

SYLLABUS FOR FIFTH SEMESTER HISTORY HONS STUDENTS

CC 11: HISTORY OF MODERN EUROPE –I (1780-1939)

I. The French Revolution and its European repercussions:

- [a] Crisis of Ancient Regime.
- [b] Intellectual currents.
- [c] Phases of the French Revolution 1789 – 99
- [d] Napoleonic reforms

II. Restoration and Revolution: c. 1815 - 1848:

- [a] Social, Political and intellectual currents.
- [b] Revolutionary and Radical movements, 1830 - 1848.

III. Capitalist Industrialization and Transformation:

- [a] Process of capitalist development in industry and Agriculture: Case studies of Britain and Germany
- [b] Family, gender and process of industrialization

IV. Nationalism in the 19th and 20th Centuries:

- [a] Intellectual currents, popular movements and the Formation of national identities in Germany and Italy
- [b] Political and administrative reorganization of Italy

ESSENTIAL READINGS:

C.M. Cipolla: Fontana Economic History of Europe, Volume III: The Industrial Revolution.
Norman Davies, Europe.

J. Evans: The Foundations of a Modern State in 19th Century Europe.

T.S. Hamerow: Restoration, Revolution and Reaction: Economics and Politics in Germany [1815 - 1871].

E.J. Hobsbawn: The Age of Revolution.

Lynn Hunt: Politics, Culture and Class in the French Revolution.

James Joll: Europe since 1870.

George Lefebvre: Coming of the French Revolution.

Anthony Wood: History of Europe, 1815-1960 (1983).

Stuart Woolf: History of Italy, 1700- 1860.

SUGGESTED READINGS:

G. Barrowclough: An Introduction to Contemporary History.

Fernand Braudel: History and the Social Science in M. Aymard and H.Mukhia Ed. French Studies in History, Vol. I (1989).

Perrot and G. Duby [eds.]: A History of Women in the West, Volumes 4 and 5.
E.J. Hobsbawm: Nations and Nationalism.

Colin Lucas: The French Revolution and the Making of Modern Political Culture.

R.P. Morgan: German Social Democracy and the First International.

Albert Soboul: History of the French Revolution (in two volumes).

Lawrence Stone, History and the Social Sciences in the Twentieth Century: The Past and the Present.

Dorothy Thompson: Chartists: Popular Politics in the Industrial Revolution.

E.P. Thompson: Making of the English Working Class.

CC 12: HISTORY OF INDIA –VI (1750-1850)

SYLLABUS FOR FIFTH SEMESTER HISTORY HONS STUDENTS

I. Expansion and Consolidation of colonial Power:

[a] Dynamics of colonial expansion, with special Reference to Bengal, Mysore and Punjab.

II. Colonial State and Ideology:

[a] Ideologies of the Raj and racial attitudes

[b] Growth of modern education

III. Rural Economy and Society:

[a] Land revenue systems

[b] Commercialisation of agriculture

IV. Trade and Industry:

[a] De-industrialisation

[b] Drain of Wealth

V. Popular Resistance:

[a] Santhal uprising (1855-7); Indigo rebellion (1860); Pabna agrarian Leagues (1873)

[b] Uprising of 1857.

ESSENTIAL READINGS:

C. A. Bayly, Indian Society and the Making of the British Empire, New Cambridge History of India.

Bipan Chandra, Rise and Growth of Economic Nationalism in India.

Suhash Chakravarty, The Raj Syndrome: A Study in Imperial Perceptions.

J.S. Grewal, The Sikhs of the Punjab, New Cambridge History of India.

Ranjit Guha, ed., A Subaltern Studies Reader.

Dharma Kumar and Tapan Raychaudhuri, eds., The Cambridge Economic History of India, Vol. II.

P.J. Marshall, Bengal: The British Bridgehead, New Cambridge History of India.

R.C. Majumdar, ed., History and Culture of Indian People, Vols. IX and X.

Rajat K. Ray, ed., Entrepreneurship and Industry in India, 1800-1947.

Eric Stokes, English Utilitarians and India.

Ram Lakhan Shukla, ed., *Adhunik Bharat ka Itihas*.

SUGGESTED READINGS:

David Arnold and Ramchandra Guha, eds., Nature, Culture and Imperialism.

Amiya Bagchi, Private Investment in India.

A.R. Desai, Peasant Struggles in India.

R.P. Dutt, India today.

M.J. Fisher, ed., Politics of Annexation (Oxford in India Readings).

Ranjit Guha, Elementary Aspects of Peasant Insurgency in Colonial India (1983).

P.C. Joshi, Rebellion 1857: A Symposium.

Dadabhai Naroji, Poverty and Un-British Rule in India.

