| Society & Politics in South Asia |
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| Semester: VIII | |
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| Programme: POLITICAL SCIENCE | |
| Course: SOCIETY AND 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: TWO | |

**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**- 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 |
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| I | 1. Understanding South Asia as a Region: Lens of history and geopolitics | 26 | CO1, CO2, CO3, CO4, CO5, CO6 | K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6 |
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| | 2. Politics and Governance: Regime types and federal experiments (select cases) | | CO1, CO2, CO3, CO4, CO5, CO6 | K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6 |
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| II. | 3. Identity politics: Emerging challenges (select cases) | 26 | 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.

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| 4. Hagerty, D.T.(ed.) (2005) South Asia in World Politics, Oxford: Rowman and Littlefield. | |
| **Evaluation: (**Theory)<br>Theory CIA: 30 (mid-semester exam 20 + 5 assignment) + 5 Attendance = 30<br>End-Semester Exam:70 | |
| **Paper Structure for Theory Semester Exam per Module:**<br>Short Notes: 3 out of 5 of 5marks each (3x5=15)<br>Essay Type: 2 out of 4 of 10 marks each (2X10= 20)<br>(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 |
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| 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 |