

**ANCIENT WORLD**

**UNIT -I**

**STRATEGIES OF SURVIVAL: FROM FORAGING TO FOOD PRODUCTION**

1. Human Evolution: A brief introduction
2. Foragers and Hunters
3. Origins of food production and Stock Breeding
4. Changing Technologies and Early Forms of Exchange
5. Social Formations in the Ancient World: Family, Band, Clan, Tribe
6. Transition from Nomadism to Sedentism

**UNIT – II**

**TOWARDS CIVILIZATIONS**

1. The idea of civilization
2. Changes in Material Culture
3. Development of class, caste and patriarchy
4. Changes in settlement pattern: Emergence of the first cities
5. Early States and Civilizations

**UNIT – III**

**EMERGENCE OF POLITICAL AUTHORITY**

1. The Idea of State
2. Transition from Kinship to Kingship
3. City States
4. First Territorial states
5. Early Empires

**READING LIST:**

The following list does not claim to be representative. Further readings will be recommended in due course of teaching.

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2. A.H. M. Jones, *Athenian Democracy*, Oxford, 1969.
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4. A.H. M. Jones, *The Roman Economy*, Oxford, 1974.
5. Antony Andrews, *Greek Society*, Harmondsworth, 1991.
6. Antony Andrews, *The Greeks*, London, 1968.
7. Barbara Bender, *Farming in Prehistory*, London, 1977.
8. Brendan O’Leary, *The Asiatic Mode of Production*, Oxford, 1989.
9. Brian Fagan, *Peoples of the Earth: An Introduction to World Prehistory*, 11<sup>th</sup> Edition, 2004.
10. Bruce Trigger, et al, *Ancient Egypt: A Social History*, Cambridge, 1983.

11. C. Belshaw, *Traditional Exchange and Modern Markets*, New York, 1965.
12. C. Daryll Forde, *Habitat, Economy and Society*, London, 1962.
13. C. Reed, *The Origins of Agriculture*, The Hague, 1977.
14. C.A. Gregory, *Gifts and Commodities*, London, 1982.
15. C.G. Starr, *The Economic and Social Growth of Early Greece*, New York, 1977.
16. C.W. Gailey, *Kinship to Kingship*, Austin, 1987.
17. D. Rindos, *The Origins of Agriculture*, New York, 1984.
18. D.R. Harris (ed) *The Origin and spread of agriculture and pastoralism in Eurasia*, London, 1966.
19. D.R. Harris and G. Hillman, *Foraging and Farming*, London, 1989.
20. D.T. Potts, *Mesopotamian Civilization: the Material Foundation*, London, 1997.
21. E. Leacock (ed), *The Origin of Family, Private Property and the State*, by F. Engels, London, 1972.
22. E. Leacock and R. Lee (eds), *Politics and History in Band Societies*, Cambridge, 1982.
23. E. M. Balsden, *The Story of Empire*,
24. F. Dahlberg, *Women the Gatherer*, London, 1981.
25. G. Alföldy, *The Social History of Rome*, London, 1985.
26. G. Dalton (ed), *Tribal and Peasant Economies*, New York, 1967.
27. G.E.M. de Ste Croix, *The Class Struggle in the Ancient Greek World*, Ithaca, 1987.
28. George, Roux, *Ancient Iraq*, third edition, Harmondsworth, 1992.
29. Gerda Learner, *The Creation of Patriarchy*, New York, 1986.
30. H.J.M. Claessen and P. Skalnik (eds), *The Early State*, the Hague, 1978.
31. J. Archer, S. Fischler and M. Wyke (eds) *Women in Ancient Societies*, Basingstoke, 1994.
32. J. Gero and M. Conkey (eds) *Engendering Archaeology: Women and Prehistory*, Oxford, 1990.
33. J. Gledhill, B. Bender, and M.J. Larsen (eds), *State and Society*, London, 1988.
34. J. Mellart, *Neolithic of the Near East*, London, 1977.
35. J. Middleton and D. Tait, *Tribes without Rulers*, London, 1958.
36. J. Parry and M. Bloch (eds), *Money and the Morality of Exchange*, Cambridge, 1989.
37. J.S. Kahn and C. Llobera (eds), *The Anthropology of pre-capitalist societies*, London, 1981.
38. J.N. Postgate, *Early Mesopotamia: Society and Economy at the Dawn of History*, London, 1992.
39. K. Polanyi et. al, *Trade and Market in Early Empires*, Glencoe, 1957.
40. Karl A. Wittfogel, *Oriental Despotism*. Harvard. 1970.
41. L. Krader, *The Asiatic Mode of Production*, Oxford, 1989.
42. M. Ehrenberg, *Women in Prehistory*, London 1988.
43. M. Godelier, *Perspective in Marxist Anthropology*, Cambridge, 1977.
44. M.D. Sahlins, *Tribesmen*, Englewood Cliffs, 1969.
45. M.I. Finley, *Politics in Ancient World*, Cambridge, 1983.
46. M.I. Finley, *Ancient Economy*, Berkley, 1973.
47. McGuire Gibson, Robert D. Biggs, *The Organization of Power, Aspects of Bureaucracy in Ancient Near East*, Chicago, 1991.
48. R.B. Lee and I de Vore (eds), *Man the Hunter*, Chicago, 1968.

