

PSC/IR 266
The Politics of India and Pakistan
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2:00pm-3:15pm

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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. There will be additional treatment of the politics of Bangladesh and other South Asian states. 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:

Bose, Sugata, and Ayesha Jalal. *Modern South Asia : History, Culture, Political Economy*. 5th ed. London: Routledge, 2023.

Grading:

Class Participation — 20%

Four exams—20% each

WI Grading:

Class Participation — 15%

Four exams—15% each

Research Proposal—25%

Course Policies:

Unexcused late work will be penalized a whole letter grade, and an additional letter grade for every additional 24 hours of lateness. Plagiarism or cheating will be treated seriously and reported to the Board of Academic Honesty.

Course Requirements:

Attendance and Reading: Students will be graded on their attendance and participation in all classes.

Exams: Exams will be conducted in class. Students will have to identify and describe key terms from the previous five course sections. Students can choose to make up on exam of their choice. The make-up exam session will be held on December 9th.

Research Proposal: Students should produce a paper of at least 30 double spaced pages on a topic related to the course materials. The paper must involve the analysis (at least to the level of descriptive graphs) of quantitative data. Suggested datasets will be discussed early in the course. Topics must be approved by the professor.

Readings

Week 1: Introduction

Introduction: August 26th

Lecture: *The Geography and Culture of South Asia*, August 28th

Week 2: The History of South Asia Before 1857

Lecture: *The History of South Asia Before 1857*, September 5th:

Bose and Jalal. Ch. 2-9.

Week 3: Colonial South Asia, Part 1

Lecture: *High Colonialism and Independence*, September 9th

Bose and Jalal. Ch. 10-17

Seminar: *Did Colonialism Make South Asia Poor?*, September 11th

Naoroji, Dadabhai. *Poverty and un-British rule in India*. S. Sonnenschein, 1901. Introduction and p.31-8.

Darling, Malcolm Lyall. *Punjab peasant in prosperity and debt*. Humphrey Milford, London, 1925. P. 164-178

Maddison, Angus. *Class structure and economic growth: India and Pakistan since the Moghuls*. Routledge, 2013. Chapter 3.

Bagchi, Amiya Kumar. "De-industrialization in India in the nineteenth century: Some theoretical implications." *The Journal of Development Studies* 12.2 (1976): 135-145 [not whole article].

Week 4: Colonial South Asia, Part 2

Seminar: *Regional Variation in Colonial Policy, September 16th*

Iyer, Lakshmi. "Direct versus indirect colonial rule in India: Long-term consequences." *The Review of Economics and Statistics* 92.4 (2010): 693-713.

Banerjee, Abhijit and Lakshmi Iyer. 2005. "History, Institutions and Economic Performance: The Legacy of Colonial Land Tenure Systems in India," *American Economic Review* 95 (4): 1190-1213.

Lee, Alexander. "Land, State Capacity and Colonialism: Evidence from India" *Comparative Political Studies*, 2019, 52(3), 412-444

Exam: *September 18th*

Week 5: The Post-Independence Period

Lecture: *Post-Independence India, September 23rd*

Bose and Jalal. Ch. 19-20

Kothari, Rajni. "The Congress' System' in India." *Asian survey* 4.12 (1964): 1161-1173.

Brass, Paul R. *Factional politics in an Indian state: the Congress Party in Uttar Pradesh*. Univ of California Press, 1965. Chapter 3.

Lecture: *Post-Independence Pakistan and Bangladesh, September 25th*

Siddiqi, Ayesha. *Military Inc.: inside Pakistan's military economy*. Penguin Random House India, 2017. P.58-111.

Bass, Gary J. *The Blood Telegram*. Random House India, 2013. Preface

Week 6: The Great Democracy Debate

Seminar: *Why is India a Stable* Democracy?, September 30th*

Moore, Barrington. *The Social origins of dictatorship and democracy; lord and peasant in the making of the modern world*. Boston, Beacon Press [1966] P.314-317, 370-375, 406-410 [partial].

Banerjee, Mukulika. *Why India Votes?*. Routledge India, 2017. Introduction

Lijphart, Arend. "The puzzle of Indian democracy: A consociational interpretation." *American political science review* 90.2 (1996): 258-268.

Seminar: *Why is Pakistan not a Stable Democracy?, October 2nd*

Ayesha Jalal, *Democracy and Authoritarianism in South Asia*. Cambridge University Press, 1995. P 1-9, 29-63.

Tudor, Maya. *The promise of power: The origins of democracy in India and autocracy in Pakistan*. Cambridge University Press, 2013. P.1-7, 20-40
Wilkinson, Steven I. *Army and Nation*. Harvard University Press, 2015. Introduction.

Week 7: Formal Political Institutions

Lecture: *Formal Political Institutions, October 7th*

Oberst, Robert C. *Government and politics in South Asia*. Routledge, 2018. Chapters 3 and 9.

