

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY  
FACULTY OF ARTS  
Interdisciplinary Programs

South Asian Studies

Course Outline - Fall 2017

Course: **SAST 203**

**Understanding South Asia**

Time: T/R 11:00-12:15      ST 135

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**Textbooks and Readings:**

[A History of India \[electronic resource\] 4th ed.](#)

Author : Kulke, Hermann.

Call Number: DS436 INTERNET

(This is an online book with access through UC libraries. There is no hardcopy book required for this course. Please purchase one if you prefer.)

These addresses also have a copy:

<http://www.scribd.com/doc/54951706/India-Hermann-kulke>

[http://www.ahandfulofleaves.org/documents/A%20History%20of%20India\\_Kulke.pdf](http://www.ahandfulofleaves.org/documents/A%20History%20of%20India_Kulke.pdf)

**Course Description**

The roots of ancient civilization: society, resources and environment; racial, ethnic and cultural diversities; philosophic and religious traditions; arts and aesthetics;

historical bases of tradition and modernity; role of education in social development; ideological differences and economic development. Primary focus on India, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal.

#### Core Competencies:

The student will be introduced to multidimensional aspects of S. Asian culture, key terms, important facts, authorities, movements and foundational ideas that have shaped this region. Students will be exposed to modern scholarly methodologies. Critical analysis and interpretations of evidence will play a central role.

#### Assignments and Evaluation

There will be two tests in this course. : **mid-term test =45 points (Oct. 26, in-class)**  
Students will be provided extensive study aids for each. **Final exam = 45 points (Registrar final)**

Students will be marked on participation:

Question of the day (submitted Q selected for my response) = 4 points

Discussion in Class (topics assigned each week) =6 points total

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Total 100 Points

#### Registrar-scheduled Final Examination:

The final examination will be closed book and will be scheduled by the Office of the Registrar.

#### Policy for Late Assignments

No late items will be accepted. Exams must be taken on day assigned except with medical note.

#### Grading System-----Grading Scale

A+ 96-100

A 90-95.99

A - 85-89.99  
B+ 80-84.99  
B 75-79.99  
B- 70-74.99  
C+ 65-69.99  
C 60-64.99  
C- 55-59.99  
D+ 53-54.99  
D 50-52.99  
F 0-49

### **Schedule of Lectures and Readings :**

Schedule of Lectures and Readings will be distributed the first week. Students must use D2L.

### **Ethics n/a**

### **Plagiarism**

Using any source whatsoever without clearly documenting it is a serious academic offense. Consequences include failure on the assignment, failure in the course and possibly suspension or expulsion from the university. You must document not only direct quotations but also paraphrases and ideas where they appear in your text. A reference list at the end is insufficient by itself. Readers must be able to tell exactly where your words and ideas end and other people's words and ideas begin. This includes assignments submitted in non-traditional formats such as Web pages or visual media, and material taken from such sources. Please consult your instructor if you have any questions regarding how to document sources.

### **Internet and electronic communication device information**

No recordings without written permission.

### **Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act**

This course is conducted in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP). As one consequence, students should identify themselves on all written work by using their ID number. Also you will be required to provide a piece of picture identification in order to pick up an assignment or look at a final exam.

For more information see also <http://www.ucalgary.ca/secretariat/privacy>.

### **Academic Honesty**

Plagiarism is not tolerated at the University of Calgary and has serious consequences. Your essays/presentations must be your own work and inadequate referencing may be seen as plagiarism. Please see the relevant sections on Academic Misconduct in the current University

Calendar (section K, which can be found here: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html>). If you have questions about correct referencing, please consult your instructor, or librarian staff.

### **Student Accommodations**

Students seeking an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns should contact Student Accessibility Services; SAS will process the request and issue letters of accommodation to instructors. For additional information on support services and accommodations for students with disabilities, visit [www.ucalgary.ca/access/](http://www.ucalgary.ca/access/).

Students who require an accommodation in relation to their coursework based on a protected ground other than disability should communicate this need in writing to their Instructor.

The full policy on Student Accommodations is available at [http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy\\_0.pdf](http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy_0.pdf).

### **Desire 2 Learn (D2L) Help**

Go to <http://elearn.ucalgary.ca/desire2learn/home/students> for Student Help and FAQ's about D2L. Troubleshooting tips and a tutorial are also available on this website.

### **Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources**

- For program planning and advice, students in the Faculty of Arts will contact The Arts Students' Centre (ASC). Drop in at SS102, call at 403-220-3580 or email at [ascarts@ucalgary.ca](mailto:ascarts@ucalgary.ca). You can also visit the Faculty of Arts website at <http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate> which has detailed information on common academic concerns.
- For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at (403) 210-ROCK [7625] or visit them at the MacKimmie Library Block.

### **Student Ombudsperson and Students' Union Representative**

The Student Ombuds Office provides independent, impartial and confidential support for students who require assistance and advice in addressing issues and concerns related to their academic careers. See [www.ucalgary.ca/provost/students/ombuds](http://www.ucalgary.ca/provost/students/ombuds) for more information.

The Students' Union Faculty of Arts representative can be reached at [arts1@ucalgary.ca](mailto:arts1@ucalgary.ca).

### **Emergency Evacuation and Assembly points**

In case of an emergency evacuation during class, students must gather at the designated assembly point nearest to the classroom. The list of assembly points is found at [www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints](http://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints). Please check this website and not the nearest assembly point for this course.

### **"SAFEWALK" Program**

The Safewalk program provides volunteers to walk students safely to their destination anywhere on campus (including McMahon Stadium, Health Sciences, Student Family Housing, the Alberta Children's Hospital and the University LRT station). This service is free and available to students, staff and campus visitors 24 hrs/day, 365 days a year. Call 403-220-5333 or use one of the Help phones located throughout campus to request a walk.