49. R.F. Wenke and D.J. Olszewski, *Patterns in Prehistory: Humankind's First Three Million Years*, fifth edition, Oxford., 2007.
50. S. N. Eisenstadt, *The Decline of empires*, New Jersey, 1967.
51. V. G. Childe, *Man Makes Himself*, with an introduction by Sally Green, Bradford-on-Avon, 1981.

**ISLAMIC CIVILIZATION: 610- 750 A.D.**

**Unit- I**

1. Geographical location, climate and products of Arabian Peninsula; social political and economic structure of pre- Islamic Arabia; basic teachings of Islam and their social relevance; nature of the Islamic state; Prophet's relations with the non-Muslims, pagan Arabs, the Jews and Christians; development of administration under the Prophet ; his last sermon.
2. The Pious Caliphate- origin and development; expansion of state; central, provincial, military and revenue administration; relations with the non-Muslims; status of women.

**Unit- II**

3. The Umayyads- Caliphate to monarchy; revival of tribal jealousies among the Arabs, *mawali*, *zimmis* and slaves, Shu'ubiyah Movement; expansion of state and fall of the Umayyads; central, provincial, military and revenue administration.
4. Rise of sectarianism among the Muslims- Shias, Ismailis and Sunnis; voices of dissent- *Kharjites*, *Mu'tazilites* and *Murjaites*.

**Unit- III**

5. Umayyad rule in Spain- political institutions, economy- trade, industry and agriculture; contribution to literature, education, art and architecture in Spain.
6. Growth of literature, philosophy and sciences; development of art and architecture in the Islamic world.

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1. Hamidullah , M.- Introduction to Islam. 1968
2. Hodgson ,Marshall- Venture of Islam (vols. I & II). 1958-61.
3. Amir Ali, Syed- Spirit of Islam. 1965.
4. Holt,Lambton & Lewis-Cambridge History of Islam.
5. Lewis, Bernard- Arabs in History.
6. Mez, Adem- The Renaissance of Islam.
7. Watt, W.M.- Muhammad at Mecca. 1953.
8. -do- - Muhammad at Medina. 1956.
9. Shaban, M.A.- Islamic History; A.D. 600- 750. 1971.
- 10.Imaduddin, S.M.- Political History of the Muslims. (vol. I, Prophet and Pious Caliphs- 570- 661). Dacca, 1970.
- 11.Husaini, S.A.Q.- Arab Administration. 1949.
- 12.Crone, Patricia – Slaves on Horses: The Evolution of Islamic Polity. 1980.
13. -do- - God's Caliph: Religious Authority in the First Centuries of Islam. 1986.

