindustrialization and Commercialization of Agriculture (b) Transport, Industry, Urbanisation and Agrarian Change (c) Drain of Wealth
6. Coercion and Governance: Rebellions (Vellore and 1857 Uprising) and the Army in British India
7. The Colonial State and the Frontiers: North-West and North-East India.
8. Advent of Printing and its Implications; Reform Movements: Nature and Issues; Making of Religious, Linguistic Identities and Rise of Nationalism.

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HIST CC 304: Post-Colonial India: An Overview (1947 to 1980s)

1. Indian Constitution, Democracy at Work, Regional Politics; Separatist Movements
2. Five Year Plans (first three); Nationalisation of Banks, Agrarian and Industrial Development; Towards a planned 'mixed' economy for the Republic of India: Nehruvian legacy
3. The Congress System: One-party dominance and challenges.
4. The post-Nehru era – land reforms and the Green Revolution
5. Language and political identity in post-1947 India
6. Crises of national unity: Punjab, Kashmir and the Northeast .
7. Social-Cultural Processes (a) Hindu Code Bill and the Women's Movement (b) Dalit Movements (c) Labour Movements and Tribal Issues.
8. Communalism and caste in post-colonial Indian politics and society – secularism, fundamentalism and the Indian state
9. Regionalism in post-colonial India.
10. The emergence of Bangladesh-Bhasa Andolan; economic exploitation of East Pakistan and the 1971 War.
11. Globalization and economic reforms.
12. India's foreign policy- Pakistan, USA and China.

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HIST OE 305: Culture in Colonial and Contemporary Bengal

1. The Bengal Renaissance and literature; high literature – the novel and the stalwart novelists- Bankimchandra Chattopadhyay, Saratchandra Chattopadhyay, Rabindranath Tagore – novels and nationalism, novels and the caste question, novels and the women's question
2. Modern education and a literary culture: The local intelligentsia – establishment of educational institutions, the press, associations and societies during the turn of 19th century.
3. Popular literature- Battala farces and the women's question
4. Bengali theatre: social reform and nationalism.
5. Women's writings: autobiographies, poetry, fiction and essays - critiques of the nationalist resolution of the women's question; the women poets and novelists.

6. Defiant women in fiction: Streer Patra, Pratham Pratisruti; the courtesan, the widow in fiction and post-independence films.
7. Cultural constructions of gender in the context of colonial and contemporary Bengal
8. The representation of women in advertisements and audio-visual media
9. Popular culture, media and society- impact
10. Sports as a part of Bengali culture: some reflections
11. Women in modern Bengali films
12. Representations of Partition in literature and cinema
13. Impact of partition on women; Partition and gender issues

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2. Colonial capitalism and class formation. Orientalism and the village community, Caste, family and ethnicity. Rural society in transition, Peasant movements.
3. Colonialism and urbanization. The middle classes, western education and modern professions. The regional languages. Literature, Art and Media
4. Public health and medicine. Western and Indian medicine, Epidemics and imperial interventions in public health, Maternal and infant mortality. Institutionalized medical education.
5. The domestic system and de-industrialisation. Industrialisation, business communities and labour. Slavery, servitude and caste. Formation of a working class. Labour movements.
6. Emergence of new women. Education and professions. Social reform and the marriage system. The women's movement. Reforms in family law

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SEMESTER 4

HIST CC 401: Indian and Western Historiography

1. Indian Historiography: Cambridge School, Nationalist School, Subaltern School, Postcolonial Historiography, Feminist Historiography: debates on women's question in colonial India, new areas of feminist research and new sources
2. Western Historiography: Ranke; August Comte and Positivism; the Marxist School and its evolution, Annales School, Gramsci, post modernism – Nietzsche, Foucault, Derrida, Heidegger, Hayden White; rise of post-modernism and its effect on history writings: Shift from archival to non-archival sources, replacement of the macro paradigm with several fractured micro histories
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3. The women novelists : Swarnakumari Devi, Nirupama Devi, Anurupa Devi, Sita Devi, Shanta Devi, Shailabala Ghosejaya, Jyotirmoyee Devi, Ashapura Devi, Mahasweta Devi, Suchitra Bhattacharya, Bani Basu, Tilottama Majumdar et al et al; women poets of Bengal: Mankumari Basu, Swarnakumari Devi, Girindramohini Devi, Kabita Singha, Mallika Sengupta and others.
3. The development of Bengali theatre: Girish Chandra Ghose et al; women in Bengali theatre: Binodini, Tinkari, Tarasundari, Reba Raychaduhuti, Tripti Mitra, Keya Chakraborty and others.
4. Visual arts and women in Bengal: Traditions and Ruptures: From Sunayani Devi to Mira Mukhopadhyay; women singers and musicians: Indubala, Gauhar Jaan, Begum Akhtar, and others; women and dance in Bengal: modernity and tradition - Amita Sen, Sadhana Bose, Amala Shankar, Manjusri Chaki-Sircar
5. Bengali cinema: the great directors: Satyajit Ray, Mrinal Sen, Ritwik Ghatak, the women directors: Aparna Sen, et al; the superstars: from Uttam Kumar to Dev; the heroines: Kanan Devi, Suchitra Sen, Madhabi Mukhopadhyay, Sabitri Chattopadhyay et al; representation of

