

**Central University of Punjab,  
Bathinda**



**Syllabus  
For Pre-PhD Coursework**

**Political Sciences**

**Department of South and Central Asian  
Studies  
(Incl. Historical Studies)**

**School of Global Relations  
(Academic Session: 2019-20)**

### Scheme of Courses

Sl. No.	Course Code	Name of the Course	L	T	P	Cr
<b>Compulsory Courses</b>						
1	SCA. 701	Research Methodology	3	1	0	4
2	SCA. 702	Application of Computer and Statistical Analysis	1	0	4	3
3	SCA.700	Seminar	0	1	0	1
<b>Optional Courses (choose any two)</b>						
4	SCA. 703	Government and Politics of South and Central Asia	3	1	0	4
5	SCA. 704	Environmental Politics and Policy in South and Central Asia	3	1	0	4
6	SCA. 705	Comparative Perspectives of South and Central Asian Security	3	1	0	4
7	SCA. 706	South Asian History and Politics	3	1	0	4
<b>Total Credits</b>			<b>16</b>			

**Acronyms:**

L: Lectures

T: Tutorial

P: Practical

Cr: Credits

**Course Title: Research Methodology**

**Course Code: SCA. 701**

L	T	P	Cr
3	1	0	4

**Hours: 60**

**Objective:**

The objective of the course is to introduce students' approaches, methods and techniques of research in political science and international relations.

**Unit I:**

**15 Hours**

Process of Research: Meaning, Objectives, Characteristics, Significance, and Types, Research Methods vs. Research Methodology

Research Approaches: Positivism, Phenomenology, Ethnography, and Triangulation, Qualitative, Quantitative

Epistemology of Social Science

Theory Construction and Validity in Social Science

**Unit II:**

**15 Hours**

Process of Literature Survey and Review, Techniques of Writing the Reviewed Literature

Statement of Research Problem, Process of Formulation of a Research Problem and Research Objectives

Sampling Design: Selecting Appropriate Probability and Non-Probability

Sampling Techniques for Qualitative and Quantitative Research Problems

Hypothesis Testing

**Unit III:**

**20 Hours**

Qualitative Methods: Concept, Type, Technique, and Applications

Quantitative Methods: Concept, Type, Technique, and Applications

Mixed Method: Concept, Design, Technique, and Applications

**Unit IV:**

**10 Hours**

Technical Writing: Research Proposal, Research Report, Dissertation/Thesis:

Citation, Notes, Reference, Bibliography, and Webliography

Common Errors in Writing Research Report: Plagiarism and Copyright Issues,

Ethics in Research

**Essential Readings:**

- Audi, Robert. (2002). Epistemology: A Contemporary Introduction to the Theory of Knowledge. London: Routledge.
- Creswell, John W. (2011). Research Design: Qualitative, Quantitative and Mixed Methods Approaches. Thousand Oaks: Sage Publications.
- De Vaus, D. A. (2002). Surveys in Social Research (5<sup>th</sup> edn.). London: Routledge.
- Galderisi, Peter. (2015). Understanding Political Science Statistics: Observations and Expectations in Political Analysis. New York and London: Routledge.

- Kellstedt, M. Paul and Guy D. Whitten.( 2013). *The Fundamentals of Political Science Research* (2<sup>nd</sup> edition). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Kuhn, Thomas. (1996). *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- McNabb, David E. (2015). *Research Methods for Political Science: Quantitative and Qualitative Methods* (2<sup>nd</sup> edition). New York: Routledge.
- Popper, Karl. (1959). *The Logic of Scientific Discovery* (Reprint 2012). New York: Basic Books.