14. – do - - Meccan Trade and the Rise of Islam. 1987.
15. Ahmad, Ishtiaq- The Concept of an Islamic State. 1987.
16. Siddiqui ,Yasin Mazhar- Organization of Government Under the Prophet. 1987.
17. Hussain, Athar- The Glorious Caliphs. 1980.
18. Dixon, A.A.- The Umayyad Caliphate. 1971.
19. Levy, R.- Social Structure of Islam. 1957.
20. Engineer, Asghar Ali- Theory and Practice of Islamic State.
21. Khuda Bakhsh, S.- Essays in Indian and Islamic.
22. – do - Politics in Islam. 1954.
23. Dennett, D.C.- Conversion and Poll Tax in Early Islam. 1950.
24. Ali, M.- Early Caliphate.
25. Robert Simon- Meccan Trade and Islam.
26. Ahmad, Barkat- Muhammad and the Jews.
27. Encyclopaedia of Islam.
28. Schacht, Joseph & Bosworth, C.E.- Legacy of Islam.
29. P. Lockkegaard-Islamic Taxation in the Classical Period.
30. N. P. Aghnides- Muhammeden Theories of Finance. 1961.
31. Jarajpuri, Aslam- Tarikh-ul Ummat (Urdu).
- 32 .Nadvi, S.A. Muhammad Rasul-Allah (Urdu).
33. Maududi, Abul Ala- Siyasat-o Mulukiyat. (Urdu)
34. Nadvi, Shah Muinuddin- Tarikh-i Islam. (Urdu)
35. K. P. Sahu- Islam- Udbhav aur Vikas (Hindi).

**HISTORY OF EIGHTEENTH CENTURY INDIA**

**Unit I-**

**Historiography**

1. The 'Dark Age' and 'Twilight' perspectives- contemporary perceptions, colonial and nationalist interpretations.
2. Marxist perspective- Eighteenth century as a period of crisis and decline, the Jagirdari and agrarian crises, colonial transformation, colonization of Indian economy.
3. The 'Revisionist' challenge- Interrogating the centralized nature of Mughal state, Mughal decline as a factor in economic and societal progress, continuity and property thesis, emergence of new social groups and 'portfolio capitalists', the thesis of indigenous origins of early colonial state and 'transition' to colonialism.

**Unit- II**

**Disintegration of the Mughal Empire 'Successor' states, and Warfare**

1. Mughal Empire in the post- Aurangzeb period, parties and politics at the Mughal court, 1707- 1761- the struggle for Wizaarat, the role of Saiyyid Brothers, Nizam- ul Mulk, Najibuddaulah and Safdarjung.
2. 'Successors' states and other categories; Maratha state in the eighteenth century, Warfare and society.
3. Foreign invasions and their impact

**Unit III**

**British Conquest and Beginning of Colonization**

1. Rise and growth of British power in India during the eighteenth century – colonial conquest of Bengal and South India.
2. Economic impact of colonial conquest and colonization, origins of the Permanent Settlement.
3. Ideology of the early colonial state in India.

**READING LIST**

**Unit I**

- M. Athar Ali "The Eighteenth Century – An Interpretation", *Indian Historical Review*, vol.V, vols.1-2, 1978-9, pp.175-86.
- Do- "Recent Theories of Eighteenth Century India" *Indian Historical Review*, vol. XIII, vols. 1-2, 1986-87, pp. 102- 110.
- Do- "The Mughal Polity: A Critique of Revisionist Approaches", *Modern Asian Studies*, vol.27, no.4, 1993, pp. 699- 710.
- Seema Alavi, ed., *The Eighteenth Century in India*, Delhi: Oxford University press, 2002.
- Richard Barnett, ed., *Rethinking Early Modern India*, Delhi: Manohar, 2002

P. J. Marshall, ed., *The Eighteenth Century in Indian History: Evolution or Revolution?* Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2003

Irfan Habib, "Colonization of Indian Economy", *Social Scientist*, vol. 3, no.8, March 1975.

## **Unit II**

Jadunath Sarkar, *Fall of the Mughal Empire*, vol. 1-4, Calcutta, 1932, reprint, Calcutta, 1964.

Satish Chandra *Parties and Politics at the Mughal Court, 1707 – 1740*, Delhi: People's Publishing House, 2<sup>nd</sup> eds., 1972.

Muzaffar Alam, *The Crisis of Empire in Mughal North India*, Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1986.

Zahiruddin Malik *The Reign of Muhammad Shah 1719-1748*, Bombay, 1977

Percival Spear *Twilight of the Mughals*, Delhi: Oxford University Press, reprint, 2002

## **Unit III**

C. A. Bayly, *Rules, To -- and Bazaars : North Indian Society in the Age of British Expantion, 1770- 1870*, Cambridge, 1983.

- Do- *Indian Society and the Making of British Empire*, Cambridge, 1988.

Muzaffar Alam *The Crisis of Empire in Mughal North India*, Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1986.

Richard Barnett *North Indian Society between Empires Awadh, the Mughal and the British, 1720-1801*, 1980

Bernard Cohn "Political system in Eighteenth Century India: The Banaras Region", in Bernad Cohn, *An Anthropologist among Historians and other Extracts*, Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1988, pp. 483-99.

