India and the World: The Foreign Policy of a Rising Power (IR 506)

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Time: W 1-4pm

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Course Description
Since winning independence from Britain in 1947, India has always been a regional power to reckon with. With a huge linguistically, culturally and ethnically diverse population, it has functioned as a vibrant democracy for over five decades. In the last twenty years, it has also become an economic powerhouse and a nuclear weapons state. These factors along with the rise of China and 9/11, have catapulted it into the international limelight. Today it is an acknowledged rising power with international clout. This course examines the complex dynamics of India’s rise, focusing on the major elements of its foreign policy and its role in the world. It studies this within the context of Indian politics and history and uses IR theory to understand and analyze its behavior.

NB: This course is only open to juniors, seniors, graduate students. Sophomores may only take the class with the permission of the instructor

Requirements
Students will be graded on in-class presentations on the readings, one 3-4 page research paper proposal, an in-class presentation of the proposal, a 20-page final analytical/research paper, and contribution to class discussion. All deadlines are indicated in the syllabus. The grade distribution is as follows:
Presentations: 30%
Research proposal: 15%
Research proposal presentation: 5%
Research paper: 40%
Discussion: 10%
All details about the format and content of both, in-class presentations and the research papers, will be given in class.

Class Policies

• All class members are expected to maintain high standards of academic honesty and integrity. The College of Arts and Sciences “Academic Conduct Code” provides the standards and procedures: http://www.bu.edu/cas/students/undergrad-resources/code/
• Punctual attendance is required. Reasons for non-attendance should be notified to the instructor. Please remember, walking into class late is disruptive. Coming late to class without informing the instructor well in advance will severely affect your final grade.
• Cell phones should be turned off in class. Anyone texting or receiving calls in class will be asked to leave.
• Laptops are permitted in class. Surfing the net, however, is not. Anyone caught browsing the net will be asked to leave.
• Extensions will NOT be granted for either paper. Late papers will be docked half a grade for each day it is late (A to A-, A- to B+ etc). Failure to show up for an in-class presentation will result in an automatic F for that presentation.

NB: This class meets on Wednesdays 1-4 pm, with the exception of BU Calendar holidays. The usual format will be 1 to 1.5 hours of presentations and critiques, a short 5-7 minute break, and then the remainder of time devoted to class discussion.

Readings

The main text for this course is:


This is a critically-acclaimed and popular book written by an Indian historian. However, it is not an academic text. The advantage of this is that it is targeted at a lay audience, is a very interesting and satisfying read, and will provide you the background to understanding Indian foreign policy. It also provides scope for scholarly analysis which means that using the other readings assigned to the course, you can apply your own critical thought
to it. The disadvantage is that it can be very detailed. While the course does assign you sections to read, you are encouraged to read it in its entirety.

Other readings are all either available from ereserves (link from the Mugar Library website) and the course website, or have URLs in the syllabus for you to link to.

**How India came to be (09/07)**

**India as a new nation (09/14)**

**Nehru’s India: Idealism (09/21)**
Nehru’s India: Disillusionment (09/28)
J. Brown, *Nehru: A Political Life*. pp. TBD.
M. Miller, *Wronged by Empire: Post-Imperial Ideology and Foreign Policy in India and China*, Stanford University Press 2013, Ch. 3.

The troubles with Pakistan (10/05)

The threat of terrorism (10/12)

Nuclear India (10/19)
A.B. Kennedy, “India’s nuclear odyssey,” International Security 36(2) 2011, pp. 120-153
http://www-bcf.usc.edu/~hymans/Nuclear%20India%20for%20website.pdf

India as a rising power (10/26)
R. Guha, India After Gandhi, pp. 651-656, 662-665, 672-731.


M. Miller, India’s Feeble Foreign Policy, Foreign Affairs May/June 2013, pp. 14-19.


The history and transformation of Indo-US relations (11/02)


G. Gilboy and E. Heginbotham, Chinese and Indian Strategic Behavior, Cambridge University Press 2012, Ch. 9

K. Waltz, Theory of International Politics, Addison-Wesley, 1979, pp. 102-128.


In-class Research Proposal Presentations (11/09)

Research Proposal Due in my mailbox at 152 BSR by 5pm (11/11)

India in the news (11/16)
**Institutions of policy (11/30)**


**Relations with Neighbors (12/07)**


**Final research paper due in my mailbox at 152 BSR, 19th December by 5pm.**