

HIS 563/CEG 536 – FIELD SEMINAR

INTRODUCTION TO SOUTH ASIAN HISTORY

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Thursday 3:30-6:20pm SBS N-318

This course provides an advanced introduction to South Asian history and historiography from the early modern period to the present. We cover major works on key themes, including precolonial cultural relations, colonialism and imperialism, the politics of religious community, anti-colonialism and nationalism, decolonization and partition, and postcolonial developments. While we focus on the South Asia subcontinent, the course situates the region in a comparative and connective framework. Classic works and recent scholarship in the field will be supplemented with selections from relevant primary sources. This is not a survey course and does not attempt to provide comprehensive coverage. No prior knowledge of the field is prerequisite, and the course will begin with a rapid thematic survey of South Asian history. This course is jointly designed for PhD and MA students in History and related disciplines for whose research and teaching a knowledge of South Asian history will be useful, and for MAT students who intend to teach South Asian and world history at the advanced secondary level. Requirements include regular reading, attendance, and participation; in-class presentations; a series of short responses; and a topical historiographic essay on a topic of the student's choice determined in consultation with the instructor.

Enrollment in History MA or PhD Program or Permission of Instructor.