**Suggested Readings:**

- Berg, Bruce L. (2001). *Qualitative Research Methods for Social Sciences*. Boston: Allyn and Bacon, 2001.
- Bernard, H.R. (2000). *Social Research Methods: Qualitative and Quantitative Approaches*. Newbury Park, Cal.: Sage.
- Bless, Claire, Craig Higson Smith, and Ashraf Kagee. (2006). *Fundamentals of Social Research Methods: An African Perspective* (4<sup>th</sup> ed.). Zambia: Juta & Co. Ltd.
- Grix, Jonathan. (2010). *The Foundations of Research*. London: Palgrave Macmillan.
- Groves, Robert M, *et al.* (2009). *Survey Methodology*. New Jersey: Wiley.
- Harrison, Lisa and Theresa Callan. (2013). *Key Research Concepts in Politics and International Relations*. London: Sage.
- Joseph, Gibaldi. (2009). *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*. Modern Language Association of America.
- Kanji, Gopal K. (2006). *100 Statistical Tests* (3<sup>rd</sup> ed.). London: Sage.
- Kapiszewski, Diana, Lauren M. MacLean, and Benjamin L. Read. (2015). *Field Research in Political Science*. Cambridge University Press.
- Lamont, Christopher. (2015). *Research Methods in International Relations*. London: Sage.
- Lester, James D. and Jim D. Lester Jr. (2007). *Principles of Writing Research Papers*. New York: Longman.
- Mahan, Margaret D. F. (2003). *Chicago Manual of Style*. Phi Learning Pvt. Ltd.
- Maoz, Zeev. (2004). *Multiple Paths to Knowledge in International Relations: Methodology in the Study of Conflict Management and Conflict Resolution*. Lexington Books.
- Marsh, David and Gerry Stoker (*eds.*). (2010). *Theory and Methods in Political Science*. 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, London: Macmillan.
- Sprinz, Detlef F. and Yael Wolinsky-Nahmias (*eds.*). (2007). *Models, Numbers, and Cases: Methods for Studying International Relations*. The University of Michigan Press.

**Course Title: Computer Applications and Statistical Analysis**

**Course Code: SCA. 702**

**Hours: 60**

L	T	P	CR
1	0	3	3

**Objective:**

The purpose of the course is to make students familiar with the use of applications software in political science and international relations research.

**Unit I:**

**15 Hours**

Computer: Hardware and Software

Computer Classification: Types of Computers Based on Electronic Signal, and Types of Computers Based on Memory Size

**Unit II:**

**15 Hours**

MS Word: Working with Text, Working with Tables, Graphics and Pages, Document Views and Formatting, and Mail-merge, and Referencing Style.

MS-EXCEL: Basics, Formatting Worksheets, Formulas and Functions, Charts and Graphics; Data Analysis – Using Spread Sheet.

**Unit III:**

**15 Hours**

MS Power Point: Preparing Slides.

Use of SPSS in Social Science.

**Unit IV:**

**15 Hours**

Computer Assisted Qualitative Data Analysis Software: ATLAS.ti and NVivo

Use of Internet: Fundamentals and Services – E-mail, FTP, Telnet, WWW

**Essential Readings:**

- Bazeley, P., & Jackson, K. (Eds.). (2013). Qualitative Data Analysis with NVivo. Sage Publications Limited.
- Blissmer, R. H. (1987). Introduction to Computers and Application Software. Houghton Mifflin Co.
- Brent, E. E., & Anderson, R. E. (1990). Computer Applications in the Social Sciences. Philadelphia: Temple University Press.
- Friese, S. (2014). Qualitative Data Analysis with ATLAS. ti. Sage.
- Hooley, T., Wellens, J., & Marriott, J. (2012). What is Online Research?: Using the Internet for Social Science Research. A&C Black.
- Kirkpatrick, Lee A. and Quentin Kidd. (2013). A Simple Guide to SPSS for Political Science (1st Edition), Wordsworth Cengage Learning Publication.

**Suggested Readings:**

- Beskeen, D. W. (2013). Microsoft Office 2013: Illustrated Introductory, first course. Cengage Learning.
- Comer, D. E. (2000). The Internet Book: Everything You Need to Know about Computer Networking and How the Internet Works. Prentice-Hall, Inc.
- Faherty, V. E. (2009). Wordcraft: Applied Qualitative Data Analysis (QDA): Tools for Public and Voluntary Social Services. Sage.
- Field, A. (2013). Discovering Statistics using IBM SPSS Statistics. Sage.

