

**Course: M.A. History**

Semester	IV
Paper Number	I
Paper Title	HISTORY OF SOUTH-EAST ASIA: THROUGH THE AGES
Paper Code	<b>MHIS4401</b>
No. of Credits	6
No. of periods assigned	Theory: 6 Practical:
Name of Faculty member(s)	
Course description/objective	This paper aims to teach students the principal themes, debates and issues of the South-East Asian studies including the socio-political-economic framework, to develop students' knowledge about the regional history, relationship and organization of South-East Asia. It will also help students to grow a critical understanding about South-East Asia's past and present.
Course Outcome	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To gain an overall understanding about the history of South-East Asia.</li> <li>2. To understand the principal themes, issues and debates in the field of South-East Asian studies.</li> <li>3. Understanding the region's cultures and common heritage.</li> </ol>
Syllabus	<p><b>Module 1</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Idea of South-East Asia</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What is South-East Asia? Landscape, People, Society, Culture and Religion.</li> <li>b. The Theoretical Context- Indianization, Sinicization, Localization and Convergence</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. <b>Pre- Colonial Era up to 16th Century</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Early State Formation in South-East Asia- Cambodia, Indonesia, Siam, Burma</li> <li>b. Arrival of Islam</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. <b>Colonial South-East Asia: 16th to 20th Century</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Early Colonialism- Early European Trade, Competition over Ports, Conquests.</li> <li>b. High Imperialism- Industrial Revolution and Commercial Outlets in Asia; Consolidation of European Power- Portugal; Spain; British East India Company; Dutch East Indies; French East India Company.</li> <li>c. Spread of Christianity: Philippines, Burma, South Vietnam, Molukkas.</li> <li>d. Colonial Economy: Trade and Agriculture, the plantation</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

	<p>economy.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. <b>Nationalism and Struggle for Independence, 20th Century</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Asianism, Pan Asian Nationalism and Big Powers</li> <li>b. Nationalist Revolutions: Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Burma.</li> <li>c. Decolonization</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p><b>Module 2</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. <b>Post Colonial South-East Asia: Politics and Economy</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. New Nations</li> <li>b. Challenges to the Democracy and Non- Democratic Experiences</li> <li>c. Economic Features: Political Economy; Economic Nationalism; Development Strategies: Singapore</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. <b>South-East Asia in the World</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Cold War and its impact on South-East Asian Nations</li> <li>b. Response to Globalisation</li> <li>c. Regional Cooperation : ASEAN</li> <li>d. China and U.S in South China Sea; Implications</li> <li>e. The Belt and Road Initiative</li> </ol> </li> <li>7. <b>Some Contemporary Themes</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. South-East Asian Diaspora</li> <li>b. Gender Issues in South-East Asia</li> <li>c. Climate and Environment in South-East Asia</li> <li>d. The Asian Games</li> <li>e. Terrorism: South-East Asia and its current challenges</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
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Reading/Reference Lists	<p><b><u>Essential Reading</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Acharya, Amitava, The Quest for Identity: International Relations of Southeast Asia, OUP, 2000</li> <li>2. Anderson, Benedict, Imagined Communities: Reflections on the Origin and Spread of Nationalism, Verso, London-New York, 1983.</li> <li>3. Baily, Susan, Imagining ‘Greater India’: French and Indian Visions of Colonialism in the Indic Mode’, Modern Asian Studies, Vol. 38, No. 3, July, 2004, pp.703-744.</li> <li>4. Bosch, F.D.K., Selected Studies in Indonesian Archaeology, Springer, Netherlands, 1961.</li> <li>5. Bose, Sugata, Asia After Europe, Imagining a Continent in the Long Twentieth Century, Harvard University Press, Cambridge, 2024</li> </ol>
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20. Zhouxiang Lu ed., *The Routledge Handbook of Nationalism in East and Southeast Asia*, Routledge, 2023

**Suggested Reading**

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2. Bhattachrya, Swapna, *India-Myanmar Relations 1886-1948*, K.P. Bagchi & Company, Calcutta, 2007.
3. Bose, Sugata, *A Hundred Horizons: The Indian Ocean in the Age of Global Empire*, Permanent Black, New Delhi, 2006.
4. Chakravarty, Adhir, *Royal Succession in Ancient*

	<p>Cambodia, The Asiatic Society Monograph Series Vol. XXVII, Calcutta, 1982</p> <p>5. Ghosh Lipi, Ramakrishna Chatterjee eds., Indian Diaspora in Asian and Pacific Regions: Culture, People, Interactions, Rawat Publications, Jaipur and New Delhi, 2004</p>
Evaluation	<p>CIA: 20</p> <p>End-Semester: 80</p>