Satish Chandra *The Eighteenth Century in India: It's Economy and the Role of Marathas, the Jats, the Sikhs and the Afghans*, Calcutta: K. P. Bagchi & Co., 1986.

Steward Gordon *Marathas, Maraudes and State Formation in 18<sup>th</sup> century India*, 1994

J. S. Grewal, *Sikhs of the Punjab*, 1990

Andre Wink *Land and Sovereignty in India: Agrarian society and Politics under the Eighteenth Century Maratha Swarajya*, Cambridge, 1986.

Inayet Ali Zaidi "European Mercenaries in the Indian Armies, 1750-1803 A. D.

## **HMA CoO3 An Economic History of the Emergence of Capitalism in Europe**

Economic history explores how human beings transformed resources into income and wealth in history, entering into a variety of unequal social relations in this attempt. This course is a preliminary survey course on the growth of capitalism in Europe, culminating with the beginnings of modern industrial growth in Western Europe. Topics 1 to 7 chronologically trace the decline of feudalism and the economic history of early modern Europe.

Semester: I

Teaching Weeks: 16

Teaching Hours per week: 3

### **UNIT I**

1. What is Capitalism? hours 4 1 week
2. Economic Structures and Change in Medieval Europe, circa 750-1450: Resources, technology, productivity, population, agriculture, manufactures, trade and towns. 2 weeks
3. The Decline of Feudalism 4 hours 1 week

### **UNIT II**

4. The origins of the Great Divergence: The Seventeenth Century Crisis and the Decline of the Mediterranean 4 hours 1 week
5. Overseas Empires and its impact on the transition to Capitalism: the rise of the Atlantic economies; 8 hours 2 weeks
6. Economic, Social and Demographic Change in the Eighteenth Century: Population, Agriculture, Industrialization 3 weeks

### **UNIT III**

7. The Emergence of Industrial Societies: Britain, France, Germany 2 weeks
8. Thematic Debates: Institutional Change, Technology, Market, Class configurations, Demographic Change, Sources of capital mobilization, the Industrial Revolution, Spatial economic variations and divergence 2 weeks
9. Contemporary Economic doctrines 1 week
10. Growth and crises in early capitalism 1 week

**Reading List: (supplementary readings will be announced in class)**

**UNIT I**

Aston, T. H. and C. H. E. Philpin (1985). *The Brenner debate: agrarian class structure and economic development in pre-industrial Europe*. Cambridge [Cambridgeshire]; New York, Cambridge University Press.

Bois, G., Eng. trans., *The crisis of feudalism* (Cambridge, 1984); also

Bois, G., 'Against the neo-Malthusian orthodoxy', in Aston and Philpin, *Brenner debate*, pp. 107-18.

Braudel, F. (1992). *Civilization and capitalism, 15th-18th century*. Berkeley, University of California Press.

Epstein, S.R., Rodney Hilton, *Marxism and the Transition From Feudalism to Capitalism*, Working Papers No. 94/06, LSE

Kula, Witold, *An Economic Theory of the Feudal System*, London, 1976

Postan, M. M. (1993). *The medieval economy and society : an economic history of Britain in the Middle Ages*. London,.

Hilton, R.H. (ed.) *The transition from feudalism to capitalism* (London, 1976),

Brenner, Robert; Isett, Christopher (2002), "England's Divergence from China's Yangzi Delta: Property Relations, Microeconomics, and Patterns of Development", *The Journal of Asian Studies* **61** (2): 609–662

Landes, David S. *The Wealth and Poverty of Nations* (New York: Norton, 1997): 1-524.

E. L. Jones., *Growth Recurring: Economic Change in World History* (Ann Arbor:

Chaudhuri, K. N. *Asia Before Europe: Economy and Civilization of the Indian Ocean from the Rise of Islam to 1750* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1991)

Pomeranz, Kenneth. *The Great Divergence: China, Europe, and the Making of the Modern World Economy*. (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2000)

**UNIT II**

Cipolla, Carlo M., *Before the Industrial Revolution: European Society and Economy, 1000–1700*. Routledge, 2003

Kriedte, P. *Peasants, Landlords and Merchant Capitalists: Europe and the World Economy, 1500-1800*

Hamilton, Earl, *American Treasure and the Price Revolution*

Geoffrey Parker, *Europe in Crisis 1598-1648*, Blackwell, second edition, 2001

Allen, R. C. (1999), "Tracking the Agricultural Revolution", *Economic History Review*, 52, 209-235.

