HIS 314 Spring 2024: Revised Schedule of Readings and Assignments 3/21/24 to 5/2/24

SECTION IV. INDIA AFTER NEHRU: POPULISM AND ITS DANGERS

March 21 Recourse to Populism: Indira is India

Required Readings

Guha, Chapters Eighteen and Nineteen.

March 26 No Class

March 28 DISCUSSION # 2: Nehru and the making of contemporary India

April 2 Consequence of Populism

Required Readings

Guha, Chapters Nineteen and Twenty

April 4 Dynasty and Democracy

Required Readings

Guha, SKIM Chapter Twenty-One, and READ Twenty-Two

April 9 Indian Democracy

Required Readings

Guha, Chapters Twenty-Three, Twenty-Four and Twenty-Five.

Questions for Discussion Three assigned April 9th

April 11-16 Two Themes in Recent Politics

Required Readings

Guha, Chapters Twenty-Six, Twenty-Seven, and Twenty-Eight.

Powerpoint on Caste: A historical approach

Paper Assignment handed out April 11th

April 18 Discussion # 3

April 23 The Rise of the BJP

Required Readings

- 1. Pankaj Mishra, "<u>Ayodhya: The Modernity of Hinduism</u>." Kamala Visweswaran ed. *Perspectives on Modern South Asia: A Reader in Culture, History, and Representation* (Oxford: Blackwell Publishers, 2011), pp. 187-198.
- 2. Pankaj Mishra, "<u>How Narendra Modi Seduced India With Envy and Hate</u>" op-ed *New York Times* (May 23, 2019) or <u>try this link</u>
- 3. Ajaz Ashraf, "<u>Babri Masjid: Now a Metaphor of Hindus Harming Themselves</u>." NewsClick (December 6, 2021)
- 4. Gita Sahgal, "<u>Hindutva Past and Present: From Secular Democracy to Hindu Rashtra</u>." Feminist Dissent. Number 5 (2020) Click on PDF button or <u>try this link</u> https://www.nytimes.com/2023/03/18/opinion/modi-india.html

April 25 Winding Up: Hindutva in the News REVISED READINGS

Required Readings

- 1. Hannah Ellis-Peterson, "Messianic spell': how Narendra Modi created a cult of personality." *The Guardian* (UK) (April 19, 2024).
- 2. Jawaharlal Nehru, "<u>We Want No Caesars: Nehru's Warning to Himself.</u>" Reprinted from 1937) *The Caravan* (November 16, 2016).
- 3. Christophe Jaffrelot, "Is India Still a Democracy?" The Nation (April 12, 2024).
- 4. Mujib Mashal and Hari Kumar, "<u>Modi's Party Doesn't Control All of India. But He's Working on It</u>." *The New York Times* (March 23, 2024).
- 5. Nachiket Joshi, "'H-Pop': A cut-throat digital economy and deep-rooted hatred have fundamentally changed India." *Scroll.in* (February 25, 2024).
- 6. Hannah Ellis-Petersen, Aakash Hassan and Shah Meer Baloch, "<u>Indian government ordered killings in Pakistan, intelligence officials claim.</u>" *The Guardian* (UK) (April 04, 2024).

Recommended

- 1. Chietigi Bajpaee, "<u>India's geopolitical heft will trump concerns over the state of democracy as it goes to the polls</u>." Chatham House (geostrategic thinktank) (April 11, 2024).
- 2. Samanth Subramanian, "The Long Read: How Hindu supremacists are tearing India apart." *The Guardian* (February 20, 2020).
- 3. Ashutosh Varshney "Jim Crow Hindutva" The Indian Express (October 20, 2021).
- 4. Atish Taseer, (FILM) "In Search of India's Soul: From Mughals to Modi." *Al Jazeera*, (February 13, 2020).
- 5. Nicholas Kristof, "He's the World's Most Popular Leader. Beware." *New York Times* (March 18, 2023) or try this <u>archived link</u> (if you can, do read some of the comments too!)
- 6. Mujib Mashal, Suhasini Raj and Karan Deep Singh, "Modi's Power to Sideline Challengers Is Only Growing" New York Times (March 29, 2023) or try this archived link

PAPER EVALUATING *Hindutva* due by May 2nd, on Canvas by the end of the day. Late submissions cannot be accepted unless there is a documented excuse covered by NAU policies. THERE IS NO FINAL EXAM FOR THIS COURSE.