- Hunsinger, Jeremy, Lisbeth Klastrup, and Matthew M. Allen (eds.) (2010). International Handbook of Internet Research. London, New York: Springer.
- Kardas, E. P., & Milford, T. M. (1995). Using the Internet for Social Science Research and Practice. Wadsworth Publ. Co.
- Miller, M. (2007). Absolute Beginner's Guide to Computer Basics. Que Publishing.
- Morrison, C., Wells, D., & Ruffolo, L. (2014). Computer Literacy Basics: A Comprehensive Guide to IC3. Cengage Learning.
- Norton, P. (1994). Peter Norton's Introduction to Computers: Includes Optional Computer Activities for DOS, Windows, and Norton Desktop for Windows. Glencoe/McGraw-Hill.
- Pallant, J. (2013). SPSS Survival Manual. McGraw-Hill Education (UK).
- Patterson, D. A., & Hennessy, J. L. (2013). Computer Organization and Design: The Hardware/Software Interface. Newnes.
- Singh, P. K. (2009). Basics of Computer. VK Publications.
- Sinha, P. K., & Sinha, P. (2010). Computer Fundamentals (Vol. 4). BPB Publications.
- Stallings, W. (2000). Computer Organization and Architecture: Designing for Performance. Pearson Education India.
- Tyrrell, S. (2009). SPSS: Stats Practically Short and Simple. Bookboon.
- Vermaat, M. E. (2013). Discovering Computers & Microsoft Office 2013: A Fundamental Combined Approach. Cengage Learning.
- Weitzman, E., & Miles, M. B. (1995). Computer Programs for Qualitative Data Analysis: A Software Sourcebook. Sage Publications.

**Course Title: Government and Politics of South and Central Asia**

**Course Code: SCA. 703**

**Hours: 60**

L	T	P	CR
3	1	0	4

**Objective:**

The purpose of the paper is to make students familiar with the existing diverse political debates and political systems in the South and Central Asian region.

**Unit I**

**15 Hours**

Political Geography and Links Between South and Central Asia  
History of Relationship Between Both the Regions

**Unit II**

**15 Hours**

Political System, Structure and Functions

**Unit III**

**15 Hours**

Political System, Structure and Functions

**Unit IV**

**15 Hours**

Social Schism, Ethnic Conflicts, Terrorism.

**Essential Readings:**

- Ahrens, Joachim and Herman W. Hoen, eds. (2012), *Institutional Reform in Central Asia: Politico-Economic Challenges*, London: Routledge.
- Allworth, E. (1967). *Central Asia: A Century of Russian Rule*. New York, Columbia UP.
- Anderson, J. (1997). Elections and Political Development in Central Asia. *The Journal of Communist Studies and Transition Politics*, 13(4), 28-53.
- *Asia and the Caucasus: Enduring Legacies and Emerging Challenges*, London: Routledge.
- Baxter, C. (Ed.). (2002). *Government and Politics in South Asia*. Westview Press.
- Brass, P. R. (Ed.). (2010). *Routledge Handbook of South Asian Politics: India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, and Nepal*. Routledge.
- Chadda, M. (2000). *Building Democracy in South Asia: India, Nepal, Pakistan*. Lynne Rienner Publishers.
- Cummings, Sally N. (2002), *Power and Change in Central Asia*, London, Routledge.
- Cummings, Sally N. (2012), *Understanding Central Asia: Politics and Contested Transformations*, London: Routledge.Cummings.
- Hiro, Dilip (2010), *Inside Central Asia: a Political and Cultural History of Uzbekistan*,
- Hunter, S. (1996). *Central Asia Since Independence* (No. 168). Praeger Pub Text.
- Kubicek, P. (1998). Authoritarianism in Central Asia: Curse or Cure?. *Third World Quarterly*, 19(1), 29-43.
- Kumaraswamy, P. R., & Copland, I. (2013). *South Asia: The Spectre of Terrorism*. Routledge.
- Laruelle, Marlene and Sebastian Peyrouse, eds. (2011), *Mapping Central Asia: Indian Perceptions and Strategies*, Surrey: Ashgate.
- Malik, Y. K., Lawoti, M., & Rahman, S. (2008). *Government and Politics in South Asia*. Westview Press.
- Matveeva, A. (1999). Democratization, Legitimacy and Political Change in Central Asia. *International Affairs* (Royal Institute of International Affairs 1944-), 23-44.
- Mitra, S. K., Enskat, M., & Spiess, C. (Eds.). (2004). *Political Parties in South Asia*. Greenwood Publishing Group.
- Nohlen, D., Grotz, F., & Hartmann, C. (Eds.). (2001). *Elections in Asia and the Pacific: A Data Handbook: Volume I: Middle East, Central Asia, and South Asia*. OUP Oxford.
- Oberst, R. C., Malik, Y. K., Kennedy, C., & Kapur, A. (2013). *Government and Politics in South Asia*. Westview Press.
- O'Kane, John, and TourajAtabaki, eds. (1998), *Post-Soviet Central Asia*, London: Tauris.
- Olcott, Martha Brill (1996), *Central Asia's New States: Independence, Foreign Policy, International Security*, United States Institute of Peace Press.
- Palmer, N. D. (1975). *Elections and Political Development: The South Asian Experience*. London: C. Hurst.

