

## Honours Course: Discipline Specific Elective II

Semester	FIVE
Paper Number	HPSDS5021T
Paper Title	<b>Politics of South Asia</b>
No. of Credits	6
Theory/Composite	Theory
No. of periods assigned	Th: 5+1 Tutorial Pr:
Name of Faculty member(s)	
Course description/objective	The course introduces the historical legacies and geopolitics of South Asia as a region. It imparts an understanding of political regime types as well as the socio-economic issues of the region in a comparative framework. The course also apprises students of the common challenges and the strategies deployed to deal with them by countries in South Asia.
Syllabus	<p><b>MODULE 1 (40 Marks)</b></p> <p><b>I. South Asia- Understanding South Asia as a Region (9 Lectures)</b></p> <p>(a) Historical and Colonial Legacies (b) Geopolitics of South Asia</p> <p><b>II. Politics and Governance (21 Lectures)</b></p> <p>(a) Regime types: democracy, authoritarianism, monarchy (b) Emerging constitutional practices: federal experiments in Nepal, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Pakistan</p> <p><b>MODULE II (40 Marks)</b></p> <p><b>III. Socio-Economic Issues (15 Lectures)</b></p> <p>(a) Identity politics: challenges and impacts (case studies of Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Pakistan)</p> <p><b>IV. Issues of regional integration (15 Lectures)</b></p> <p>(a) South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC): problems and prospects; BBIN and BIMSTEC (b) Terrorism: Political and Social Consequences in South Asia; (c) Refugee crisis.</p>
Texts	

Reading/Reference Lists	<p><b>I. South Asia- Understanding South Asia as a Region</b></p> <p>Hewitt, V. (1992) ‘Introduction’, in <i>The International Politics of South Asia</i>. Manchester: Manchester University Press, pp.1-10.</p> <p>Hewitt, V. (2010) ‘International Politics of South Asia’ in Brass, P. (ed.) <i>Routledge Handbook of South Asian Politics</i>. London: Routledge, pp.399-418.</p> <p>Muni, S.D. (2003) ‘South Asia as a Region’, <i>South Asian Journal</i>, 1(1), August-September, pp. 1-6</p> <p>Baxter, C. (ed.) (1986) <i>The Government and Politics of South Asia</i>. London: Oxford University Press, pp.376-394.</p> <p>Baxter, C. (2010) ‘Introduction’, Brass, P. (ed.) <i>Routledge Handbook of South Asian Politics</i>. London: Routledge, pp.1-24</p> <p><b>II. Politics and Governance</b></p> <p>De Silva, K.M. (2001) ‘The Working of Democracy in South Asia’, in Panandikar, V.A (ed.) <i>Problems of Governance in South Asia</i>. New Delhi: Centre for Policy Research &amp; Konark Publishing House, pp. 46-88.</p> <p>Wilson, J. (2003) ‘Sri Lanka: Ethnic Strife and the Politics of Space’, in Coakley, J. (ed.) <i>The Territorial Management of Ethnic Conflict</i>. Oregon: Frank Cass, pp. 173-193.</p> <p>Mendis, D. (2008) ‘South Asian Democracies in Transition’, in Mendis, D. (ed.) <i>Electoral Processes and Governance in South Asia</i>. New Delhi: Sage, pp.15-52.</p> <p>Subramanyam, K. (2001) ‘Military and Governance in South Asia’, in V.A (ed.) <i>Problems of Governance in South Asia</i>. New Delhi: Centre for Policy Research &amp; Konark Publishing House, pp.201-208.</p> <p>Hachethi, K. and Gellner, D.N.(2010) ‘Nepal : Trajectories of</p>
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Democracy and Restructuring of the State', in Brass, P. (ed.) Routledge Handbook of South Asian Politics. London: Routledge, pp. 131-146.

Kukreja, V. 2011. 'Federalism in Pakistan', in Saxena R. (ed.) Varieties of Federal Governance. New Delhi: Foundation Books, pp. 104-130.