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE (ANY FOUR)

DSE 501: History of the USSR-I (c. 1917- 1964)

DSE 502: History of Modern East Asia-I (c.1840-1949)

DSE 503: History of the USSR-II (c. 1917- 1964)

DSE 504: History of Modern East Asia-II (c. 1868-1945)

DSE 601: History of Africa (c. 1500 - 1960s)

DSE 602: History of North Bengal – I

DSE 603: History of Latin America (c. 1500 – 1960s)

DSE 604: History of North Bengal - II

HISTORY OF THE USSR (c. 1917-64)

- I. The Russia Revolutions of February and October 1917: Dual Power, the establishment of soviet Power.
- II. Civil War and War Communism 1918-1921: Red and White Economic Policies.
- III. The New Economic Policy: Political Debates; trade unions; Foreign Policy; the Comintern; formation of the USSR.
- IV. The Great Debate of Soviet Industrialization.
- V. Collectivization of Soviet Agriculture.

ESSENTIAL READINGS:

E.H. Carr: A History of Soviet Russia, 4 Volumes (1952).

Stephen F. Cohen: Bukharin and the Bolshevik Revolution: A Political Biography, 1888 - 1938 (1973).

Isaac Deutscher: Stalin (1949).

Maurice Dobb: Soviet Economic Development since 1917 (1972).

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John Keep: The Last of the Empires: A History of the Soviet Union, 1945 - 1991 (1995).

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A.Kollontai: Selected Writings.

Moshe Levin: The Making of the Soviet System (1985).

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Alec Nove: An Economic History of the USSR (1993).

Richard Pipes: Russia of the Old Regime.

L.Szamuely: First Models of Socialist Economic Systems.

Trotsky: The History of the Russian Revolution (translated by Max Eastman) (1959).

A.B. Ulam: Expansion and Coexistence: A History of Soviet Foreign Policy, 1917 - 67 (1968). K. Vaidyanathan: The Formation of the Soviet Control Asian Nationalities.

DSE: HISTORY OF MODERN EAST ASIA –I (1840-1949)

SYLLABUS FOR FIFTH SEMESTER HISTORY HONS STUDENTS

I. Transformation of China into an informal colony :

- (a) Canton system of trade
- (b) Opium Wars
- (c) Unequal Treaties

II. Agrarian and Popular Movements:

- (a) Taiping
- (b) Yi Ho Tuan/ Boxer.

III. Reform Movements:

- (a) Self-Strengthening
- (b) Late Ching Reforms

IV. Nationalism in China:

- (a) 1911 Revolution: Causes, Social- Classes, Sun Yat Sen and his contribution.

ESSENTIAL READINGS:

George Allen, A Short Economic History of Japan.

Jean Chesneaux, et al, China from Opium War to 1911 Revolution.

Jean Chesneaux, et al, China from the 1911 Revolution to Liberation.

Tan Chung, Triton and Dragon: Studies on the Nineteenth Century China and Imperialisms.

John K. Fairbank, et al., and East Asia: Modern Transformation.

Y. Immanuel Hsu, The Rise of Modern China.

Chalmers A Johnson, Peasant Nationalism and Communist Power: The Emergence of Red China, 1937 - 1945.

Nathaniel Peffer, The Far East: A Modern History.

Victor Purcell, The Boxer Uprising: A Background Study.

Franz Schuramann and Orville Schell (eds.), China Readings, 2 Volumes (Imperial China, and Republican China).

Hu Sheng, Imperialism and Chinese Politics

Mary C. Wright, China in Revolution: The First Phase, 1900 -1913.

SUGGESTED READINGS:

Lucien Bianco, Origins of the Chinese Revolution, 1915 -1949.

Jean Chesneaux, Peasant Revolts in China, 1840 û 1949.

Tan Chung, China and the Brave New World: A Study of the Origins of the Opium War, 1840-42. Wolfgang Franke, A Century of Chinese Revolution.

History of Modern China Series: The Opium War, The Taiping Revolution, The Reform Movement (1898). Franz Michael, The Taiping Rebellion.

Harold Z. Schifrin, Sun Yat-Sen and the Origin of the Chinese Revolution.

Ssu Yu-teng and John K. Fairbank, China's Response to the West. The Yi Ho Tuan Movement, The Revolution of 1911 .

DSE 503:

HISTORY OF THE USSR (C. 1917-1964s)

- I. Planned Industrialization 1928-41.
- II. Political, Social and Cultural Changes 1928-45: Demography, Working Class .
- III. Soviet History: 1945-56 Industrial and Agricultural reconstruction.
- IV. The Khrushchev Era: Destalinization; industrial and agricultural Policies.
- V. Soviet Foreign **Policy**: Cominterns and the Second World War 1929-45.

