

Core and Elective Courses for MA in Ancient Indian and World History – an Outline

Semester I

1. CC 101: Early Indian Historical Traditions
 2. CC 102: Harappan Civilization and Early Farming Communities
 3. CC 103: History of India (1500-200 BCE)
 4. CC 104: Historical Methodology
 5. EC 105 and OC 105: Making of the Twentieth Century World I (1900-1945)
 6. EC 106: Urbanization in Early India
- Or

EC 108: History of Environment – Indian Dimension

Semester 2

1. CC 201: Concepts in Archaeology
 2. CC 202: History of India (200 BCE – 600 CE)
 3. CC 203: History of Early Indian Art and Architecture
 4. CC 204: Historiography, Concepts, Methods and Tools
 5. EC 205 and OC 205: Making of the Twentieth Century World II (1945-1991)
 6. EC 206: History of Varna-Jati System in Early India
- Or

EC 208: European History (1450-1750)

Semester 3

1. CC 301: History of India (600-1300)
 2. CC 302: History of India (1300-1757)
 3. CC 303: Introduction to Indian Epigraphy and Numismatics
 4. CC 304 and OC 304: Ancient Mesopotamia, Egypt, Greece and Rome
 5. EC 305: Introductory Sanskrit
 6. EC 306: Trade and Trading Networks in Early India
- Or

EC 307: European History (1750-1900)

Semester 4

1. CC 401: History of India (1757-1857)
 2. CC 402: History of India (1858-1947)
 3. CC 403: Project and Seminar Paper
 4. CC 404 and OC 404: Contemporary Indian History
 5. EC 405: Advanced Sanskrit
 6. EC 406: Bhakti in Early Indian History
- Or

EC 407: Introduction to Museum Studies

Evaluation System

Each course carries 50 marks

Theoretical Examination – 40 marks

One question of five marks (out of three): 5X1

Two questions of ten marks (out of four): 10X2

One question of fifteen marks (out of three): 15X1

Internal Assessment – 10 marks

Assignment/Presentation/Viva-voce/Mid-semester examination – 8 marks

Attendance – 2 marks

Core and Elective Courses

Early Indian Historical Traditions

- I. An Introduction to the early historical traditions – Sources and their interpretations.
- II. Introduction to Indian Historical literature: historical tradition in the Vedic Corpus; representation of the past in the epics and Purāṇic literature; Selected inscriptions as historical traditions: Nasik Praśasti of Gautamīputra Sātakarṇī and Allahabad Praśasti of Samudragupta
- III. Perceptions of the Past in Buddhist and Jain Texts
- IV. Historical traditions in *carita* and *vaṃśāvalī* – Evaluation of select biographies: *Harṣacarita* and *Rāmacarita* – Writing of chronicles and *vaṃśāvalīs* – The *Rājatarāṅgiṇī*
- V. Representation of the Past in Early Tamil Texts

Essential Readings

Brockington, John, *The Sanskrit Epics*, Brill, Leiden, 1998.

Cowell, E.B., et al., *The Jātaka* (Vols. I-VI), Munshiram Manoharlal, New Delhi, 2002 (reprint).

Fitzgerald, James L., ‘Mahābhārata’ in Sushil Mittal and Gene Thursby(eds.), *The Hindu World*, Routledge, New York, 2004a, pp.52-74.

Goldman, R.P. and Goldman, Sally J. Sutherland, ‘Rāmāyaṇa’ in Sushil Mittal and Gene Thursby (ed.), *The Hindu World*, Routledge, New York, 2004.

Goldman, R.P., ‘Introduction’, in Vālmīki, *The Rāmāyaṇa* (Vol.I), ‘Bālakāṇḍa’ translated by Robert P. Goldman, Princeton University Press, Princeton, 1984.

Griffith, Ralph, T.W., *Hymns of the Ṛgveda* (Vols.I and II), Munshiram Manoharlal, New Delhi, 1999 (reprint).