- Patnaik, Ajay and Anuradha M Chenoy, eds. (2011), Traditional and Non Traditional Threats to Central Asian Security, New Delhi: KW Publishers.
- Paul, T. V. (Ed.). (2010). South Asia's Weak States: Understanding the Regional Insecurity Predicament. Stanford University Press.
- Rashid, Ahmed (2002), Jihad: The Rise of Militant Islam in Central Asia. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press.
- SDSA Team. (2008). State of Democracy in South Asia: A Report.
- Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkey, and Iran, New Delhi: Harper Collins.
- Warikoo, K. (2010), Religion and Security in South and Central Asia, London: Routledge.
- Wooden, Amanda E. and Christoph H. Stefes, eds. (2012), The Politics of Transition in Central

### **Suggested Readings:**

- Allworth, Edward, *ed.* (1994). Central Asia: 130 years of Russian Dominance, Durham.
- Collins, K. (2002). Clans, Pacts, and Politics in Central Asia. *Journal of Democracy*, 13(3), 137-152.
- Glenn, J. (1999). The Soviet Legacy in Central Asia. Macmillan.
- Glenn, John (1999), The Soviet Legacy in Central Asia, London: Macmillan Press.
- Jeffrey, R. (1994). Democracy in South Asia. *History Today*, 44(5), 43.
- Phadnis, U., & Ganguly, R. (2001). Ethnicity and Nation-Building in South Asia. Sage.

**Course Title: Environmental Politics and Policy in South and Central Asia**  
**Course Code: SCA. 704**

**Hours: 60**

L	T	P	CR
3	1	0	4

### **Objective:**

The course objectives are – to make students acquaint with the existing environmental issues and their impacts over social, economic and political life; and to make students understand the key actors, institutions and political process that characterise and shape South and Central Asian environmental politics.

### **Unit I**

**15 Hours**

Environment as a Socio-Political Object of Analysis.  
 Environmental Discourses.  
 Environmental Politics - Sovereignty, Security, Justice.  
 International Cooperation and Regime Formation.  
 Effectiveness of Environmental Regimes.

### **Unit II**

**15 Hours**

Air Pollution  
 Water: Resource Scarcity and Pollution  
 Land Degradation



Deforestation  
Bio-diversity Loss  
Global Warming/Climate Change

**Unit III**

**15 Hours**

Water Governance  
Waste Management  
Forest management  
Climate Change Governance

**Unit IV**

**15 Hours**

Environment and Security: New and Old 'Environmental Wars'.  
Environmental Justice: Dilemmas over Conservation, Development and Poverty.  
North-South Relations and Sustainable Development.  
The Challenge of Conceptualisation of Global/Regional Environmental Regime.  
The Prospects of Global Environmental Politics.

**Essential Readings:**

- Axelrod, R.; Vandever, Stacy D. & Downie D. *eds.* (2010). *The Global Environment: Institutions, Law and Policy* (3rd ed.). CQ Press.
- Benton, Lisa M. and John Rennie Short. (2000). *Environmental Discourses and Practice: A Reader*. Wiley.
- Chasek, P.; Downie, D. & Welsh Brown, J. (2010). *Global Environmental Politics (Dilemmas in World Politics)* (5th ed.). Westview Press.
- Dryzek, John S. (2005). *The Politics of Earth: Environmental Discourses* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.). OUP Oxford.
- Evans, J.P. (2012). *Environmental Governance*. New York: Routledge.
- Marsden, Simon and Elizabeth Brandon. (2015). *Transboundary Environmental Governance in Asia: Practice and Prospects with the UNECE Agreements*. Edward Elgar Publishing Limited.
- World Commission on Environment and Development. (1987). *Our Common Future*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

**Suggested Readings**

- Agrawal, Anil. (2002). "A Southern Perspective on Curbing Global Climate Change," in S. Schneider, A. Rosencranz, and J. Niles (eds.). *Climate Change Policy: A Survey*. Island Press: Washington, DC.
- Betsill, M. and Corell, E. *eds.* (2007). *NGO Diplomacy: The Influence of Nongovernmental Organizations in International Environmental Negotiations*. MIT Press.
- Biermann, F., Pattberg, P. and Zelli, F. *eds.* (2010). *Global Climate Governance Beyond 2012: Architecture, Agency and Adaptation*. Cambridge University Press.
- Biermann, Frank, and Philipp H. Pattberg, *eds.* (2012). *Global Environmental Governance Reconsidered*. MIT Press.
- Bulkeley, H. and Newell, P. (2010). *Governing Climate Change*, Routledge.

