**The Politics of India and Pakistan**

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**Course Goals:**

This course is designed to give students a strong knowledge of the politics of two very important countries, India and Pakistan. As such it will cover many topics that are routine in comparative politics courses: The basic history of the countries, the structure of their political institutions, and the major political conflicts and actors. In addition, however, we would like to use South Asia as case to examine at some of deeper questions of political science, such as the causes of development, underdevelopment, democracy and identity formation. To do this, we will make frequent use of the comparative method, examining the contract between India and Pakistan, between various regions of these countries, and between various eras of their history

**Textbooks:**

Robert L. Hardgrave and Stanley A. Kochanek*, India: Government and Politics in a*

*Developing Nation* (Forth Worth: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 2008).

Bose, Sugata, and Ayesha Jalal. *Modern South Asia : History, Culture, Political Economy.* 3rd ed. London: Routledge, 2011.

**Grading:**

Class and Section Participation-20%

Midterm-15%

Research Proposal-30%

Final-35%

**Research Proposal:**

Students should produce a detailed proposal of at least ten double spaced pages outlining a research project on the politics of South Asia. The proposal should outline the question to be studied, the conclusions of the existing literature, a working hypothesis, and the methods and data to be used. The proposed project must include as least of the following: 1) a substantial period of research within South Asia, 2) work with unpublished primary sources, 3) the analysis of quantitative data.

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***Part I: Background***

*Week 1*

**Lecture 1: Introduction**

**Lecture 2: The Colonial Legacy**

Bose and Jalal P.1-108

Banerjee, Abhijit and Lakshmi Iyer. “History, Institutions and Economic Performance: The Legacy of Colonial Land Tenure Systems in India,” *American Economic Review* 95 (4): 1190-1213.2005.

*Week 2*

**Lecture 3: The Nationalist Movement and Partition.**

Hardgrave and Kochanek Ch.2

Bose and Jalal P.108-166

***Part II: Forces for Unity***

**Lecture 4: The Indian Constitutional Settlement**

Hardgrave and Kochanek Ch.3

The Constitution of India, Part IV.

<http://lawmin.nic.in/olwing/coi/coi-english/coi-indexenglish.htm>

*Week 3*

**Lecture 5: Federalism and Local Government in India**

Hardgrave and Kochanek Ch.4

Paul Brass, *The Politics of India Since Independence*. Cambridge University Press, 1990, Chapter 4.

**Lecture 6: The Congress System**

Hardgrave and Kochanek Ch.6

Bose and Jalal P.167-181

Rajni Kothari “The Congress 'System' in India.” *Asian Survey* , Vol. 4, No. 12 (Dec., 1964), pp. 1161-1173

*Week 4:*

**Lecture 7: The Army and the State in Pakistan**

Noman, Omar. *Pakistan: Political and Economic History Since 1947*. London: Kegan Paul, 1988, 3-73, 117-156.

Ayesha Jalal, *Democracy and Authoritarianism in South Asia.* Cambridge University

Press, 1995. Chapter 2.

**[Midterm]**

***Part III: Forces for Division***

*Week 5:*

**Lecture 8: Language and Region**

Hardgrave and Kochanek Ch.5

Paul Brass, *The Politics of India Since Independence*. Cambridge University Press, 1990, Chapter 5.

**Lecture 9: Caste**

Christophe Jaffrelot, “The Rise of the Other Backward Castes in the Hindi Belt,” The Journal of Asian Studies 59, no. 1 (February 2000): 86-108.

Lee, Alexander. “Hierarchy and Division: Caste Identity and Social Change in Colonial India.”

[Chakravarti, Anand](http://searchworks.stanford.edu/?q=%22Chakravarti%2C+Anand%2C+1941-%22&search_field=search_author)*. Social power and everyday class relations : agrarian transformation in North Bihar.* New Delhi ; Thousand Oaks, Calif. : Sage Publications, 2001. P. 104-169

*Week 6:*

**Lecture 10: Hindu Nationalism and Religious Conflict**

Hardgrave and Kochanek Ch.7

Wilkinson Steven. *Votes and Violence* Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 2004. P1-18.

Hansen, Thomas Bloom. *The Saffron Wave*. Princeton, Princeton UP, 1999. P. 154-199.

**Lecture 11: Islam and Insurgency**

Stephen P. Cohen, “The Jihadist Threat to Pakistan,” The Washington Quarterly 26:3 (2003): 7-25.

Rashid, Ahmed. *Pakistan On the Brink : the Future of America, Pakistan, and Afghanistan.* New York: Viking, 2012. P.23-67, 137-186

*Week 7:*

**Lecture 12: Naxalism and the Indian Left**

Chakravarti, Sudeep. *Red Sun: Travels in Naxalite Country.* Delhi: Viking, 2006. Ch. 1

Kohli, Atul. “Parliamentary Communism and Agrarian Reform: The Evidence from India's Bengal.” *Asian Survey* , Vol. 23, No. 7 (Jul., 1983), pp. 783-809

***Part IV: Conflict and Resolution***

**Lecture 13: The Indian State’s Authoritarian Moment**

Bose and Jalal P.182-200

Unpublished files from the Home Ministry, National Archives of India

*Week 8:*

**Lecture 14: Military Rule in Pakistan**

Ayesha Jalal, *Democracy and Authoritarianism in South Asia.* Cambridge University

Press, 1995. Chapters 3-5.

**Lecture 15: The Second Democratic Upsurge and Coalition Politics**

Hardgrave and Kochanek Ch.8

Lee, Alexander. “Coalition Politics.”

Articles from *The Hindu* on the 2009 election http://www.lokniti.org/pdfs\_dataunit/ho\_%20india\_voted\_2009/Overview.pdf

***Part V: Policy Issues***

*Week 9:*

**[Memorial Day]**

**Lecture 16: Foreign Policy and Nuclear Weapons**

Hardgrave and Kochanek Ch.10

*Week 10:*

**Lecture 17: Development and Underdevelopment**

Hardgrave and Kochanek Ch.9

Jean Dreze and Amartya Sen, *India’s Economic Development and Social Opportunity*

(Oxford: OUP, 1995), pp. 27-56.

**Lecture 18: Corruption and Criminality**

### Vaishnav, Milan. “[Caste Politics, Credibility and Criminality: Political Selection in India](http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1899847).”

### Bhavani, Rikhil. “[Corruption Amongst India's Politicians: Insights from Unusual Data](https://ncgg.princeton.edu/IPES/2010/room2/S830_pres2.pdf).”

### French, Patrick. *India : a Portrait.* London: Allen Lane, 2011. P.84-116