- Hiltebeitel, Alf, 'Kṛṣṇa and the Mahābhārata' in *Annals of the Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute*, Vol. LX, 1979, pp. 65-107.
- Hiltebeitel, Alf, *Rethinking the Mahābhārata: A Reader's Guide to the Education of the Dharma King*, University of Chicago Press, Chicago, 2001.
- Jain, J.C., *Life in Ancient India as Depicted in Jaina Canon and Commentaries*, Delhi, 1984.
- Pargiter, F.E., *Ancient Indian Historical Traditions*, reprint, Delhi, 1972.
- Pargiter, F.E., *The Purana Text of the Dynasties of the Kali Age*, Oxford, 1913.
- Ramanujan, A.K. ed., *Poems of Love and War*, New York, 1985.
- Richman, Paula, ed., *Many Ramayanas*, Berkeley, 1991.
- Roy, Kumkum, *The Power of Gender and the Gender of Power*, New Delhi, 2010.
- Sharma, R.S., *Material Culture and Social Formations in Ancient India*, McMillan, Delhi, 1983.
- Sinha, Kanad, 'A Tale of Three Couples and their Poet: Rāmakathā, Love and Vālmīki in South Asian Tradition' in *Studies in Humanities in Social Sciences*, Vol. XVIII, Nos. 1-2, 2011, pp.43-80.
- Staal, Frits, *Discovering the Vedas*, Penguin, 2008.
- Sukthankar, V.S., 'The Bhṛgu and the Bhārata: A Text Historical Study' in *Annals of the Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute*, 18, 1936-7.
- Sukthankar, V.S., *On the Meaning of the Mahābhārata*, The Asiatic Society of Bombay, Bombay, 1957.
- Thapar, Romila, *Cultural Pasts*, Delhi, 2008.
- Thapar, Romila, *The Past Before Us: Historical Traditions of Early North India*, Ranikhet, 2013.
- Van Buitenen, J.A.B., 'The Mahābhārata: Introduction' in Vyāsa, *The Mahābhārata* (Vol.I), translated by J.A.B. van Buitenen, University of Chicago Press, Chicago, 1973a, pp.xiii-xlvi.
- Witzel, Michael, 'On the Localisation of Vedic Texts and Schools' in Pollet, G. (ed.), *India and the Ancient World: History, Trade and Culture before A.D.650*, Department Orientalistiek, Leuven, 1987, pp.173-215.
- Witzel, Michael, 'R̥gvedic History: Poets, Chieftains and Politics' in Erdosy, George (ed.), *The Indo-Aryans of Ancient South Asia*, Munshiram Manoharlal, New Delhi, 1995, pp.307-354.

Additional readings

- Aiyangar, S. Krishnaswamy, *The Beginning of South Indian History*, Madras, 1918.
- Brodbeck, Simon, 'Solar and Lunar Lines in the Mahābhārata' in *Religions of South Asia*, Vol. 5, Nos. 1-2, 2011, pp.127-152.
- Chattopadhyaya, B.D., 'State's Perception of the Forest' and the 'Forest' as State in Early India' in Chaudhuri, B.B. and Arun Bandyopadhyaya (eds.), *Tribes, Forest and Social Formation in Indian History*, Manohar, New Delhi, 2004, pp.23-37.
- Devahuti, D., ed., *Bias in Indian Historiography*, Delhi, 1980.
- Dikshitar, V.R.R., *Studies in Tamil Literature and History*, London, 1930.
- Geiger, *The Dipavamsa and Mahavamsa*, Colombo, 1908.
- Ghoshal, U.N., 'History and Historians of Ancient India in the Modern Age' in *Indo-Asian Culture*, IX, 1961.
- Goldman, R.P., *Gods, Priests and Warriors*, Columbia University Press, New York, 1977.
- Law, B.C., *A Manual of Buddhist Historical Tradition*, Calcutta, 1941.
- Pathak, V.S., *Ancient Historians of India*, Bombay, 1966.
- Pusalkar, A.D., 'Conception of History in Ancient Indian Literature', in *Our Heritage*, XII, 2, 1964.
- Pusalkar, A.D., *Studies in Epics and Puranas*, Bombay, 1955.
- Sankalia, H.D., *Ramayana: Myth or Reality*, Bombay, 1973.
- Sastri, A. Banerji, 'On Ancient Indian Historical Tradition', *JBORS*, XIII.
- Sastri, K.A. Nilakanta, *Sangam Literature*, Madras, 1972.
- Sen, S.P., ed., *Historical Biography in Indian Literature*, Calcutta, 1979.
- Singh, G.P., *Early Indian Historical Tradition and Archaeology*, Delhi, 1994.
- Thapar, Romila, 'Perceiving the Forest: Early India' in *Studies in History*, Vol. 17, No. 1, 2001, pp.173-191.
- Thapar, Romila, *Exile and the Kingdom*, The Mythic Society, Bangalore, 1978.
- Thapar, Romila, *From Lineage to State*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2008.
- Warder, A.K., *An Introduction to Indian Historiography*, Bombay, 1972.

Harappan Civilization and Early Farming Communities

- I. Pre/Early Harappan Cultures: Mehrgarh and surrounding regions – Early Harappan Cultures at Kulli, Nal, Amri, Kot Diji, Hakra, Ravi, Sothi, Padri, Pre-Prabhas, Anarta.
- II. Harappan Civilization: Origin and development – Geographical distribution, extent and settlement patterns – Town planning and architecture
- III. Trade, economy, technology and art of the Harappan civilization
- IV. Harappan script
- V. Socio-political and religious organization in Harappan culture
- VI. Decline of the Harappan Civilization: various theories, causes and consequences
- VII. Ahar-Banas Culture: distribution, architecture, characteristic features
- VIII. Ganeshwar and Jodhpura: distribution and material culture
- IX. Kayatha and Malwa: distribution and characteristics
- X. OCP and Copper Hoards: distribution and cultural tradition
- XI. Origin and decline of Deccan chalcolithic cultures – Jorwe culture
- XII. Chalcolithic cultures of the Ganga Valley – Neolithic-Chalcolithic cultures in Bihar and West Bengal – Vindhyan and Kaimur Chalcolithic cultures
- XIII. Neolithic-Chalcolithic cultures of Odisha and the North-east

Essential readings

Agarwal, D.P., *Archaeology of India*, Copenhagen, 1982.

Agarwal, D.P., *Ancient Metal Technology and Archaeology of South Asia*, New Delhi, 2000.

