HIST 3373 - Modern India and South Asia  
Mondays and Wednesdays, 2-3:15 pm  
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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, weighs 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 may want to purchase this on your own or read one of the library copies. 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 midterm.  
- Take-home final exam  
- Attendance taken at random intervals, participation, and 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/participation grades. The guidelines for the journals will be discussed in the first two weeks of the course.)

Grade Scale  
A...89.5-100%  
B...79.5-89.49%  
C...69.5-79.49%  
D...59.5-69.49%  
F...59.49% and below

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:**

Students are responsible for regular attendance, and I will be taking attendance at random intervals during the course of the term. There are no penalties for missed classes, but students must make arrangements to make up the work/material covered. Quizzes, intended to focus discussion on class readings, may not be made up save for exceptional circumstances.

**Schedule:**

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

Week Two: January 18
Introducing The *Rámâyana*
Readings: Modern South Asia, Chapter One; Begin The *Rámâyana*

Week Three: January 23, 25
Hindu Thought
Rāmāyana and Religious Philosophy (Class Discussion)
Reading: Short Readings-selections from the Vedas, Bhagavad Gita (Online); First Half of The *Rámâyana*

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

Week Five: February 6, 8
Conclude *The Rámâyana*
Mauryan Empire, Gupta Empire
Readings: See link online for web-based video

Week Six: February 13, 15
Golden Age, Hindu Kush
Cholans and Early Islam
Readings: Begin The Last Mughal

Week Seven: February 20, 22
Islamic Foundations
**Distribute Take-Home**
Readings: The Last Mughal (First Two Chapters), Modern South Asia Chapters 3 and 4

Week Eight: February 27 - March 1
Islamic Foundations
Islamic Foundations (Cont.) **Collect Take-Home Exam**
Readings: Continue reading The Last Mughal, Modern South Asia Chapters 3 and 4 (Review)

Week Nine: March 6, 8
Early Colonialism
Colonialism (Cont.)
Readings: Continue The Last Mughal, Modern South Asia Chapters 6-8

Week Ten: March 13, 15
Colonialism (Cont.)
Discussion-The Last Mughal **Journals Collected (1st time-Have at least 6 entries recorded).**
Readings: First half of The Last Mughal completed.

Week Eleven: March 20, 22
The "Sepoy Rebellion" and fallout
Revisionism and Subaltern Legacies
Readings: The Last Mughal (Entire Book), (Article Online)

Week Twelve: March 27, 29
Late Colonialism and Early Independence Organization
Independence Politics
Readings: Modern South Asia Chapters 12 and 13

Week Thirteen: Spring Break

Week Fourteen: April 10-12
Gandhi's India
Gandhi's India (Cont.)
Readings: Modern South Asia Chapter 15
Week Fifteen: April 17-19
A Deal Brokered-The Partition
*Train to Pakistan* Book Discussion
Readings: *Train To Pakistan, Modern South Asia*, Chapter 16

Week Sixteen: April 24-April 26
Modern Indian Society and Politics
Modern Indian Society and Politics (Cont.)
Readings:
*Modern South Asia*, Chapters 18 and 19
**Journals Collected**

Week Seventeen: May 1
Closing Discussion-Independent Era
**Final Exam Posted**