Society & Politics in South Asia

Semester: VIII	
Programme: Political Science	
Course: Society & Politics in South Asia	
Paper code: C4PS230821T	**Credits: 6**
Hours/week: 4	
Category: Core/MDC/SEC/VAC: Core (Major)	
Theory / Practical / Composite: Theory	
No of Modules: 2	

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.

Course Outcomes:

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