Agarwal, D.P. and Chakrabarti, D.K., eds., *Essays in Indian Protohistory*, New Delhi, 1979.

Allchin, F.R. and Allchin, B., *Rise of Civilization in India and Pakistan*, Cambridge, 1982.

Chakrabarti, D.K., *India: An Archaeological History*, New Delhi, 2009.

Dhavalikar, M.K., *First Farmers of the Deccan*, Pune, 1990.

Lahiri, Nayanjot, ed., *Decline and Fall of the Indus Civilization*, Bangalore, 2000.

Possehl, G.L., ed., *Harappan Civilization: A Recent Perspective*, New Delhi, 1993.

Possehl, G.L., *Indus Civilization: A Contemporary Perspective*, New Delhi, 2002.

Ratnagar, Shereen, *Understanding Harappa*, New Delhi, 2001.

Sankalia, H.D., *Pre and Proto-History of India and Pakistan*, Pune, 1974.

Shinde, Vasant, 'Deccan Chalcolithic: A Recent Perspective', *Man and Environment*, XIX, 1-2, 169-178.

Additional Readings

Chakrabarti, D.K., *Bharatbarsher Pragitihās*, Kolkata, 1904.

Chakrabarti, D.K., *The Oxford Companion to Indian Archaeology*, Oxford, 2006.

Possehl, G.L., ed., *Ancient Cities of the Indus*, New Delhi, 1979.

Possehl, G.L., *The Indus Age*, New Delhi, 1999.

Ratnagar, Shereen, *Encounters, Westerly Trades of the Harappa Civilization*, New Delhi, 1981.

History of India (1500-200 BCE)

- I. The Aryan Problem: Sir William Jones to F. Max Muller, the language-race equation, race and caste, ethnological studies of Indian society, the evidence in archaeology, linguistics and physical anthropology, the Aryan and the Harappan, the recent views.
- II. Early Vedic economy and society: the Vedic texts and their internal chronology, the archaeological record of the Saptasindhu region, forms of property and forces of production, cattle and its importance, booty capture and redistribution, issues of the 'lineage' and the 'household', religious practices and ideologies, forces of change.
- III. Neolithic, Chalcolithic and Early Iron Age horizons of the Deccan and the deep South: Ash mounds and Neolithic settlements, Chalcolithic sites of Andhra Pradesh, beginnings of the Iron Age and the issue of Neolithic-Megalithic overlap in Vidarbha and Peninsular India.
- IV. Iron and the Later Vedic Period: PGW and Later Vedic texts, settlements of the Ganga-Yamuna Doab, Expansion of agriculture and economic growth, surplus and its unequal distribution, social differentiation, religion and philosophy of the Later Vedic Texts, from lineage to state.
- V. The beginning of the Second Urbanization: trade and traders, trading centres and trade routes, coined money, the context of second urbanization, NBPW and economy.
- VI. Dissent and protest: the context of heterodox religions, materialism, Jainism, Buddhism, implications of heterodox philosophy, the social base of heterodox religions, patronage and spread.
- VII. The arrival of the State: the *mahājanapadas*, the structural details of the *gaṇa-saṃghas* and kingdoms, the rise of Magadha, the *Arthaśāstra* problem, the

historian and the *Indica*, the importance of Aśokan edicts, the formation of the Mauryan empire, Aśoka's *dhamma*, debates on the nature of the Mauryan state, decline of the Mauryas.

Essential readings

Chakravarti, Ranabir, *Bharat Itihaser Adiparba*, Kolkata, 2007.

Chakravarti, Ranabir, *Exploring Early India, up to circa Ad 1300*, Delhi, 2016.

Chakravarti, Ranabir, *Prachin Bharater Arthanaitik Itihaser Sandhane*, Kolkata, 2002.

Chakravarti, Uma, *The Social Dimensions of Early Buddhism*, New Delhi, 1987.

Erdosy, George, ed., *The Indo-Aryans of Ancient South Asia: Language, Material Culture and Ethnicity*, New York, 1995.

Kosambi, D.D., *An Introduction to the Study of Indian History*, Poona, 1956.

Lahiri, Nayanjot, *Ashoka in Ancient India*, Ranikhet, 2015.

Majumdar, R.C., ed., *The Age of Imperial Unity*, Bomabay, 1953.

Majumdar, R.C., ed., *The Vedic Age*, Bombay, 1953.

Raychaudhuri, H.C., *Political History of Ancient India*, New Delhi, 1996.

Ray, Niharranjan, et. al., *A Sourcebook of Indian Civilization*, Kolkata, 2000.

Sahu, B.P., ed., *Iron and Social Change in Early India*, Delhi, 2006.

Sastri, K.A. Nilakanta, ed., *The Age of the Nandas and Mauryas*, Delhi, 1953.

Sharma, R.S., *Advent of the Aryans in India*, Delhi, 1999.

Sharma, R.S., *Material Culture and Social Formations in Ancient India*, Delhi, 1983.

Sharma, R.S., *Perspectives in Social and Economic History of Early India*, Delhi, 1983.

Singh, Upinder, *A History of Ancient and Early Medieval India*, Delhi, 2008.

Staal, Frits, *Discovering the Vedas*, New Delhi, 2008.

