**PSC/IR 266**

The Politics of Terrorism

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12:30pm-1:45pm, Le Chase 104

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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 Participation ⎯ 20%

Midterm ⎯ 25%

Research Proposal ⎯ 30%

Final ⎯ 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.

*Midterm:* A midterm exam on October 13th will ask students to identify and explain key concepts from the first six (6) weeks of the course.

*Final:* A final exam will ask students to identify and explain key concepts from the last eight (8) weeks of the course.

*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project must include as least of the following: 1) a substantial period of research within South Asia, 2) work with unpublished primary sources, 3) the analysis of quantitative data.

**Readings**

**Week 1: Introduction**

*Introduction: September 1st*

*An Introduction to the Geography and Culture of South Asia: September 3rd*

**Week 2: The Colonial Legacy**

*Class: September 8th, September 10th*

*Readings:*

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 3: The Nationalist Movement and Partition.**

*Lecture: September 15th, September 17th*

*Readings:*

Hardgrave and Kochanek Ch.2

Bose and Jalal P.108-166

**Week 4: The Constitutional Settlement**

*Class: September 22th, September 24th*

*Readings:*

Hardgrave and Kochanek Ch.3, Ch.4

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

The Constitution of India, Part IV. <http://lawmin.nic.in/olwing/coi/coi-english/coi-indexenglish.htm>

**Week 5: The Army and the State in Pakistan**

*Class: September 29th, October 1st*

*Readings:*

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. Ch. 2.

**Week 6: The Congress System**

*Class: October 8th*

*Readings:*

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 7: Authoritarianism**

*Class: October 13th, October 15th*

*Readings:*

Bose and Jalal P.182-200

Unpublished files from the Home Ministry, National Archives of India

Ayesha Jalal, *Democracy and Authoritarianism in South Asia.* Cambridge University Press, 1995. Chapters 3-5.

**Week 8: Midterm**

*Q & A on the Research Proposal: October 20th*

*Midterm October 22nd*

**Week 9: Language and Class**

*Class: October 27th, October 29th*

*Readings:*

Hardgrave and Kochanek Ch.5

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

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

**Week 10: Religious Conflict**

*Class: November 3rd, November 5th*

*Readings:*

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.

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

**Week 11: Caste**

*No Class November 10th*

*Class: November 12th*

*Readings:*

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. “From Hierarchy to Ethnicity”

[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 12: The Second Democratic Upsurge and Coalition Politics**

*Class: November 17th, November 19th*

*Readings:*

Hardgrave and Kochanek Ch.8

Varshney, Ashutosh. "Is India becoming more democratic?." *The Journal of Asian Studies* 59.01 (2000): 3-25.

Articles about the 2014 Election Results: http://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/article6039579.ece

**Week 13**

*Thanksgiving, No Class*

**Week 14: Development and Corruption**

*Class December 1st , December 3rd*

*Readings:*

Hardgrave and Kochanek Ch.9

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

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

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

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

**Week 14: Foreign Policy and Nuclear Weapons**

*Class: December 8th*

*Final Exam: December 10th*

*Readings:*

Hardgrave and Kochanek Ch.10

Ganguly, Sumit. "Behind India's Bomb: The Politics and Strategy of Nuclear Deterrence." *Foreign Affairs* (2001): 136-142.

Krasner, Stephen D. "Talking tough to Pakistan." *Foreign Affairs* 91.1 (2012): 87-96.