Jha, N.K. (2008) 'Domestic Turbulence in Nepal: Origin, Dimensions and India's Policy Options', in Kukreja, V. and Singh, M.P. (eds.) Democracy, Development and Discontent in South Asia. New Delhi: Sage, pp. 264-281.

Burki, S.J. (2010) 'Pakistan's Politics and its Economy', in Brass, P. (ed.) Routledge Handbook of South Asian Politics. London: Routledge, pp. 83-97.

Kaul, N. (2008) 'Bearing Better Witness in Bhutan', Economic and Political Weekly, 13 September, pp. 67-69.

### **III. Socio-Economic Issues**

Phadnis, U.(1986) 'Ethnic Conflicts in South Asian States', in Muni, S.D. et.al. (eds.) Domestic Conflicts in South Asia : Political, Economic and Ethnic Dimensions. Vol. 2. New Delhi: South Asian Publishers, pp.100-119.

Kukreja, V. (2003) Contemporary Pakistan. New Delhi: Sage, pp. 75-111 and 112-153.

### **IV. Regional Issues and Challenges**

Narayan, S. (2010) 'SAARC and South Asia Economic Integration', in Muni, S.D. (ed.) Emerging dimensions of SAARC. New Delhi: Foundation Books, pp. 32-50.

Muni, S.D. and Jetley, R. (2010) 'SAARC prospects: the Changing Dimensions', in Muni, S.D. (ed.) Emerging dimensions of SAARC. New Delhi: Foundation Books, pp. 1-31.

Baral, L.R. (2006) 'Responding to Terrorism: Political and Social Consequences in South Asia', in Muni, S.D. (ed.) Responding to terrorism in South Asia. New Delhi: Manohar, pp.301-332.

Muni, S.D. (2006) 'Responding to Terrorism: An Overview', in Muni, S.D. (ed.) Responding to terrorism in South Asia. New Delhi: Manohar, pp.453-469.

Hoyt, T.D. (2005) 'The War on Terrorism: Implications for South Asia', in Hagerty, D.T. (ed.) South Asia in World Politics. Lanham: Roman and Littlefield Publishers, pp.281-295.

Lama, M. (2003) 'Poverty, Migration and Conflict: Challenges to Human Security in South Asia', in Chari, P.R. and Gupta, S. (eds.) Human Security in South Asia: Gender, Energy, Migration and Globalisation. New Delhi: Social Science Press, pp. 124-144

Acharya, J. and Bose, T.K. (2001) 'The New Search for a Durable Solution for Refugees: South Asia', in Samaddar, S. and Reifeld, H. (eds.) Peace as Process: Reconciliation and Conflict Resolution in South Asia. New Delhi: Vedams ,pp-137-157

#### **Additional Readings**

Baxter, C. (ed.) (1986) The Government and Politics of South Asia. London: Oxford University Press.

Rizvi, G. (1993) South Asia in a Changing International Order. New Delhi: Sage.

Thakur, R. and Wiggin, O.(ed.) (2005) South Asia and the world. New Delhi: Bookwell.

Hagerty, D.T.(ed.) (2005) South Asia in World Politics, Oxford: Rowman and Littlefield.

Samaddar, R. (2002) 'Protecting the Victims of Forced Migration: Mixed Flows and Massive Flows', in Makenkemp, M. Tongern, P.V. and Van De Veen, H. (eds.) Searching for Peace in Central and South Asia. London: Lynne Reinner.

	Kukreja, V. and Singh, M.P. (eds) (2008) Democracy, Development and Discontent in SouthAsia. New Delhi: Sage.
Evaluation	CIA: 20 End-Sem: 80 <b>Short Notes:</b> 2 out of 3 of 5marks each (2x5=10) <b>Essay Type:</b> 3 out of 4 (3X10= 30) (40 marks per module) 40+40 (Module I + Module II= 80) (80+20 CIA=100)