Thapar, Romila, *Aśoka and the Decline of the Mauryas*, New Delhi, 1985.

Thapar, Romila, *Early India: From the Origins to AD 1300*, London, 2002.

Thapar, Romila, *From Lineage to State*, New Delhi, 1984.

Thapar, Romila, et. al., *India: Historical Beginnings and the Concept of the Aryan*, New Delhi, 2006.

Thapar, Romila, *The Aryan: Recasting Constructs*, Gurgaon, 2008.

Trautmann, Thomas R., ed. *The Aryan Debate*, Delhi, 2005.

Additional Readings

Bailey, Greg and Mabbett, Ian, *The Sociology of Early Buddhism*, Cambridge, 2003.

Basham, A.L., *The Wonder that Was India*, London, 1954.

Bhattacharya, Sukumari, *Itihaser Aloke Vaidik Sahitya*, Kolkata, 1988.

Bongard-Levin, G.M., *Mauryan India*, Delhi, 1983.

Chattopadhyay, Debiprasad, *Indian Atheism*, Delhi, 1969.

Chattopadhyay, Debiprasad, *Lokayata: A Study in Indian Materialism*, Delhi, 1992.

Choudhary, B.K., *From Kinship to Social Hierarchy: The Vedic Experience*, Patna, 1999.

Deo, S.B., *Problem of South Indian Megaliths*, Dharwar, 1973.

Kochhar, R., *The Vedic People*, New Delhi, 2000.

Mukherjee, R.K., *Chandragupta Maurya and His Times*, Madras, 1946.

Roy, Kumkum, *Emergence of Monarchy in North India*, New Delhi, 1994.

Srimali, K.M., *The Age of Iron and the Religious Revolution*, Delhi, 2007.

Thapar, Romila, *Ancient Indian Social History: Some Interpretations*, Hyderabad, 1979.

Thapar, Romila, *The Mauryas Revisited*, Kolkata, 1987.

Wagle, Narendra, *Society at the Time of the Buddha*, Bombay, 1995.

Historical Methodology

- I. What is history? – Dialogue with the past – the boundaries between the past and present.
- II. Historical facts – The historian and her facts – sources and evidence – causation in history.
- III. Philosophy of history – critical and speculative – explanation, causation generalization – imagination in historical reconstruction.
- IV. Objectivity in history – judging or understanding? – Use and abuse of history.
- V. Quantitative methods – Oral traditions – History and social sciences.

Essential readings

Bentley, Michael, ed., *Companion to Historiography*, New York, 1997.

Bloch, Marc, *The Historian's Craft*, Manchester, 2004.

Braudel, Fernand, *On History*, Chicago, 1982.

Carr, E.H., *What is History?*, London, 2008.

Collingwood, R.G., *The Idea of History*, Oxford, 2008.

Goldstein, Leon J., *Historical Knowing*, Texas, 1976.

Hobsbawm, Eric, *On History*, London, 2011.

Marwick, Arthur, *The Nature of History*, London, 1989.

Marwick, Arthur, *The New Nature of History*, London, 2001.

Roberts, Geoffrey, ed., *The History and Narrative Reader*, London, 2001.

Sarkar, Sumit, *Writing Social History*, Oxford, 1995.

Sreedharan, E., *A Textbook of Historiography*, Hyderabad, 2000.

Additional readings

Elton, G.R., *The Practice of History*, Collins, 1969.

Gardiner, Patrick, *The Nature of Historical Explanation*, Oxford, 1979.

Reiner, G.J., *History: Its Purpose and Method*, Crown Nest, 1961.

Shafer, R.J., *A Guide to Historical Method*, Belmont, 1983.

Stern, Fritz, ed., *Varieties of History: From Voltaire to the Present*, New York, 1973.

Walsh, W.H., *Philosophy of History: An Introduction*, New York, 1968.

CC 5 and OC 1: Making of the Twentieth Century World I (1900-1945)

- I. The onset of the twentieth century – continental and regional variations
- II. The European alliance system and strategic rivalry leading to the First World War
- III. The origin of the First World War and its nature
- IV. The Versailles arrangement and the inter-war years in Europe – Fascism in Italy – Economic Depression – Rise of Nazism
- V. Rise of non-state global powers: United States and Japan
- VI. Prelude to war and the origins of the Second World War

Essential reading

- Briggs, Asa and Clavin, Patricia, *Modern Europe: 1789-Present*, New Delhi, 2009.
- Crossley, Pamela, et. al., *Global Society: The World Since 1900*, Massachusetts, 2012.
- Ferro, Marc, *The Great War: 1914-1918*, London and New York, 2002.
- Gilbert, Felix, and Large, David Clay, *The End of the European Era: 1890 to the Present*, New York, 2002.
- Hobsbawm, Eric, *The Age of Extremes: The Short Twentieth Century 1914-1991*, Massachusetts, 1995.
- James, Harold, *Europe Reborn: A History*, Harlow, 2003.
- Porter, Andrew, *Imperialism*, Basingstoke, 1984.

Additional readings

- Crozier, Andrew J., *The Causes of the Second World War*, Oxford, 1997.
- Keylor, William R., *The Twentieth Century World and Beyond: An International History since 1900*, Oxford, 2011.
- Mombauer, Annika, *The Origins of the First World War: Controversies and Consensus*, New York, 2002.
- Taylor, A.J.P., *Origins of the Second World War*, Harmondsworth, 1990.

