

Category-IV

COMMON POOL OF GENERIC ELECTIVES (GE) COURSES OFFERED BY DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

GE-1: Delhi through the Ages: From Colonial to Contemporary Times

Credit distribution, Eligibility and Pre-requisites of the Course

Course Title & Code	Credits	Credit Distribution of the Course			Eligibility Criteria	Prerequisite of the Course
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
Delhi through the Ages: From Colonial to Contemporary Times	4	3	1	Nil	12 th Pass	Should have studied Delhi through the Ages: The Making of its Early Modern History

Learning Objectives

This course examines the physical and social transformation of Delhi from colonial to contemporary times. Focusing on the echoes of political developments on urban form and social experience, it aims to explore the historical antecedents of some of the capital's contemporary dilemmas.

Learning outcomes

Upon completion of this course the student shall be able to:

- Analyse the political developments and their legacy for the shaping of the city.
- Discern the importance of 'local' social, ecological and cultural processes that shape and reshape the city
- Explain the historical roots of the problems of sustainable urbanization with regard to Delhi.

SYLLABUS OF GE-1

Unit I: Delhi in the 19th Century - Mughal Court, Company Raj, 1857 and its Aftermath
(16 Hours)

Unit II: Delhi in the 20th Century: (12 Hours)

- (a) Building New Delhi - Imperial Ideology and Urban Morphology
- (b) Role of Delhi in the Indian Freedom Struggle

Unit III: Delhi in 1947- Partition and its Aftermath (16 Hours)

Unit IV: Making of Contemporary Delhi - Spaces, Politics and Socialites (16 Hours)

- (a) The Cow Protection Movement
- (b) The Emergency

Essential Readings

Unit I. This unit should familiarise students with the city in light of the colonial past and the present. It will also help them locate the political developments for shaping of the city. The unit examine political developments and their legacy during 1857 and how the rebellion in Delhi influenced its evolution.

- Dalrymple, William. (2006). *The Last Mughal: The Fall of a Dynasty, Delhi: Penguin/Viking*, pp. 193-229, 346-392. (Chap 6 "The Day of Ruin and Riot" and Chap. 10 "To Shoot Every Soul").
- Farooqui, Amar. (2013). *Zafar and the Raj: Anglo-Mughal Delhi, 1800-1850*, Delhi: Primus Books, pp.106-133, (chap. 6: "The Palace and the City")
- Farooqui, Mahmood. (2006). *Ghadar. Sarai Reader*, 2006, pp. 254-270
- Gupta, Narayani. (1999). *Delhi between the Empires: 1803-1931*. Delhi: OUP, pp. 120
- Lahiri, Nayanjot. (2003). "Commemorating and Remembering 1857: The Revolt in Delhi and its Afterlife," *World Archaeology*, vol. 35, no.1, pp. 35-60 .
- Minault, Gail (1999). *Delhi between the Empires: 1803-1931*. Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp. 20-31,50-66
- Minault, Gail (2003). "Master Ramchandra of Delhi College: Teacher, Journalist, and Cultural Intermediary," *Annual of Urdu Studies*, Vol. 18, pp. 95-104
- Naim, C. M. (2004). 'Ghalib's Delhi: A Shamelessly Revisionist Look at Two Popular Metaphors,' in *Urdu Texts and Contexts: The Selected Essays of C. M. Naim*, Delhi: Permanent Black, pp. 250-279.
- Verma, Pavan K. (2008). *Ghalib: The Man, the Times*, Penguin India.

Unit II. This segment enquires into the historical antecedents of some of the capital's contemporary issues. The section should apprise the students of the historical roots of the problems of sustainable urbanization with regard to Delhi.

- Bhuvan Lall, *Delhi in the Era of Revolutionaries 1857-1947*, Notion Press, 2022.
- Johnson, David A. (2015). *New Delhi: The Last Imperial City*. Basingstoke: Palgrave 2015. (Chap. 8, "Land Acquisition, Landlessness and the Building of New Delhi").
- Johnson, David. A (2008). *A British Empire for the Twentieth century: The inauguration of New Delhi, 1931*. *Urban History* 35, 3, Cambridge University Press, U.K.
- Liddle, Swapna (2017). *Chandni Chowk: The Mughal City of Old Delhi*, Speaking Tree Publications, Pvt. LTD. pp. 25-121.
- Mann, Michael. (2007). "Delhi's Belly: On the Management of Water, Sewage and Excreta in a Changing Urban Environment during the Nineteenth Century," *Studies in History*, Vol. 23:1, pp. 1-30
- Metcalf, Thomas. (1989). *Imperial Visions*. Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp.

