HIST 3373 - Modern India and South Asia
MW 8-9:15 am
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Course Description:
“Emphasizes how Hindu, Buddhist, Islamic and other traditional cultures combined with British colonial rule and other modernizing influences to produce the India of today. Some attention is also given to peripheral areas, particularly Pakistan and Bangladesh.”

Course Objectives:
Students will develop a demonstrable knowledge of India and wider South Asia since the 16th century, as well as understand the extent to which its unique experience, representing a confluence of different cultural tradition and historical themes, bares heavily upon our comprehension of the modern world.

Required Texts:
The Ramayana by R.K Narayan
The Last Mughal: The Fall of a Dynasty: Delhi, 1857 by William Dalrymple.
Modern South Asia: History, Culture, Political Economy by Bose and Jalal
Train to Pakistan by Khushwant Singh. You will need to purchase this on your own. Let me know if this presents a problem.

Basis of Final Grade:
- Journal with 12 entries kept over the duration of the course. (Collected twice).
- Take-home mid-term.
- Take-home final exam
- Several Quizzes based upon reading assignments.
(Each of the first three components will be weighted equally as 30% of your grade, the remaining 10% made up of quiz grades. The guidelines for the journals will be discussed in the first two weeks of the course.)

Academic Integrity Statement:
Every KSU student is responsible for upholding the provisions of the Student Code of Conduct, as published in the Undergraduate and Graduate Catalogs. Section II of the Student Code of Conduct addresses the University’s policy on academic honesty, including provisions regarding plagiarism and cheating, unauthorized access to University materials, misrepresentation/ falsification of University records or academic work, malicious removal, retention, or destruction of library materials, malicious/intentional misuse of computer facilities and/or services, and misuse of student identification cards. Incidents of alleged academic misconduct will be handled
through the established procedures of the University Judiciary Program, which includes either an “informal” resolution by a faculty member, resulting in a grade adjustment, or a formal hearing procedure, which may subject a student to the Code of Conduct’s minimum one semester suspension requirement.

*Attendance Policy:*

I will not be taking attendance during the course of the term. Please Note, however, that examinations will draw from both the text *and* from lectures, and success in the class will likely entail regular attendance and note-taking. Quizzes, intended to focus discussion on class readings, may not be made up.

*Schedule:*

Week One  
January 9 Introductions, Syllabus, Expectations  
January 11 Framing the Course and Introducing South Asia Thematically  
Readings: Modern South Asia, Chapter One

Week Two  
January 16 No Class, Holiday  
January 18 Introducing *The Ramayana*  
Readings: Begin reading *The Ramayana*

Week Three  
January 23 Hindu Thought  
January 25 *Ramayana* and Religious Philosophy (Class Discussion)  
Reading: Short Readings (Online); First Half of *The Ramayana*

Week Four  
January 30 *The Ramayana*, Concluded  
February 1 Historical Outline-Up to Islamic Incursion into South Asia  
Readings: Finish *The Ramayana*, Film (In class)

Week Five  
February 6  
February 8  
Readings:

Week Six  
February 13  
February 15  
Readings:
Week Seven  
February 20  
February 22 **Distribute Take-Home**  
Readings:  

Week Eight  
February 27  
February 29 **Collect Take-Home Exam**  
Readings  

Week Nine  
**March 3-9 Spring Break**  

Week Ten  
Tuesday, March 12 **Take-Home Exams Returned (Graded-Last Day to Withdraw w/o Penalty)**  
Thursday, March 14  
Readings:  

Week Eleven  
March 19  
March 21 **Journals Collected (1st time- Have at least 6 entries recorded).**  

Week Twelve  
March 26  
March 28  

Week Thirteen  
April 2  
April 4  

Week Fourteen  
April 9  
April 11  

Week Fifteen  
April 16  
April 18  

Week Sixteen  
April 23  
April 25  

Week Seventeen  
April 30 Closing Discussion-**Final Exam Explained (Online)**