Urbanization in Early India – Indian Dimension

- I. Definition of Urbanization; Indian sources on Urbanization; Concepts and terms.
- II. Historiography of Urbanization in Early India and selection of important writings:
V. Gordon Childe, D.D. Kosambi, R.S. Sharma, B.D. Chattopadhyay, R. Champakalakshmi, Y. Subbarayalu.
- III. The issue of urbanization in archaeology
- IV. Important urban centres in early India: Taxila, Kaushambi, Sisupalgarh, Arikamedu.
- V. Perceptions of urbanization in texts and urban culture

Essential readings

- Chakrabarti, D.K., *The Archaeology of Ancient Indian Cities*, New Delhi, 1995.
- Champakalakshmi, R., *Trade, Ideology and Urban Centres: South India c. 300 BCE-AD 1300*, New Delhi, 1996.
- Chattopadhyaya, B.D., *Studying Early India: Archaeology, Texts and Historical Issues*, Ranikhet, 2003.

- Chattopadhyaya, B.D., *The Making of Early Medieval India*, Delhi, 2012.
- Childe, V. Gordon, *A Short Introduction to Archaeology*, London, 1956.
- Childe, V. Gordon, *What Happened in History?*, Delhi, 2016.
- Kaul, Shonaleeka, *Imagining the Urban: Sanskrit and the City in Early India*, Ranikhet, 2010.
- Kosambi, D.D., *An Introduction to the Study of Indian History*, Poona, 1956.
- Sahu, B.P., ed., *Iron and Social Change in Early India*, Delhi, 2006.
- Sharma, R.S., *Urban Decay in Ancient India*, Delhi, 1987.
- Subbarayalu, Y., *South India Under the Cholas*, Delhi, 2011.

Additional readings

- Banga, Indu, ed., *The City in Indian History: Urban Demography, Society and Politics*, Delhi, 1991.
- Bhattacharyya, B., *Urban Development in India (since Prehistoric Times)*, Delhi, 1979.
- Chakravarti, Ranabir, *Prachin Bharater Arthanaitik Itihaser Sandhane*, Kolkata, 2002.
- Erdosy, George, *Urbanization in Early India*, Oxford, 1988.
- Ghosh, A., *The City in Early Historical India*, Simla, 1973.
- Ramanujan, A.K., 'Towards an Anthology of City Images' in *The Collected Essays of A.K. Ramanujan*, New Delhi, 1999.
- Sarao, K.T.S., *Urban Centres and Urbanizations Reflected in the Pali Vinaya and Sutta Pitakas*, New Delhi, 2007.
- Sharma, R.S., *Material Culture and Social Formations in Ancient India*, Delhi, 1983.
- Sinha, Kanad, 'Sporting with Kāma: Games, Sports, Amusements and Festivities in Early Indian Urban Culture', *Journal of the Asiatic Society*, LV, 2, 2013, pp. 73-120.
- Thakur, V.K., *Urbanization in Ancient India*, New Delhi, 1981.
- Wagle, Narendra, *Society at the Time of the Buddha*, Bombay, 1996.

History of Environment – the Indian Dimension

- I. History of Environment – origins and nature
- II. Pre-colonial ecological dimensions in the Indian subcontinent
- III. Colonialism and its impact: the ecological dimension

- IV. Environment related legislations and its Socio-economic impact
- V. Power, identity and ecology
- VI. Tensions and contest over the development paradigm

Essential readings

Arnold, David and Guha, Ramachandra, eds., *Nature, Culture and Imperialism: Essays on the Environmental History of South Asia*, New Delhi, 1995.

Gadgil, Madhav and Guha, Ramachandra, *The Fissured Land: An Ecological History of India*, New Delhi, 1992.

Guha, Ramachandra, *Environmentalism: A Global History*, New Delhi, 2000.

Rangarajan, Mahesh, ed., *Environmental Issues in India: A Reader*, Delhi, 2006.

Rangarajan, Mahesh, ed., *India's Environmental History, Vols. I-II*, Hyderabad, 2013.

Turk, J., *Introduction to Environmental Studies*, Chicago, 1985.

Additional readings

Agarwal, Arun and Sivaramakrishnan, Kalyanakrishnan, eds., *Social Nature, Resources, Representations and Rule in India*, Delhi, 2000.

Cederlof, Gunnel, *Landscape and the Law: Environmental Politics, Regional Histories, and Contests over Nature*, Delhi, 2008.

Chaudhuri, B.B. and Bandyopadhyay, Arun, eds., *Tribes, Forest and Social Formations in Indian History*, New Delhi, 2004.

Parasher-Sen, Aloka, ed., *Subordinate and Marginal Groups in Early India*, New Delhi, 2006.