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Teodor Shanin, Peasants and Peasant Societies, (2nd ed., 1987), relevant sections only.

Endre Sik, The History of Black Africa, 2 Vols. (1966), relevant sections only.

Oliver and G.N. Sanderson (ed.), Cambridge History of Africa, Vol. VI (1985), relevant sections only.

Paul Sweezy and Harry Magdoff, Revolutions and Counter-Revolution in Chile (1974).

E.F. Penrose (ed.), European Imperialism and the Partition of Africa (1975).

Michael T. Taussig, The Devil and Commodity Fetishism in South America (1980).

Robert Vicar Turrel, Capital and Labour on the Kimberley Diamond Fields, 1871 – 90 (1989).

Megan Vaughan, The Story of an African Famine: Gender and Famine in Twentieth Century Malawi (1989).

Eric van Young, Hacienda and Markets in 18th Century Mexico: The Rural Economy of the Guadalajara Region, 1675 – 1820 (1981).

DSE 504

HISTORY OF MODERN EAST ASIA II (C. 1868-1945)

I. Japan (c.1868-1945)

(i) Transition from feudalism to capitalism:

- (a) Meiji Restoration: Its nature and Significance .
- (b) Financial reforms and educational development in the 'Meiji' era.
- (c) Meiji Constitution.

(ii) Japanese Imperialism.

- (a) China.
- (b) Manchuria.

(iii) Democracy and Militarism/Fascism.

- (a) Popular/People's Rights Movement.
- (b) Second World War; American occupation.

II. Emergence of Modern Korea:

- (a) The old order and Institutional Decay: Joseon Korea.
- (b) Korea's interactions with the western powers and Korea's unequal treaties with Japan.
- (c) Attempts at social, political and economic reforms in Korea.

ESSENTIAL READINGS:

George Allen, A Short Economic History of Japan.

G. Beasley, The Modern History of Japan.

John K. Fairbank, et al., East Asia: Modern Transformation.

Mikiso Hane, Modern Japan: A Historical Survey.

Y. Immanuel Hsu, The Rise of Modern China.

Jon Livingstone, et. al., The Japan Reader (Imperial Japan : 1800 û 1945), Vol. I

E.H. Norman, Japan's Emergence as a Modern State.

Nathaniel Peffer, The Far East: A Modern History.

DSE: SOME ASPECTS OF EUROPEAN HISTORY(1780-1945)

SYLLABUS FOR FIFTH SEMESTER B.A. (P) STUDENTS

- I. The French Revolution: Origins, Nature & Consequences.
- II. Unification of Italy and Germany.
- III. Imperialistic Conflicts: WORLD WAR I
- IV. Rise of Fascism and Nazism.
- V. Origin of World War II.

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E.J. Hobsbawm: The Age of Revolution.

Lynn Hunt: Politics, Culture and Class in the French Revolution.

Andrew Porter: European Imperialism, 18760 -1914 (1994).

E.J. Hobsbawm: The Age of Extremes, 1914 - 1991, New York:Vintage, 1996.

Carter V. Findley and John Rothery, Twentieth-Century World.

DSE: HISTORY OF NORTH BENGAL -I

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- I. Physical and Historical Geography: (a) The Historic Period: Gauda, Pundra, Varendri and Pundravardhana, cities in ancient North Bengal
- II. Early History from 326 B.C. to 320 A.D: (a) North Bengal under the Imperial Guptas
(b) Rise of Gauda -Sasanka and Political Disintegration after Sasanka
- III. North Bengal under the Palas: (a) Origin and Early History of the Palas,
(b) The Pala Empire, Disintegration and Temporary Revival, The End of the Pala Empire,
(c) Cultural and religious development under the Pala-Sena
- IV. Society in North Bengal: (a) Ethnological Background
(b) Aryanisation of North Bengal,
(c) Socio-Religious rites, ceremonies and Festivals,
- V. North Bengal from Bengal Sultanate onwards: (a) Ilyas-Shahi dynasty
(b) Hussain Shahi dynasty
(c) Khen Dynasty, Kamata-Koch Dynasty.

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- Rakhaldas Bandopadhyay, Bangalar Itihas, 1928.
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- Md. Akhtaruzzaman, Society and Urbanization in Medieval Bengal, Dhaka, 2009.
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- Sailen Debnath, An Unexplored History of Eastern India (650-1498), 2015.
- D. Nath, History of the Koch Kingdom, C. 1515-1615, 1989.
- Amanatullah Ahmed Khan Choudhury, Koch Biharer Itihas.
- Swapan Kumar Roy, Prachin Koch Biharer Sampurna Itibritta.