

## PS 539: POLITICS OF SOUTH ASIA

Time: MW 3:30 – 5:18 pm  
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### Books (available at SBX and other campus-area bookstores)

- [1] Yogendra Malik, et al. 2009. *Government and Politics of South Asia*. 6<sup>th</sup> ed. Westview Press.  
[2] Edward Luce. 2007. *In Spite of the Gods*. Random House.

### Assignments

*Paper* 25% Anytime before Monday, May 15  
A comparative analysis of two or more countries on any topic of your choice (< 7 pages)

*Final Exam* 75% 3:30-5:18pm on Thursday, June 9  
Essay exam involving short and long answers. Precise format to be discussed in class.

### Extra Credit

You may participate in the Department of Political Science's Human Subject Pool for up to two experiments this quarter. Each experiment in which you participate will lead to an additional 3 points on your paper grade (added post hoc at the end of the term).

### Students with Disabilities

Students who feel they need an accommodation based on the impact of a disability should contact me privately to discuss their specific needs. Please contact the Office of Disability Services at 614-292-3307 in Room 150 Pomerene Hall to coordinate reasonable accommodations.

### Academic Dishonesty

Please do not cheat. If you do, I will pursue all options allowed by Ohio State to make sure you are punished. If you are confused as to what constitutes a violation of academic integrity, do ask.

### Attendance

Optional. No penalties for absences.

### E-mail

E-mail is the best way to stay in touch with me but don't expect instant responses and please use standard rules of academic writing in all official correspondence with me.

### Office Hours

Office hours are the best time to meet me. Due to a very tightly constrained schedule this quarter, it will generally not be possible to meet outside of office hours. Should my scheduled office hours not work for your schedule, please use e-mail to contact me.

### Recommendation Letters

I only write letters for students working towards senior honors theses under my supervision. Sorry for any inconvenience this might cause.

## Schedule of Readings

WEEK	DATE	TOPIC/NOTES	REQUIRED READING	
			Malik et al.	Luce
1	M 3/28	<i>Introduction</i>		
	W 3/30		1	Intro
2	M 4/4	<i>History &amp; Culture</i>	2, 8	1
	W 4/6		14, 19, 25	
3	M 4/11		3	2
	W 4/13	<i>Institutions and Bureaucracies</i>	9	
4	M 4/18		20,26	
	W 4/20	<i>NO CLASS</i>		
5	M 4/25	<i>Groups and Demands</i>	4, 10	5
	W 4/27	<i>National Political Institutions</i>	16, 21, 27	
6	M 5/2	<i>Civil Society</i>	5	3
	W 5/4	<i>Caste</i>	6	4
7	M 5/9	<i>Religion</i>	17, 22	6
	W 5/11	<i>Internal Conflicts</i>	28	
8	M 5/16	<i>Hindutva</i>	7, 23	7
	W 5/18	<i>NO CLASS</i>		
9	M 5/23	<i>Kashmir</i>	12, 18	
	W 5/25	<i>PE I &amp; II</i>	29, 30	8
10	M 5/30	<i>NO CLASS MEMORIAL DAY</i>		
	W 6/1	<i>PE III</i>	--	--
<b>Final</b>	M 6/9	3:30-5:18pm		

### Newspapers

Try and keep up with the news from the region. Some websites to get you started are: India (<http://beta.thehindu.com/>; <http://www.indiatogether.org>); Pakistan (<http://www.dawn.com/>), Sri Lanka (<http://www.dailynews.lk/>), Bangladesh (<http://www.thedailystar.net/newDesign/index.php>), Nepal (<http://www.nepalnews.com/main/>), Bhutan (<http://www.apfanews.com/>), Maldives (<http://www.haamadaily.com/index.php?category=9>)