

Semester and Year: Fall 2007

Time: Tuesday, 4-5:50 pm

Seminar Number and Name: IP 655 Seminar: Conflict and Cooperation in South Asia

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Credits: 4

Office Hours: Monday 9-11 am Wednesday 9-12:30 am, and by appointment. Please use email to make appointments at GWood@miis.edu.

Course Description:

This seminar will include a brief introduction to the political and economic structure of South Asia and will then move on to deal with current regional problems. These problems will include the impact of the war on terror and economic globalization on the region and the current status of India and Pakistan's nuclear confrontation.

Course Objectives:

By taking this course students should accomplish the following:

1. Understand the political and economic challenges faced by South Asian leaders in the post Cold War, and to relate those security concerns to the global system.
2. Become familiar with the resources available for further study of South Asia.
3. Simulate the perspective of foreign policy elites working with South Asia through close reading of the current press.
4. Produce a policy document on South Asia on a current issue of importance for an organization that has either political or economic interests in South Asia.

Grading:

The final oral presentation will count for 20 percent of the grade; the final written paper will count for 60 percent, and class participation will count for 20 percent.

Text:

There is no text for this course, but Robert L. Hardgrave and Stanley A. Kochanek's *India*, 7th Edition, Harcourt Brace: Orlando, Florida, 2007 is a standard volume with the institutional basics for India. Two copies are on reserve.

Course Outline and Reading List

September 4 **Introduction**

Read: G. Wood, "Overview of South Asia," *Political Handbook of Asia 2007*, pp. 16-22. (Reference Shelf) and M. Rader, "Downloading India," in A. Ayres, *India Briefing: Takeoff at Last?* pp.189-212.

- Scan:** Area handbooks produced by Library of Congress until 1995, (*India*, etc.). This series is now online as *Country Studies* at <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs/intoc.html>.
- Go:** Online for current issues of *Dawn* (Pakistan); *The Hindu* (India); and *The Daily News* (A government-owned daily in Sri Lanka).

I. Current Crises

September 11 **Kashmir**

Read: S. Ganguly, *The Crisis in Kashmir*, pp.1-42 and G. Kampani, "Kashmir and India-Pakistan Nuclear Issues" in D. Hagerty, *South Asia in World Politics*.

Scan: The Kargil Commission Report, "From Surprise to Reckoning."

Choose: A South Asian elite for news-based simulation beginning the week of September 18.

September 18 **The Nuclear Deal: Guest Speaker: Sharad Joshi, Postdoctoral Fellow, Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies.**

Read: Sharad Joshi, "Nuclear Proliferation and South Asia," and S. Banerjee, "New Initiative," *Indian Current*, April 2006, pp. 14-20.

On the Class Conference:

T. Chapman, "What's Not to Like?"

C. Blair "Theory and Practice of the Delegation of Nuclear Command and Control: Its Application to South Asia."

S. Vadlamudi, "Indian Nuclear Force."

Simulate: Diplomatic reaction to the week's events.

September 25 **Afghanistan**

Read: A. Rashid, *The Taliban*, pp. 1-40.

On the Class Conference:

G. Wood, "Pakistan and the Struggle Against Terrorism."

Alec Metz, "Lessons from Afghanistan."

M. Taylor, "The Northwest Frontier Province."

R. Johnson, "Osama bin Laden."

Simulate: Diplomatic reaction to the week's events.

October 2 **Sri Lanka and Nepal**

Read: D. Little, *The Invention of Enmity*, pp.3-66; D. Thapa, *A Kingdom Under Siege*, pp.141-156, 179-200; S. DeBlicek, "Why Mao?" (electronic reserve)

On the Class Conference

M. Godsey, "India's Intervention in the Sri Lankan Conflict."

S. Vadlamudi "LTTE: A Spent Force?"

K. Modde, "Peace in Sri Lanka."

Simulate: Diplomatic reaction to the week's events.

II. The Colonial Legacy

- October 2 **Structure: The ICS, the Westminster System, and the Indian Army**
Read: R. Hardgrave, *India*, pp. 63-139, S. Cohen, *The Idea of Pakistan*, pp. 97-130, and *India, Emerging Power*, pp. 127-155.
On the Class Conference:
M. Taylor, "Cohesiveness of the Pakistan Officer Corps."
- October 9 **Elites, Language, and Post-Colonial Conflict**
Read: S. Cohen, *The Idea of Pakistan*, pp. 15-38 and *India: Emerging Power*, pp. 35-91; G. Wood, "Nehru," (Electronic Reserve)

III. Independence and the Cold War

- October 16 **The Cold War: Alignment and Non-Alignment**
Read: Cohen, *India: Emerging Power*, pp. 268-283, and *The Idea of Pakistan*, pp. 302-304.
On the Class Conference: G. Wood, Great Expectations: "Sixty Years of Indo-US Relations."
Deadline: Outline and accompanying bibliography for research paper.
- October 23 **Proxy Wars in South Asia**
Read: S. Ganguly, *The Origins of War in South Asia*, pp.57-135, and R. Wirsing, "Pakistan's Transformation," (Electronic Reserve)
On the Class Conference:
G. Wood, "The Sri Lanka Stalemate."

IV. The Post Cold War

- October 30 **The Regional Search for a New World Order**
Read: W. Sidhu and J. Yuan, *China and India: Cooperation or Conflict*, pp. 9-78 and R. Wirsing, "Great Power Foreign Policies in South Asia" in D. Hagerty, *South Asia in World Politics*, pp 135-160.
On the Class Conference:
E. Loe, "Blue Water Deterrence in South Asia," and, "Made in Pakistan: Indigenous Military Production..."
Lora Saalman "Sino-Indian Relations..."
Rebecca Schauer, "Indian and Israeli Space Cooperation."
- November 6 **Globalization and Economic Security:**
Read: S. Cohen, *The Idea of Pakistan*, pp. 248-268; J. Mukherji, "India Seeks an Economic Tryst;" (Xerox) and J. Williamson, "The Rise of the Indian Economy;" (Electronic Reserve) and *Asian Survey*, January/February 2007 for annual reports for 2006 on Afghanistan, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh.

November 13 **The South Asian Diaspora**

Read: J. Neely, "Institutionalizing Diaspora..." (Electronic Reserve)

Scan: *Indian Currents* for NRI perspective.

November 20 **Individual Security**

Read: TBA.

Scan: *Human Rights Watch World Report* at www.web.hrw.org amnesty;
Amnesty International Reports at www.web.amnesty.org/library/engindex;
and US State Department, *Country Reports on Human Rights Practices* at
<http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/2005/index>.

December 3 **Student Presentations: TBA**

December 10 **Student Presentations: TBA**

December 17 **Student Presentations: TBA**