Hobsbawm, E.J., *The Crisis of the 17<sup>th</sup> Century*, *Past and Present* (1954) 6 (1): 44-65.

Allen, R. C. (2000), "Economic Structure and Agricultural Productivity in Europe, 1300-1800", *European Review of Economic History*, 4, 1-25.

Crafts, N. F. R. (1989), "British Industrialization in an International Context", *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, 19, 415-428.

Crafts, N. F. R. and Harley, C. K. (1992), "Output Growth and the British Industrial Revolution: a Restatement of the Crafts-Harley View", *Economic History Review*, 45, 703-730.

### **UNIT III**

North, D. C. (1981). Structure and change in economic history. New York, Norton.

North, D. C. (1990). Institutions, institutional change, and economic performance. Cambridge ; New York, Cambridge University Press.

North, D. C. and R. P. Thomas (1973). The rise of the Western world; a new economic history. Cambridge [Eng.], University Press.

Anderson, M., Approaches to the History of the Western Family 1500-1914 (1980)  
Goody, J., 'From Collective to Individual? The Historiography of the Family in the West',  
in id. *The East and the West* (1996), 162-204

Immanuel Wallerstein (1974). The Rise and Future Demise of the World Capitalist System: Concepts for Comparative Analysis. *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, 16, pp 387-415

**STATE FORMATION IN MEDIEVAL INDIA- POLITY AND ADMINISTRATION**

**Unit- I**

1. Historians of Medieval India: Minhaj-us Siraj, Amir Khusrau, Ibn-i Batuta, Ziauddin Barani, Afif, Malfuz literature.

**Unit II.**

2. Process of conquest and expansion: Ghori conquests,; consolidation of the Sultanate under Aibak, Iltutmish and Balban.; impact of establishment of the Sultanate.

3. Khaljis and Tughlaqs: consolidation and the expansion of the Sultanate; conquests of the Deccan states; disintegration of the Sultanate and rise of the regional kingdoms-, Jaunpur, Malwa, Gujarat and Bengal; Vijaynagar and Bahmani kingdoms- changing pattern of polity, economy and society; Syeds and Lodis.

**Unit III.**

4. Authority and kingship: concept of kingship of the Early Turkish Sultans, Khaljis, Tughlaqs and the Lodis; composition and organization of the nobility; central and provincial administration, *iqta* and revenue grants; *vizarat*.

**READING LIST**

1. Habib and Nizami- A Comprehensive History of India, vol. V. 1970
2. Simon Digby- War Elephant and Horses Under the Early Sultans of Delhi, 1971.
3. K.A. Nizami- Some Aspects of Religion and Politics in India During the Thirteenth Century, 1974.
4. I.H.Siddiqui- Some Aspects of Afghan Despotism, 1969.
5. – do - Delhi Sultanate: Urbanization and Social Change, 2009.
6. – do - Kingship and Authority.....,2007.
7. – do - Perso- Arabic Sources of information on the Life and Conditions in the Sultanate of Delhi, 1992.
8. Sunil Kumar The Emergence of the Delhi Sultanate, 1192-1286.
9. I.H. Quraishi- Administrations of the Sultans of Delhi, 1942.
10. Elliot and Dowson-History of India as Told by its Historians, vols. I, II, III & IV.
11. R.P.Tripathi- Some Aspects of Muslim Administration, 1936.
12. H.K.Sherwani Early Muslim Political Thought and Administration, 1981.
13. – do - Bahmanis of the Deccan.
14. Nilkanth Shastri History of South India.(book on Vijaynagara?).
15. S.B.P. Nigam- Nobility Under the Sultans of Delhi, 1968.

16. Jamini Mohan Banerjee- History of Firoz Shah.
17. Agha Mahdi Husain- The Tughlaq Dynasty.
18. – do - Rise and Fall of Mohammad bin Tughlaq.
19. Mohibbul Hasan- Historians of Medieval India, 1968.
20. Peter Hardy- Historians of Medieval India.
21. S. Athar Abbas Rizvi- Adi Turk Kalin Bharat, Khalji Kalin Bharat, Tughlaq Kalin Bharat (Hindi).
22. – do - History of Sufism in India, vol. I.
23. Abdul Halim- Lodi Sultans of Delhi and Agra.

