

CC-11: History of Modern Europe (c.1780 – 1939)

I. The French Revolution and its European repercussions:

- a) Crisis of *ancien regime*
- b) Intellectual currents
- c) Social classes and emerging gender relations.
- d) Phases of the French Revolution
- e) Art and Culture of French Revolution
- f) Napoleonic consolidation – reform and empire.

II. Restoration and Revolution: c.1815 - 1848

- a) Forces of conservatism and restoration of old hierarchies.
- b) Social, Political and intellectual currents.
- c) Revolutionary and Radical movements, 1830 -1848

III. Capitalist Industrialization and Social and Economic Transformation (Late 18th century to AD 1914)

- a) Process of capitalist development in industry and agriculture: case studies of Britain, France, the German States and Russia.
- b) Evolution and Differentiation of social classes : Bourgeoisie, proletariat, Land Owning classes and peasantry.
- c) Changing trends in demography and urban patterns
- d) Family, gender and process of industrialization.

IV. Varieties of Nationalism and the Remaking of States in the 19th and 20th centuries.

- a) Intellectual currents, popular movements and the formation of National identities in Germany, Italy, Ireland and the Balkans.
- b) Specifications of economic development, political and administrative Reorganization – Italy; Germany.
- c) Revolutions of 1905; the Bolshevik Revolution of 1917
- d) Programme of Socialist Construction and the Soviet Union during the inter-war period 1918-39.

V. Imperialism, War and Crisis: c.1880 - 1918

- a) Theories and mechanisms of imperialism;
- b) Growth of Militarism;
- c) Power blocks and alliances;
- d) Expansion of European empires
- e) War of 1914 - 1918

VI. Europe between Two World Wars:

- a) Post War Europe: A Diplomatic History
- b) The Great Depression
- c) Rise of Fascism in Italy and Nazism in Germany
- d) The Spanish Civil War
- e) Policy of Appeasement and Russo German Non-Aggression Pact
- f) Origins and Course of the Second World War

Essential Readings

- Brennan Gerald, The Spanish Labyrinth: An Account of the Social and Political Background of the Civil War.
- Cipolla C.M, Fontana Economic History of Europe, Volume III: The Industrial Revolution
- Davies Norman, Europe
- Evans J., The Foundations of a Modern State in 19th Century Europe
- Hamerow T.S, Restoration, Revolution and Reaction : Economics and Politics in Germany [1815 – 1871]
- Hobsbawn, E.J, The Age of Revolution
- Hunt Lynn, Politics, Culture and Class in the French Revolution
- Joll James, Europe Since 1870
- Landes David; Prometheus Unbound
- Lefebvre George, Coming of the French Revolution
- Lichteim, A Short History of Socialism
- Mathias Peter, First Industrial Revolution
- Nove, Alec; An Economic History of the USSR
- Porter Andrew, European Imperialism, 1876 – 1914
- Wood Anthony, History of Europe, 1815 – 1960
- Woolf Stuart, History of Italy, 1700 to 1860



I. India in the mid 18th Century; Society, Economy, Polity

II. Expansion and Consolidation of Colonial Power :

- a) Mercantilism, foreign trade and early forms of exactions from Bengal
- b) Dynamics of expansion, with special reference to Bengal, Mysore, Western India, Awadh, Punjab and Sindh.

III. Colonial State and Ideology:

- a) Arms of the colonial state : army, police, law
- b) Ideologies of the Raj and racial attitudes.
- c) Education : indigenous and modern.

IV. Rural Economy and Society:

- a) Land revenue systems and forest policy
- b) Commercialization and indebtedness
- c) Rural society : change and continuity.
- d) Famines
- e) Pastoral economy and shifting cultivation.

V. Trade and Industry

- a) De industrialization
- b) Trade and fiscal policy
- c) Drain of Wealth
- d) Growth of modern industry

VI. Popular Resistance:

- a) Santhal uprising (1857); Indigo rebellion (1860); Pabna Agrarian Leagues(1873); Deccan riots (1875)
- b) Uprising of 1857

Essential Readings

- Bayly C.A, Indian Society and the Making of the British Empire, New Cambridge History of India.
- Bhattacharya, Sabyasachi.ed., Rethinking 1857, Delhi, Orient Longman, 2007
- Chakravarty Suhash, The Raj Syndrome: A study in Imperial Perceptions, 1989
- Chandra Bipan, Rise and Growth of Economic Nationalism in India
- Choudhury, Sushil, Prelude to Empire Plassey Revolution of 1757, Delhi: Manohar, 2000
- Cohn, B., Colonialism and its Forms of Knowledge, Princeton, New Jersey, Princeton University Press, 2001
- Dirks, Nicholas B., Castes of Mind, Princeton, New Jersey, Princeton University Press, 1996
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- Grewal, J.S, The Sikhs of the Punjab, New Cambridge History of India
- Guha Ranajit, ed., A Subaltern Studies Reader
- Guha, Ranajit, Elementary Aspects of Peasant Insurgency in Colonial India, New Delhi, Oxford University Press, 1983
- Kumar Dharma and Raychaudhuri Tapan, eds., The Cambridge Economic History of India, Vol.II