Concepts in Archaeology

- I. Definition, aims and scope of Archaeology: definition of Archaeology – scope of archaeology, its relationship with History and Anthropology – select case studies to explore the relations between History and Archaeology (Kaushambi, Taxila, Nagarjunkonda) – the archaeological time, from Prehistory to medieval and beyond
- II. Nature of archaeological record: definition of archaeological sites – exploration and excavation – artifacts and ecofacts – formation processes of the archaeological record
- III. An archaeological culture sequence and dating methods: introduction to relative dating methods – introduction to absolute dating methods – case studies

- IV. Role of natural sciences in Archaeology: palaeoanthropology and origins of humankind – palaeontology and the study of fossils – human skeletal biology and the study of burial patterns – archaeozoology – palaeobotany – chemical conservation and preservation of iron and copper objects
- V. Role of earth sciences in Archaeology; applications in the Indian context: Geology, Geomorphology, Geophysics, Geochemistry, Geochronology – applications in prehistory – applications in other branches of archaeology
- VI. Cultural resource management and public archaeology
- VII. Use and abuse of Archaeology: current debates

Essential readings

Agarwal, D.P. and Yadav, M.G., *Dating the Human Past*, Pune, 1995.

Atiken, M.J., *Science-based Dating in Archaeology*, London, 1990.

Blintiff, John, *A Companion to Archaeology*, Oxford, 2004.

Childe, V. Gordon, *Piecing Together the Past: The Interpretation of Archaeological Data*, London, 1956.

Fagan, B., *In the Beginning: An Introduction to Archaeology*, Glenview, 1988.

Gamble, Clive, *Archaeology: The Basics*, London, 2008.

Hurcombe, Linda, *Archaeological Artefacts as Material Culture*, New York, 2007.

Johnson, Mathew, *Archaeological Theory: An Introduction*, New Jersey, 2007.

Renfrew, Colin, and Bahn, Paul, *Archaeology: Theories. Methods and Practice*, London, 2006.

Additional readings

Binford, L.R., *In Pursuit of the Past: Decoding the Archaeological Record*, London, 1983.

Bond, George C. and Gilliam, Angela, eds., *Social Construction of the Past: Representation as Power*, London, 1994.

Brothwell, D.R., and Pollard, A.M., *Handbook of Archaeological Science*, New York, 2001.

Feder, K.L., *Linking to the Past*, New York, 2004.

Feinman, G.M. and Price, T.G., *Archaeology at the Millenium*, New York, 2001.

Ghosh, N.N., *Early History of Kausambi*, Allahabad, 1935.

Goldberg, P. and McPhail, R.I., *Practical and Theoretical Geoarchaeology*, Oxford, 2006.

Insoll, T., ed., *The Archaeology of Identities*, London, 2007.

Jones, Sian, *The Archaeology of Ethnicity: Constructing Identities in the Past and Present*, London, 1997.

Layton, R., *Who Needs the Past? Indigenous Values and Archaeology*, Oxon, 1994.

Lowenthal, D., *The Heritage Crusade and the Spoils of History*, Cambridge, 1998.

Marshall, J.H., *Taxila: An Illustrated Account of Archaeological Excavations, 3 vols.*, Cambridge, 1951.

Pollard, A.M., *Geoarchaeology: An Introduction*, London, 1999.

Renfrew, Colin, *Loot, Legitimacy and Ownership*, London, 2000.

Silverman, H. and Ruggles, D.F., eds., *Cultural Heritage and Human Rights*, New York, 2007.

Wadia, S., Korisettar, R. and Kale, V.S., eds., *Quaternary Environments and Geoarchaeology in India*, Bangalore, 1995.

History of India (200 BCE-600 CE)

- I. Historiography and sources: going beyond the stereotypes of the ‘Golden Age’ and ‘Dark Age’
- II. An overview of the political history of the post-Maurya period
- III. Changing polities: political history, nature of state and administrative structure of the Imperial Guptas
- IV. Economic processes: agrarian structure, urban development and decay, coinage, crafts and guilds, long-distance trade interactions, cultural interactions with East Asia and Southeast Asia
- V. Social structure: *varṇa*, *jāti* and *varṇa-saṃkara*, gender roles
- VI. Religious doctrines and practices: emergence of Purāṇc Hinduism, Viṣṇuism, Śivaism, Śaktism, rise of Mahāyāna Buddhism, the Śvetāmbara-Digambara divide, *yakṣa* and *nāga* cults; the emergence of Tantra.

Essential readings

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- II. *Stūpa* and Cave architecture: *Stūpa*, early rock-cut caves, *caityagr̥has* and *vihāras* – Brahmanical and Jaina caves
- III. Temple architecture of the Gupta period and its derivatives
- IV. Regional traditions of temple architecture: Nagara, Vesara and Dravida – Puri, Bhuvanewar and Konarak – Khajuraho – Modhera – Tanjore and Gangaikondacholapuram
- V. Sculpture in the Mauryan period
- VI. Early post-Mauryan sculpture
- VII. Kushan period sculpture of Gandhara and Mathura
- VIII. Gupta sculpture
- IX. Pallava, Cālukya and Rāṣṭrakūṭa sculpture
- X. Pāla and Sena sculpture – Cola and Hoysal sculpture
- XI. Mural paintings of Ajanta, Ellora and Tanjore

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- I. The end of the war and the emerging post-war world
- II. Dynamics of the Cold War – European and global theatres
- III. Decolonisation and struggle for empowerment in the non-western world
- IV. The collapse of the Soviet Union and its implications
- V. Prelude to the post Cold War global order