- Chayes, Abram and Antonia Handler Chayes. (1995). *The New Sovereignty: Compliance with International Regulatory Agreements*. Harvard University Press: Cambridge.
- Clapp, Jennifer, and Peter Dauvergne. (2008). *Paths to a Green World the Political Economy of the Global Environment*. MIT Press.
- Clark, William C. (1989). "Managing Planet Earth." *Scientific American* 261(3): 47-54.
- Conca, Ken, and Dabelko, Geoffrey D. (2010). *Green Planet Blues: Four Decades of Global Environmental Politics* (4th ed.). Boulder, CO: Westview Press.
- Gadgil, Madhav and Ramachandra Guha. (1995) (Digital Printing 2005). *Ecology and Equity: The Use and Abuse of Nature in Contemporary India*. USA and Canada: Routledge.
- Gadgil, Madhav. (2001). *Ecological Journeys: The Science and Politics of Conservation in India*. Delhi: Permanent Black.
- Guha, Ramachandra and Joan Martínez Alier. (1997). *Varieties of Environmentalism: Essays North and South* (Reprint in 2006). The UK: Earthscan.
- Hajer, Maarten A. (1995). *The Politics of Environmental Discourse: Ecological Modernization and the Policy Process*. Clarendon Press.
- Harre, Rom, Jens Brockmeier, and Peter Muhlhauser. (1999). *Greenspeak: A Study of Environmental Discourse*. Sage Publications.
- Keohane, Robert. (2000). "Governance in a Partially Globalized World." Presidential Address, American Political Science Association.
- Koontz, Tomas M., Toddi A. Steelman, JoAnn Carmin, et. al. (2004). *Collaborative Environmental Management: What roles for Government – 1*. Routledge.
- Miller, Clark A. (2004). "Climate Science and the Making of Global Political Order." in S. Jasanoff (ed.). *States of Knowledge*. London: Routledge.
- Mitchell, Ronald B. (2011). *International Politics and the Environment*. London: SAGE.
- Mukherjee, Sacchidananda and Debashis Chakraborty. (2015). *Environmental Challenges and Governance: Diverse Perspectives from Asia*. Routledge.
- Nagtzaam, Gerry. (2009). *The Making of International Environmental Treaties: Neoliberal and Constructivist Analyses of Normative Evolution*. Edward Elgar Publishing.
- Ostrom, Elinor, (et al.) 1999. "Revisiting the Commons: Local Lessons, Global Challenges." *Science* 284.5412: 278-282.
- Vogler, John. (2012). "Global Commons Revisited." *Global Policy* 3.1: 61-71.
- Wapner, Paul. (1998). "Reorienting State Sovereignty: Rights and Responsibilities in an Environmental Age." in Karen T. Litfin (ed.). *The Greening of Sovereignty in World Politics*. Cambridge: MIT.
- Winkler, Harald, and Judy Beaumont. (2010). "Fair and Effective Multilateralism in the Post-Copenhagen Climate Negotiations." *Climate Policy* 10.6: 638-654.

**Course Title: Comparative Perspectives of South and Central Asian Security**  
**Course Code: SCA. 705**

L	T	P	CR
3	1	0	4

**Hours: 60**

**Objective:**

The objective of the course is to students acquaint with comparative approaches and methods for understanding cotemporary security environment in the South and Central Asian region.

**Unit I**

**19 Hours**

Contending Security Theories: Realism, Neo-realism and Liberal Institutionalism, Economic Liberalism; Makinder's Heartland Theory; Mahan's Theory of Sea Power; Security Dilemma & Collective Security; the New/Big Great Game; Concepts of Balance of Power and Deterrence, Arms Reduction and Disarmament and the Importance of Security in International Relations. Evolving Role of United Nations Security Council (UNSC): Just War and Humanitarian Intervention; Right to Protect or/and Responsibility While Protecting?