Exam: *October 9th*

Week 8: Identities: Religion and Language

Seminar: *Hindu Nationalism, October 21st*

Wilkinson Steven. *Votes and Violence* Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 2004. P1-18.
Hansen, Thomas Blom. *The saffron wave: Democracy and Hindu nationalism in modern India*. Princeton University Press, 1999. P. 3-14, 104-115.
Thachil, Tariq. "Elite parties and poor voters: Theory and evidence from India." *American Political Science Review*(2014): 454-477.

Seminar: *Region and Language, October 23rd*.

Weiner, Myron. *Sons of the soil: Migration and ethnic conflict in India*. Princeton University Press, 2015. P. 75-135.
Subramanian, Narendra. *Ethnicity and Populist Mobilization: Political parties, citizens and democracy in South India*. Oxford University Press, 1999. Chapter IV.

Week 9: Identities: Caste

Seminar: *The Politics of Caste, October 28th*

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.
Chandra, Kanchan. *Why ethnic parties succeed: Patronage and ethnic head counts in India*. Cambridge University Press, 2007. P 11-15, 72-95.
Shah, Ghanshyam. *Untouchability in rural India*. Sage, 2006. P. 62-105.

Seminar: *Caste-based quotas, October 30th*

Dunning, Thad, and Janhavi Nilekani. "Ethnic quotas and political mobilization: caste, parties, and distribution in Indian village councils." *American political Science review* 107.1 (2013): 35-56.

Bertrand, Marianne, Rema Hanna, and Sendhil Mullainathan. "Affirmative action in education: Evidence from engineering college admissions in India." *Journal of Public Economics* 94.1-2 (2010): 16-29.

Subramanian, Ajantha. *The caste of merit: Engineering education in India*. Harvard University Press, 2019. Introduction

Week 10: Identities: Gender

Seminar: *Gender, November 4th*

Karekurve-Ramachandra, Varun and Alexander Lee. "Gender Quotas and Constituency Service in Indian Local Government" *Comparative Political Studies*, Forthcoming

Chattopadhyay, Raghavendra, and Esther Duflo. "Women as policy makers: Evidence from a randomized policy experiment in India." *Econometrica* 72.5 (2004): 1409-1414, 1423-34 [partial].

Sen, Amartya. "Missing women." *BMJ: British Medical Journal* 304.6827 (1992): 587.

Exam: *November 6th*

Week 11: The Practice of Politics

Seminar: *Clientelism, November 11th*

Kitschelt, Herbert, and Steven I. Wilkinson. "Citizen-politician linkages: an introduction." *Patrons, clients, and policies: Patterns of democratic accountability and political competition* 2007 (2007): 7-23 [partial].

Mohmand, Shandana Khan. *Crafty oligarchs, savvy voters: Democracy under inequality in rural Pakistan*. Cambridge University Press, 2019. 1-37 [partial].

Hoque, Ashraf. "The Rookie." In Michelutti, Lucia, et al. *Mafia raj: the rule of bosses in South Asia*. Stanford University Press, 2018 p. 51-70.

Banerjee, Mukulika. "Leadership and Political Work." In Price, Pamela, and Arild Engelsen Ruud eds. *Power and influence in India: bosses, lords and captains*. Routledge India, 2012, p. 20-42.

Seminar: *Public Service Delivery, November 13th*

Shami, Mahvish. "Collective action, clientelism, and connectivity." *American Political Science Review* 106.3 (2012): 588-606.

Sharan, M.R. *Last Among Equals: Power, Caste & Politics in Bihar's Villages*. Context, 2022. Chapters 1 and 2.

Week 12: Institutions

Seminar: The Bureaucracy, November 18th

Bertrand, M., S. Djankov, R. Hanna and S. Mullainathan. 2007. "Obtaining a Driver's License in India: An Experimental Approach to Studying Corruption," *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 122:4, 1639-1648, 1661-1675 [partial].

Dasgupta, Aditya, and Devesh Kapur. "The Political Economy of Bureaucratic Overload: Evidence from Rural Development Officials in India." *American Political Science Review* 114.4 (2020): 1316-1334.

Bussell, Jennifer L. "Why get technical? Corruption and the politics of public service reform in the Indian states." *Comparative Political Studies* 43.10 (2010): 1230-1257.

Seminar: The Police, November 20th

Lee, Alexander. *Democracy and Impunity: The Politics of Policing in Modern India*. Oxford University Press, Forthcoming, Chapters 3 and 4.

Vaishnav, Milan. *When crime pays: Money and muscle in Indian politics*. Yale University Press, 2017. P 1-12, 17-23.

Banerjee, Abhijit, et al. "Improving police performance in Rajasthan, India: Experimental evidence on incentives, managerial autonomy, and training." *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy* 13.1 (2021): 36-66.

Week 13: Foreign Policy

Seminar: Foreign Policy, December 2nd

Ganguly, Sumit. *Deadly impasse*. Cambridge University Press, 2016. Chapter 1.

Miller, Manjari Chatterjee. "India's Feeble Foreign Policy: A would-be great power resists its own rise." *Foreign Affairs* 92.3 (2013): 14-19.

Sagan, Scott D. "The perils of proliferation in South Asia." *Asian Survey* 41.6 (2001): 1064-1086.

Exam: December 4th