

Semester	5
Course	U. G
Paper Code	C3HS230511T
Paper Title	Empire and Society in Early Modern India (1526-1707)
No. of Credits	4
Theory / Practical / Composite	Theory
Minimum No. of preparatory hours per week a student has to devote	
Number of Modules	2
Syllabus	<p>Module 1: Political Culture</p> <p>I. Writing the Sixteenth Century World a) Sources: Persian and vernacular literary cultures, b) Histories, memoirs and travelogues; Categories of Writing</p> <p>II. Political Culture and Empire in Sixteenth Century South Asia (a) Imperial Culture and concepts of Sovereignty – Understanding the Nature of the Mughal State - Babur's conquest -The Sur Interregnum (b) Akbar's consolidation -Akbar and the making of the Mughal political order (alliances, wars, and political theocracy and remaking of the military-agrarian order) (c) Court, Politics and the evolving ideas of imperialism In the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Century -the Nur Jahan Junta, Mughal successions.</p> <p>III. Mughal Politics from 1650 to 1707 (a) State and religion under Aurangzeb; the war of succession; Religious Policies (b) Conquests and limits of expansion and the beginning of the Imperial decline.</p> <p>IV. Patterns of Regional Politics: (a) The Marathas: Shivaji and the Rise of the Marathas, Maratha Administration (b) Rajput political culture and state formation; Deccan kingdoms</p> <p>Module 2 Society and Economy</p> <p>V. Religion and Society: The Sufis, The Sikhs and the Naqshbandi's Gender and Power: Women in Mughal Empire; The Mughal Harem; Women in the Rajputana</p>

	<p>VI. Visual Culture: Paintings and Architecture: Mughal Paintings, Mughal Architecture; Rajput Paintings; The Architecture of the Deccan Sultanates</p> <p>VII. The Commercial Sphere:</p> <p>(a) Crafts and technologies: The Mughal Karkhanas; Market Economy; Political Economy and Commercial Networks and Urban Centres.</p> <p>(b) The Maritime World in the 17th Century and Early 18th Century: The Indian Ocean in History</p> <p>VIII: Empire, Rural and the Ecological Life in South Asia</p> <p>(a) Rural Gentry in Mughal India- Agrarian Re-organization and Agrarian Crisis (16th to 18th C)- Jagirdari and Mansabdari reimagined- The ‘Rural’ resistance in late Mughal India- The Famines</p> <p>(b) Ecology and Empire- Floral imaginations (Gardens etc.) and Faunal Histories (Hunting, elephant and horse keeping etc.)</p>
Learning Outcomes	<p>Through this course, students will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understand the Political Framework – Analyze the establishment, expansion, and administration of the Mughal Empire, including its interactions with regional states. 2. Evaluate Governance and Institutions – Assess the administrative, military, and fiscal structures of the empire. 3. Examine Socio-Economic Developments that shaped Mughal society. 4. Assess Cultural and Religious Dynamics –the synthesis of Persian, Indian, and regional cultures, as well as religious policies and society.

	<p>5. Critique Historical Interpretations and historiographical debates</p> <p>6. Develop Analytical Skills utilizing primary and secondary sources</p>
Reading/Reference Lists	<p>ESSENTIAL READINGS-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) M. Athar Ali, The Mughal Nobility under Aurangzeb. 2) Muzaffar Alam and Sanjay Subramanian, eds, The Mughal State, 1526 - 1750. 3) J.F. Richards, The Mughal Empire. 4) Satish Chandra, Essays on Medieval Indian History. 5) Satish Chandra, Medieval India part II 6) Satish Chandra, Parties and Politics at the Mughal Court 7) Satish Chandra, মধ্যযুগের ভারত II 8) Irfan Habib, Agrarian System of Mughal India, 1526 - 1707. 9) Irfan Habib, Essays in Indian History 10) Irfan Habib (সম্পাদিত), মধ্যকালীন ভারত, ১-৪ 11) Irfan Habib, Medieval India I, Researches 1200-1750 12) Aniruddha Ray, মুঘল ভারতের অর্থনৈতিক ইতিহাস 13) Aniruddha Ray, মুঘল সাম্রাজ্যের উত্থান পতনের ইতিহাস 14) Stewart Gordon, The Marathas 1600 - 1818. 15) Ebba Koch, Mughal Art and Imperial Ideology 16) Richard M Eaton, India in the Persianate Age <p>SUGGESTED READINGS-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. V Dalmia and M Faruqui, Religious Interactions in Mughal India 2. Ashin Dasgupta, Indian Merchants and the Decline of Surat, 1700 - 1750. 3. Nandini Sinha Kapur, State Formation in Rajasthan 4. Nandini Sinha Kapur, Reconstructing Identities 5. G D Sharma, Rajput Polity 6. Shireen Moosvi, People Taxation and Trade in Mughal India 7. S Arasaratnam, Merchants Companies and Commerce on the Coromandel 8. Nandita Prasad Sahay, Politics of Patronage and Protest 9. Dirk H A Kolff, Naukar Rajput and Sepoy 10. Pratyay Nath, Climate of Conquest 11. Meena Bhargava, Frontiers of Environment 12. Meena Bhargava, Exploring Medieval India, 2 Vols 13. Jadunath Sarkar, Shivaji and His Times 14. Andre Wink, Al Hind 15. Andre Wink, Land and Sovereignty in India 16. Richard M Eaton, India's Islamic Traditions

	17. S.A.A. Rizvi, Muslim Revivalist Movements in Northern India. 18. Supriya Gandhi, The Emperor Who Never Was 19. Ruby Lal, Domesticity and Power in Early Mughal World 20. Richard M Eaton, A Social History of the Deccan 21. Richard M Eaton, Mughals and Sufis 22. Richard M Eaton et al (ed), Expanding Frontiers of South Asian and World History. 23. Catherine B Asher and Cynthia Talbot, India before Europe 24. Richard M Eaton, Sufis of Bijapur	
Evaluation	Theory CIA:5+ Mid Sem:20+ Attendance: 5= 30 Semester Exam: 70	
Paper Structure for Theory Semester Exam	End Semester Exam: 70 Two modules of 35 marks each. (3 questions of 5 marks from 5 options: 3X5=15 2 questions of 10 marks from 3 options: 2X10=20)	