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

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Time: Tu 12:30-3:30pm

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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, TWO 10-page analytical/research papers (paper deadlines are indicated in the syllabus) OR ONE 20-page analytical/research paper (due at the end of the semester—check syllabus for date) and contribution to class discussion. The grade distribution is as follows:

Presentations: 30%
Research paper 1: 30%
Research paper 2: 30%
Discussion: 10%
All details about the format and content of both, in-class presentations and the research papers, will be given in class. The options of two 10-page papers or one 20-page paper will also be discussed.

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/

• Attendance is required. Reasons for non-attendance should be notified to the instructor.

• 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 Tuesdays 12:30-3:30pm, 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 and the course website or have URLs in the syllabus for you to link to. The password for ereserves is simply the course name: ir506.

**Introduction and organization (09/06)**

**Facing the world I: India as a new nation (09/13)**

**Nehru’s India: Idealism (09/20)**
R. Guha, *India After Gandhi*, pp. 172-188.
Nehru’s India: Disillusionment (09/27)
J. Brown, *Nehru: A Political Life*. pp. TBD.

Institutions of policy (10/04)

Challenges I: The 2nd Indo-Pakistan War, Kashmir and the “minority issue” (10/11)
Indira’s India: The 3rd Indo-Pakistan War and suspension of democracy (10/18)

Flexing regional power: Sri Lanka, Nepal and Bhutan (10/25)

10/31: Research Paper #1 due in my mailbox 152 BSR, by 12pm.

Challenges II: Punjab, Kashmir and terrorism (11/01)


Post 9/11: The history and transformation of Indo-US relations (11/08)


Facing the world II: India as a rising power (11/15)

R. Guha, India After Gandhi, pp. 651-656, 662-665, 672-731.


**Challenges III: The Maoist struggle (11/22)**
*Red Resurgence*: A symposium on the Naxal/Maoist challenge to the state. Seminar. March 2010

**Challenges IV: Negotiating with neighbors (11/29)**

India in the news (12/06)
Selection of current news articles about India to be critically analyzed.