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- Majumdar, R.C.ed., History and Culture of Indian People, Vols. IX and X, British Paramountcy and Indian Renaissance.
- Marshall, P.J, Bengal: The British Bridgehead, New Cambridge History of India
- Metcalfe, Thomas, Ideologies of the Raj, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 1995
- Ray, Rajat K., ed., Entrepreneurship and Industry in India, 1800-1947, Oxford In India Readings.
- Sinha, N.K.ed, The history of Bengal 1757-1905, Calcutta, Calcutta University Press, 1967
- Stokes, Eric, English Utilitarians and India
- Stokes, Eric, The Peasant Armed: The Indian Rebellion of 1857, ed. Bayly, C.A, New Delhi, Oxford University Press, 1986

Discipline Specific Elective: DSE TH&TU

Paper 1 DSE-A-1 SEM -5: History of Bengal (c.1757-1905)

- I. Political history of Bengal under the Nawabs: Rise of British power in Bengal from the battle of Plassey to Buxar.
- II. Administrative history: 1765--1833
- III. Colonial economy: - Agriculture, trade and industry.
- IV. Cultural changes and Social and Religious Reform Movements: Christian missionaries- The advent of printing and its implications, education: Indigenous and western - Hindu and Muslim religious revivalist movements.
- V. Social Reforms and the women's question.
- VI. Protest movements and insurgencies against the Raj: The Fakir and Sannyasi revolts, Indigo Revolt (1859-1860), Pabna Peasant Uprisings (1873-76)
- VII. Partition of Bengal 1905: Curzon and the administrative blueprint.

Select Readings:

Bandyopadhyay, Sekhar. From Plassey to Partition: A History of Modern India. New Delhi: Orient Blackswan , 2004

Banerjee Dube, Ishita. A History of Modern India. Cambridge University Press, 2015

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Kopf David, British Orientalism and the Bengal Renaissance: The Dynamics of Indian Modernization, 1773-1835 University of California Press, 1969

Kopf David, The Brahma Samaj and the Shaping of the Modern Indian Mind. Atlantic Publishers 1979.

Marshall P.J, Bengal the British Bridgehead Bengal: The British Bridgehead: Eastern India 1740-1828. Cambridge University Press. 1987

Paper 5 DSE-B-1 SEM -5: History of Modern East Asia – I China (c.1840 – 1949)

I. Imperialism and China during the 19th and early 20th century

- a) Chinese feudalism : Gentry, Bureaucracy and peasantry; the Confucian value system; Sinocentrism; the canton commercial system
- b) The transformation of China into an informal colony; the Opium Wars; the Unequal Treaties; the scramble for concessions; Finance Imperialism; the Open Door policy.
- c) Agrarian and Popular Movements : Taiping and Yi Ho Tuan
- d) Attempts at Self-Strengthening (Tzu-Chiang): Reforms of 1860-95; 1898; and 1901-08.
- ii) The Emergence of Nationalism in China
 - a) The Revolution of 1911: Causes, nature and significance; the social composition of the Revolution; Sun Yat-sen and his contribution; the formation of the Republic; Yuan Shih Kai; War Lordism.
 - b) May Fourth Movement of 1919: Nature and Significance

II. History of China (cc.1919 – 1949)

- i) Nationalism and Communism in China (1921 – 1937)
 - a) Formation of CCP; and the
 - b) The First United Front
- i) The Communist Movement (1938-1949)
- ii) The Jiangxi Period and the rise of Mao Tse Tung

Essential Readings

- Beckmann George M., *Modernization of China and Japan* Harper & Row, 1962
- Bianco Lucien, *Origins of the Chinese Revolution, 1915 -1949* Stanford University Press, 1973
- Chesneau Jean, et al, *China from Opium War to 1911 Revolution to Liberation*. Hassocks, Sussex : The Harvester Press, cop.1976
- Chesneau Jean, *Peasant Revolts in China, 1840 – 1949* W. W. Norton ,1973
- Chung Tan, *China and the Brave New World : A Study of the Origins of the Opium War, 1840 - 42*
- Chung Tan, *Triton and Dragon : Studies on the Nineteenth Century China and Imperialisms* Gian Publishing House, 1986
- Fairbank J.K (ed), *The Cambridge History of China, Vol. X* Cambridge University Press, 1978
- Fairbank John K., et al, and *East Asia: Modern Transformation* London : Allen & Unwin,1965
- Franke Wolfgang, *A Century of Chinese Revolution* University of South Carolina Press, 1980
- Hsu Y.Immanuel, *The Rise of Modern China* OUP 1995
- Jansen M.B., *Japan and China: From War to Peace, 1894 – 1972* Chicago : Rand McNally College Pub. Co., [1975
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- Peffer Nathaniel, *The Far East: A Modern History*. University of Michigan Press, 1958
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- Schifrin Harold Z, *Sun Yat-Sen and the Origin of the Chinese Revolution*. University of California Press, 1968