

Society & Politics in South Asia

Semester: VIII				
Programme: Political Science				
Course: Society & Politics in South Asia				
Paper code:				Credits: 6
Hours/week: 4				
Category: Core/MDC/SEC/VAC: Core (Major)				
Theory / Practical / Composite: Theory				
No of Modules: 2				
<p>Course Overview: This course introduces the historical legacies and geopolitics of South Asia as a distinct region. It imparts an understanding of various political regime types and socio-economic issues through a comparative framework. Students will explore identity politics, regional integration, and non-traditional security issues, while apprising themselves of the common challenges and strategies deployed by South Asian countries to address them.</p>				
Course Outcomes:				
1. <i>Remember</i> the historical legacies and geopolitical foundations that define South Asia as a region.				
2. <i>Understand</i> various political regime types and federal experiments across select South Asian cases.				
3. <i>Apply</i> comparative frameworks to understand socio-economic issues and governance structures in the region.				
4. <i>Analyze</i> the emerging challenges posed by identity politics within the South Asian context.				
5. <i>Evaluate</i> the progress of regional integration and the impact of non-traditional security issues.				
6. <i>Create/design</i> strategic responses to common regional challenges and security threats.				
Prerequisites: Basic knowledge about any prior course				
SYLLABUS				
Unit/ Module	CONTENT	HOURS or NUMBER OF CLASSES	CO Mappin g	COGNITIVE LEVEL

I	1. Understanding South Asia as a Region: Lens of history and geopolitics	20	CO1, CO2, CO3, CO4, CO5, CO6	K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6
	2. Politics and Governance: Regime types and federal experiments (select cases)		CO1, CO2, CO3, CO4, CO5, CO6	K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6
			CO1, CO2, CO3, CO4, CO5, CO6	K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6
II.	3. Identity politics: Emerging challenges (select cases)	20	CO1, CO2, CO3, CO4, CO5, CO6	K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6
	4. Issues of regional integration		CO1, CO2, CO3, CO4, CO5, CO6	K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6
	5. Non-Traditional Security Issues (select cases)		CO1, CO2, CO3, CO4, CO5, CO6	K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6

Suggested readings

1. Muni, S.D. (2003) 'South Asia as a Region', South Asian Journal, 1(1), August-September, pp. 1-6

2. Brass, P. (ed.) Routledge Handbook of South Asian Politics. London: Routledge,

3. Kukreja, V. and Singh, M.P. (eds) (2008) Democracy, Development and Discontent in SouthAsia. New Delhi: Sage.

4. Hagerty, D.T.(ed.) (2005) South Asia in World Politics, Oxford: Rowman and Littlefield.
Evaluation: (Theory) Theory CIA: 30; End-Semester Exam:70
Paper Structure for Theory Semester Exam per Module: Short Notes: 3 out of 5 of 5marks each (3x5=15) Essay Type: 2 out of 4 of 10 marks each (2X10= 20) (35 marks per module); 35+35 (Module I + Module II= 70) (70+30 CIA=100)

Course outcomes (COs) and Cognitive Level Mapping

COs	CO Description	Cognitive levels
CO1	<i>Remember</i> the historical legacies and geopolitical foundations that define South Asia as a region	K1
CO2	<i>Understand</i> various political regime types and federal experiments across select South Asian cases.	K2
CO3	<i>Apply</i> comparative frameworks to understand socio-economic issues and governance structures in the region.	K3
CO4	<i>Analyze</i> the emerging challenges posed by identity politics within the South Asian context.	K4
CO5	<i>Evaluate</i> the progress of regional integration and the impact of non-traditional security issues.	K5
CO6	<i>Create design</i> strategic responses to common regional challenges and security threats.	K6