Unit III. This section explores and reflects Delhi during and post-Partition. It examines physical and social transformation of Delhi from the colonial to the contemporary times.

- Datta, V N. (1986). "Punjabi Refugees and the Urban Development of Greater Delhi," in Robert Frykenberg(ed), *Delhi Through the Ages: Essays in Urban History Culture and Society*. Delhi: OUP, pp 442-462.
- Kaur, Ravinder (2008). Narrative absence: An 'Untouchable' account of Partition Migration. In *Contribution to Indian Sociology* (no.) 42, 2: Sage Publications, pp. 281-306.
- Pandey, Gyan. (2001). *Remembering Partition*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. (Chapter 6: Folding the National into the Local: Delhi 1947-1948, pp. 121-151)
- Tan, Tai Yong and Gyanesh Kudaisya. (2000). *The Aftermath of Partition in South Asia*. New York: Routledge, pp 193-200, (Chap. 7, "Capitol Landscapes")

Unit IV. The unit examines and locate 'local' social, ecological and cultural processes that shape and reshape the city.

- Ajoy Bose, John Dayal, *For Reasons of State: Delhi Under Emergency*, Penguin, Delhi, 2018
- Basu, Aparna. (1986). "The Foundations and Early History of Delhi University," in Robert Frykenberg ed, *Delhi Through the Ages: Essays in Urban History Culture and Society*, Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp 401-430
- Beg, Mirza Farhatullah. (2012). *Bahadur Shah and the Festival of Flower-Sellers*, tr., Mohammed Zakir, Hyderabad: Orient Blackswan.
- Coomi Kapoor, *The Emergency: A Personal History*, Penguin, Delhi, 2015
- Emma, Tarlo (2003), *Unsettling Memories: Narratives of the Emergency in India*, University of California Press, Berkley.
- Emma. Tarlo. (2000). "Welcome to History: A Resettlement Colony in the Making," in Veronique Dupont et al ed. *Delhi: Urban Spaces and Human Destinies*. Delhi: Manohar, pp. 75-94
- Ghosh, Amitav. (1985)., 'The Ghosts of Mrs Gandhi,' *The New Yorker*, (Available online: <https://www.amitavghosh.com/essays/ghost.html>)
- Gupta, Narayani. (1994). 'From Kingsway to Rajpath-the Democratization of Lutyens' New Delhi,' in C. Asher and T.R. Metcalf, eds. *Perceptions of South Asia's Visual Past*. Delhi: Oxford University Press
- Ian Copland, 'History in Flux: Indira Gandhi and the 'Great All-Party Campaign' for the protection of the cow, 1966-68', *Journal of Cotemporary History*, April 2014, Vol. 49, No. 2, pp. 410-439
- Sharma, Ravikant. (2016). "Architecture of intellectual sociality: Tea and coffeehouses in post-colonial Delhi," *City, Culture and Society*, vol.7, 275-28
- Soni, Anita. (2000). "Urban Conquest of Outer Delhi: Beneficiaries, Intermediaries and Victims", in Veronique Dupont et al (Ed.). *Delhi: Urban Spaces and Human Destinies*, Delhi: Manohar, pp. 75-94

Suggestive readings

- Farooqui, Mahmood. (2013). *Besieged: Voices from Delhi, 1857*. Delhi: Penguin. (Dateline pp. xix-xxvii; In the Name of the Sarkar, pp 407-432.)
- Mann, Michael and Samiksha Sehrawat. (2009). "A City with a View: The Afforestation of the Delhi Ridge, 1883-1913", *Modern Asian Studies*, Vol. 43, No. 2,

pp. 543-570

- Mann, Michael. (2005). 'Turbulent Delhi: Religious Strife, Social Tension and Political Conflicts, 1803-1857,' South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies, vol.28, no.1, pp. 5-34
- Pilar, Maria Guerrieri, (2017). 'The Megacity of Delhi: Colonies, Hybridisation and Old New Paradigms,' in Rethinking, Reinterpreting and Restructuring Composite Cities edited by GilsunSaglam, Meltem Aksoy, Fatima Erkok, Cambridge: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, pp. 18-33
- Russell, Ralph. (1998). "Ghalib: A Self Portrait", in Ralph Russell, Ghalib: The Poet and His Age. Delhi: OUP. Also available at: http://www.columbia.edu/itc/mealac/pritchett/00ghalib/texts/txt_ralphrussell_1972.pdf
- Vazira, Fazila Yacoobali Zamindar. (2007). The Long Partition and the Making of South Asia: Refugees, Boundaries, Histories. New York: Columbia University Press. (Chapter I: Muslim Exodus from Delhi.)

Note: Examination scheme and mode shall be as prescribed by the Examination Branch, University of Delhi, from time to time.

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