**Unit II**

**11 Hours**

New Great Game and Politics of Resource Diplomacy: Pipeline Politics; Role and Security Interests of the US, EU, Russia  
Role of Newly Emerging Powers of Central Asia: India, Russia and China

**Unit III**

**15 Hours**

Evolving factors of South Asian Security: String of Pearls, Asia Pivot, Russian Resurgence, Syrian Crisis.  
Changing Security Architecture of South Asia: Realignment of South Asian Countries, and, New Silk Route.

**Unit IV**

**15 Hours**

Meaning and Scope: Human Security and Millennium Development Goals, Challenges to the Nation States of South and Central Asia in Achieving them. Issues: Water Scarcity, Climate Change and Food Security, Drug Production and NarcoTerrorism; Human Trafficking and Human Rights Violations; Economic Security and Illegal Migration; Energy Politics and Cyber Security.

**Essential Readings:**

- Baylis John and Smith Steve (eds). (2011). The Globalisation of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations. Fifth Edition, Oxford University Press, Oxford.
- Buzan, B., & Waever, O. (2003). Regions and powers: the structure of international security (Vol. 91). Cambridge University Press.
- Cavelty D. Myriam and Mauer Victor. (2010). The Routledge Handbook of Security Studies. London: Routledge Publishers. Print.
- Evans Graham and Newnham Richard. (1998). The Penguin Dictionary of

- International Relations. New York: Penguin Group. Print.
- Griffiths Martin. (2007). International Relations Theory for the Twenty-First Century: An introduction. London: Routledge Publishers. Print.
- Kaldor Mary (2007). Human Security: Reflections on Globalization and Intervention. Cambridge: Polity Press. Print.
- R.R. Sharma (ed) (2005). India and Emerging Asia. Sage Publications, California.

**Suggested Readings:**

- Akiner Shirin (ed). (2004). The Caspian: Politics, Energy And Security. Routledge Curzon Publishers, London.
- Chellaney Brahma. (2011) Water: Asia's New Battleground. Washington; Georgetown University Press. Print
- Clary Christopher. (2010) Thinking About Pakistan's Nuclear Security in Peacetime, Crisis and War. New Delhi: Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses. Print
- Cummings N. Sally (ed). (2002) Power and Change in Central Asia. Routledge Publishers, London
- Huntington P. Samuel. (1993). The Clash of Civilizations?. Foreign Affairs 72 (3), 22–49
- Johnson Robs (2005). A Region in Turmoil: South Asian Conflicts since 1947. London: Reaktion Books. Print.
- Kennedy Paul (1987). The Rise and Fall of the Great Powers. New York: Vintage Books Publication House, Print.
- Lal Rollie. (2006) Understanding China and India: Security Implications for the United States and the World. USA: Praeger Security International. Print
- Matthew A. Richard. (2010) Global Environmental Change and Human Security. Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
- Michael Krepon (ed) (2004). Nuclear Risk Reduction in South Asia. Palgrave Macmillan, New York.
- Shaffer Brenda (2009). Energy Politics. University of Pennsylvania Press. Print.
- The Advisory Council on International Affairs (2005): Energised Foreign Policy – Security of Supply as a New Key Objective. Netherlands.
- Wesley Michael (ed) (2007). Energy Security in Asia. Routledge Publishers, London.

**Journals:**

- China Review, Beijing
- Foreign Affairs, Washington D.C.
- International Studies, JNU, New Delhi
- The Indian Express editorials/ columns by Prof. C. Rajamohan.

**Course Title: South Asian History and Politics**

**Course Code: SCA. 706**

L	T	P	CR
3	1	0	4

**Hours: 60**

**Objectives of the Course:**

The course shall introduce students to particular topics in South Asian history and politics. The course content shall be devised as per particular research areas being pursued by students.

We will read literature and learn how to identify and evaluate research interests pursued by students.

**Unit I**

**15 Hours**

Introduction to the topic; Bibliographic Essay; List of Secondary Sources; List of Primary Sources

**Unit II**

**15 Hours**

Methodological approaches; Research lacunae; Exploring new research areas

**Unit III**

**15 Hours**

Readings in essential texts in Indian history and politics tailored to research areas

**Unit IV**

**15 Hours**

Readings in essential texts in world history and politics tailored to research areas

**Suggested Readings:**

Shall be developed as per student research interest