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History CC 403: Recent Perspectives in Gender History

1. Defining women's history; methods and sources of women's history; gender history, feminist history; Gerda Lerner: compensatory history, contributory history, the challenges faced by women's history; Joan Kelly, Sheila Rowbotham et al.

2. Gender as a category of historical analysis – Joan Wallach Scott.

3. Questioning women as a universal category; theory of intersectionality; Black and Third World Feminisms and the writing of history; Post-Colonial Studies – Chandra Talpade Mohanti, Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak, Masculinity Studies, Sexuality Studies; Dalit Feminism; Sharmila Rege - Dalit Standpoint theory, Dalit women's writings.

4. Gender and history in India; social reform movement in Hindu society, social reform in Muslim society; women in education, professions; nationalism and the nationalist movement; peasant and working-class movements; caste, patriarchy and the women's movements.

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HIST CE 405a: South 24 Parganas: Local History, Environment, Culture, Society, Gender, Climate

1. Concepts – understanding local history, methodological issues: relationship with oral history and micro history
2. Introducing the region: the administrative boundaries and the cultural boundaries - local, geography, population, migration, language and castes
3. Religion and local cults: beliefs and practices, socio-religious communities and groups, local fairs and festivals
4. Modern education and a literary culture: The local intelligentsia – establishment of educational institutions, the press, associations and societies during the turn of 19th century
5. The region and the freedom movement – Swadeshi, Salt Satyagraha, Quit India, The Tebhaga Movement
6. Settlement, land and labour in the colonial period
7. Administration – law and justice – local self-government, health and other services

8. The Congress, the Left front years and Parivartan

9. Social problems in the district: child marriage, trafficking, violence, prostitution, and remedial measures

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HIST CE 404b: History of Science and Technology

1. Introduction to the history of sciences and technology-historiography, objectives, basic concepts in the history of science, continuity and change.

2. Ancient Indian technology from archaeological and literary sources: ceramics, beads, copper, bronze, iron, and others; history of mining and metallurgy; system of irrigation, brick making, art and architecture, etc.

3. Reference to the concept of ancient science and technology: Vedangas and specialized knowledge systems, viz. Siksha, Kalpa, Nirukta, Chhandas, Jyotisha, Vyakarana - Sulba Sutra and the Vedic geometry - features of the theoretical traditions in Sanskrit and Pali texts - the Buddhist logic - Hetuvidya - Sunyavada; astronomy and mathematics: Bhaskaras, Aryabhata Varahamihira; treatises on statecraft: the Arthasastra; knowledge in medicine, health and hygiene: Ayurvedas: Vrksa, Hasti and Asva; Samhitas of Charaka, Susruta, and Bhela; lexicography: Amara and Hemachandra; histrionics: Bharata and Natyasastra; Vatsayana's Kamasutra; architecture: Samarangana Sutradhara, Vastusastra.

4. Indian science in the Arab world- exchanges and interactions between India and other South Asian countries; strands and boundaries of the 'sciences' from the medieval through early modern period: astronomy, mathematics, geography.

5. Trans-regional processes and networks: knowledge in circulation; Jyotishis, Vaidyas, Nujumis. Tabibs, scientific institutions.

6. Technology on Indian Ocean: trade, war and power in South Asia

7. Science, technology and medicine of the Colonial and Post-Colonial periods: Western Medicine' in an Indian environment, the railways, ships and shipping, telecommunication networks, hydraulic system; mining and metallurgy, Survey of India; technical education in India, building scientific institutions of Colonial India; Indian response to the European science and technology.

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4. Deepak Kumar(Ed.), Science and the Raj, New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
5. Deepak Kumar Science and Empire: Essays in Indian Context 1700 -1947, New Delhi : Anamika Publishers.
6. Deepak Kumar (Ed.) Disease and Medicine in India: A historical overview, New Delhi Tulika Publishers.
7. David Arnold, Science Technology and Medicine in Colonial India, Cambridge : Cambridge University Press.
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