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- II. *Varṇa-jāti* system in the Vedic period – *varṇa-jāti* in the *Mahābhārata* and the *Rāmāyaṇa* – Buddhist and Jaina notions of *varṇa-jāti*
- III. *Dharmaśāstra* views of *varṇa* and *varṇasaṃkara* – processes of *jāti* formation – social mobility within the *varṇa-jāti* framework – educational system and *varṇa-jāti* framework
- IV. *Śūdras* in early India – untouchability in early Indian history
- V. Interaction between social and economic classes in the Early Medieval period – rise of new professional castes: *kāyasthas* and Rajputs

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- I. Defining Europe – land, people and imagination
- II. Transition from feudalism to capitalism
- III. The Military Revolution – The Printing Revolution and the coming of the book –
The making of new states
- IV. The Renaissance – The Reformation and the Counter-reformation
- V. The long sixteenth century: economy and society
- VI. Religion and politics: the Thirty Years' War, the settlement of Westphalia and the
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- VII. Revolution and compromise in England: 1640 and 1688 – Hobbes and Locke
- VIII. The Scientific Revolution: a paradigm shift?
- IX. The Seventeenth Century Crisis

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- I. Defining the Early Medieval – different schools of thought and debates
- II. Early Medieval economy: agrarian expansion and spread of settlements, land ownership and the village community, urbanization, trade and markets, money, guilds.
- III. Society: social stratification and rise of new caste groups, gender relations, inheritance, regionalism.
- IV. Political systems: conceptions of kingship, regional political structures, changing forms of legitimization.
- V. Important political powers: the Pālas and the Colas.

VI. Sectarian *bhakti* movements – Tantricism – temples, *maṭhas* and *tīrthas* – early medieval literature and art.

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- I. Transition to the Sultanate
- II. Delhi Sultanate under the Khaljis and Tughluqs
- III. The Lodis – Babur and Humayun – the Sur Afghans
- IV. The Mughal Empire under Akbar, Jahangir and Shah Jahan
- V. Aurangzeb and the decline of the Mughals – Agrarian revolts – Shivaji and the rise of the Marathas
- VI. The Marathas under the *peshwas* – the Sikhs
- VII. Medieval Indian economy

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- I. Origin of writing and script in India: The Brahmi script and its derivatives – the name of the script – geographical and chronological range – theories regarding the origin of Brahmi – development of Early, Middle and Late Brahmi – Siddhamatrika, Proto-Bengali and Nagari – Grantha and regional scripts of South India – An overview of the Kharoshti script.
- II. Aśokan edicts: nature, geographical distribution, categories, language and script – Deciphering Major Rock Edicts II and XIII (Girnar version) – Besnagar Pillar Inscription of Heliiodorus – Hathigumpha Inscription of Khāravēla – Junagadh Inscription of Rudradāman – Nasik Praśasti of Gautami Balaśrī
- III. Gupta and post-Gupra inscriptions: Allahabad Praśasti of Samudra Gupta – Aihole Praśasti of Pulakeśin II – Banskhera Inscription of Harṣa – Khalimpur Inscription of Dharmapāla – Nalanda Inscription of Devapāla – Deopara Praśasti of Vijayasena – Uttaramerur Inscription of the time of Rājendra Cola
- IV. Origin and antiquity of coins in India – techniques of minting coins: punch-marked, cast, die-struck – punch-marked and early inscribed cast coins – coins of the Indo-Greeks, Indo-Scythians and Indo-Parthians – Coins of the Kushanas, Satavahanas and Western Kshatrapas – Tribal coins – Coins of the Gupta period – Principal Early Medieval coins (Harṣavardhana, Gauḍa-Vaṅga, Samatāṭa-Harikela, Kāmarūpa, Cālukya, Kadamba, Cola and Pāṇḍya).
- V. Debates on the disappearance of coins in ancient India

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Ancient Mesopotamia, Egypt, Greece and Rome

- I. Beginning of agriculture and agricultural transformation in prehistoric Mesopotamia – A case study of Jarmo and other settlements on the Zagros mountain – advanced Neolithic settlements and the cultures that represent them – Hassuna, Samarra and Halaf cultures.
- II. Process of urbanization in Mesopotamia – the Uruk period – the Jemdet Nasr period
- III. Temple and palace as centres of power in Mesopotamia, c. 3100 to 2000 BCE – Mesopotamian religion – class and gender in Mesopotamian society – the Epic of Gilgamesh
- IV. Egypt under the Old Kingdom
- V. Crete and Mycenae – Homeric epics
- VI. The Greek *polis* – Evolution of Athenian democracy – the Persian War – The Peloponnesian War
- VII. Greek economy – Greek religion – Greek culture
- VIII. Alexander and Macedonian conquests – citizenship in ancient Rome – expansionism of the Roman republic
- IX. The Principate – Augustan Rome – Roman economy – Roman religion

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- I. Trade routes from sixth century BCE to 2nd century BCE.
- II. Transnational trade between 200 BCE and 300 CE
- III. Trade and Market centres in the Gupta period
- IV. Trade and urbanity in Early Medieval India
- V. Industries and guilds in early Indian history

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- II. The challenge to the *Ancien Regime*. The Era of the French Revolution, 1789-1815. The Rise of an Atlantic Community?
- III. Restoration and Revolution. The mid-century upheaval.
- IV. Nationalism and the challenge to the old order. Reorganisation of the state system to 1871.
- V. The Industrial Revolution; Industrialisation in Europe; Britain, France, Germany, Russia- the variety of experiences.
- VI. Political Ideas: Liberalism, Democracy, Socialism.
- VII. Europe in 1870: A New Balance of Power?
- VIII. The Age of the masses; urbanization, demographic growth, public sphere and the rise of public opinion. European migration to other continents.
- IX. Colonialism, the Age of Empires and its crisis. International diplomacy, the Ottoman Empire in Europe and nationalism and great power politics in the Balkans; the slide to war.

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- II. Advent of European colonialism and its nature
- III. Brief survey of colonial conquest: Bengal, Mysore, Punjab, Sindh and Awadh – Colonial administration: army, police and law
- IV. Economy of colonial India: drain of wealth – land revenue systems – deindustrialization – growth of modern industry
- V. Colonial ideology and colonial rule: Orientalism, Utilitarianism, Evangelicalism – Coming of Western education – Early socio-religious reforms: Rammohun Roy and the Brahma Samaj, Derozio and the Young Bengals, Ishwarchandra Vidyasagar
- VI. Mutiny in the army and popular resistance

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- I. Administrative changes after 1857
- II. Advent and evolution of Indian nationalism – Foundation of the Indian National Congress
- III. The Swadeshi Movement
- IV. The Gandhian phase of National Movement
- V. The communal divide and the road to Partition and independence

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- II. Modern historiography: documents and archives – The Berlin Revolution – Ranke – Empiricism and Positivism
- III. Marx and Historical Materialism
- IV. The Annales Tradition – the pioneers: Lucien Febvre and Marc Bloch – Fernand Braudel and the Second generation – *mentalite* – new questions in history – History as a social science
- V. The widening horizons – psychohistory – quantitative methods
- VI. Post-modernism and Post-structuralism
- VII. Cultural history – Art and history
- VIII. History and Ecology

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- II. The challenges of subnationalism: communities and identities
- III. The developmental paradigm – planning and adoption of science and technology
- IV. Politics in India – the rise, domination and decline of the Congress – rise of national, regional and local parties
- V. The dismantling process of state controlled economy – advent of globalisation
- VI. The nature of the Indian state: debates

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- I. Definition of *bhakti* – the origin of *bhakti* – *saguna* and *nirguna bhakti*
- II. Understanding *bhakti* in the *Bhagavad Gītā*
- III. Vaiṣṇava and Śaiva *bhakti* in North India – Alvars and Nayanars of Tamil Nadu – Social dimensions of the *bhakti* movement
- IV. Women in Early Indian *bhakti* movement
- V. Early Medieval Saints: Śaṅkara, Rāmanuja and Bāsava.
- VI. Medieval *bhakti*: Rāmānanda and Kabir -- Vaiṣṇavism in Bengal
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Introduction to Museology

- I. Definition and functions of Museum: Definition of Museum – Aims and functions of Museum – Museums in the age of globalization – Types of Museum and their classification

- II. Collection, documentation and research: aims, methods and ethics of collection – Documentation: identification, classification, accessing, cataloguing, indexing, data processing, information retrieval, computerization, insurance of museum objects, accessing photographic record of Museum collection – Principles of classification and methods of identification of Museum materials – Terminologies for describing Museum objects – Research in Museum, examples of a Museum's contribution to research – Research facilities.
- III. Museums in India: their history, collection and other activities – National Museum, New Delhi – Indian Museum, Kolkata – Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaja Vastu Sangrahalaya, formerly Prince of Wales Museum, Mumbai – Salar Jang Museum, Hyderabad – Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya, Bhopal
- IV. Museum architecture and exhibition: planning and maintenance of Museum building, public and service area – Lighting in relation to Museum architecture and exhibition – Storage of reserve collection and problems of security – Kinds of exhibition (special, temporary, circulating and permanent), planning and programming of exhibition – Methods of grouping and installation – Various stages of planning – Role of designer.
- V. Museum education: general theories and principles of Museum communication – Museum and the public, public facility, educational, scientific and cultural responsibility of Museum knowledge of the community and the Museum audience – Extension programme, mobile Museum, workshops, field trips, radio and television.
- VI. Conservation and preservation: types of Museum material – Climatology and deterioration factors: their recognition and control – Climate and environment – Light, insects, microorganisms, atmospheric pollution – Curatorial responsibilities in preservation and conservation --- Conservation of organic materials such as manuscripts, wood, paper, ivory and bone objects – Conservation of inorganic material such as stone, terracotta, glass and metal – Conservation of biological material, plants and animals.
- VII. Professional organizations related to Museums – International Council of Museums (ICOM) – Museums Association of India (MAI) – Special bodies related with Museum – Information about various Museology courses in India.
- VIII. Museum administration: Museum staff and their duties – Museum finance and general maintenance – Museum and public relations, visitors' facilities – Supervision and Security.
- IX. Legislation concerning Museums: The Indian Treasure-Trove Act of 1878 – The Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act 1958 – Antiquity and Art Treasure Act 1972.

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