#### **Articles-**

1. Irfan Habib- “Barani’s Theory of the History of Delhi Sultanate”,  
IHR, vol. VII, Nos. 1-2.
2. – do - “Nobility”, Medieval India, vol. I, (ed. Irfan Habib)
3. Abdul Latif- “Iqta System under the early Sultans of Delhi”, IHC,  
1977.
4. M. Athar Ali- “Nobility Under the Tughlaqs”, IHC, 1981.

**HISTORY OF ISLAM IN MEDIEVAL INDIA, 700-1800**

**Unit- I**

**Advent of Islam in India, 700- 1200**

1. Historiography of the advent of Islam in India – colonial and nationalist perspectives, the role of social, religious and economic factors.
2. The early spread of Islam in India- India's position in medieval Islamic cosmos; Islam in Arab 'heart land' and in different regions of India; Sufis, Kings and merchants on the Coromandel and Malabar coasts.
3. Arab conquest of Sindh and its impact, early Muslim communities and Sufis in northern India, the Turkish invasions of 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> centuries and their impact; establishment of Delhi sultanate and creation of Muslim community in northern India.

**Unit II:**

**Sufis, Ulama and Medieval State, 1200- 1800**

1. The Sufis, Silsilahs – the Chishtis, Suhrawardis, Qadiris and Naqshbandis, regional Sufi orders, Sufis and state in medieval India.
2. Islamic intellectual and --- movements in medieval India, system of learning.
3. State, Ulama and religion medieval India- relations between Ulama and state during the Sultanate period, Mughal state and Islam with special reference to Akbar and Aurangzeb.

**Unit III**

**Islamization, Diversity and Philanthropy**

1. Various theories of conversions and Islamization, regional variations in the process of Islamization with reference to Bengal, Kashmir, Rajasthan, Gujarat and Deccan.
2. Shi – i- sects in India – their beliefs, practices and culture.
3. Philanthropy, charity and social justice in Islam in medieval India.

## READING LIST

- Aziz Ahmad, Intellectual History of Islam in India, 1969  
-Do- Islamic Culture in the Indian Environment, 1964.
- Richard M. Eaton Sufis of Bijapur; Social Role of Sufis in Medieval India, 1978.  
-Do- The Rise of Islam and the Bengal frontier 1204- 1760, 1993.  
- Do- Essays on Islam and Indian History, 2000  
- Do, ed;- India's Islamic Traditions.
- David Gilmartin and Beyond Turk and Hindvi; Religious identities in Islamicate  
Bruce B. Lawrence, eds; South Asia, 2002.
- M. Ishaq Khan Kashmir's Transition to Islam, 1994
- M. Mujeeb Indian Muslims, 1967
- I. H. Qureshi The Muslim Community of the Indo- Pak Subcontinent, 1962.
- S. A. A. Rizvi History of Sufism in India, 2 Vols.  
- Do- Muslim Revivalist movements in Northern India in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries, 1965  
- Do- Religious and Intellectual History of the Muslims in Akbar's Reign, 1975.
- Asim Roy The Islamic Tradition in Bengal, 1983  
- Do- Islam in Indian History and Politics, 2006
- Ann Marie Schimell Islam in India and Pakistan, 1982
- Corl W. Ernet Eternal Garden: Mysticism, History, and Politics at a South Asian Sufi Centre, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 2004.
- R. Aziuddin Aqinl Sufism, Culture and Politics :Afghans and Islam in Medieval North India
- Mohammad Habib, Politics and society during the Early Medieval Period (Collected Works of Mohammad Habib, 2 vols. K. A. Nizami, ed.), 1974
- K. A. Nizami Some Aspects of Religion and Politics in India During the 13<sup>th</sup> century, 1961.
- Irfan Habib, ed., Akabar and his India, 1997  
- Do (ed.)- Religion in Indian History, 2007
- Irfan Habib Medieval India: The Study of a Civilization, 2008
- M. Athar Ali, Mughal India: Studies in Polity, Ideas, Society, and Culture, 2006
- Muzaffar Alam The languages of Political Islam in India 1200- 1800, 2004

**POLITICAL STRUCTURES AND REGIONAL POLITIES IN EARLY MEDIEVAL INDIA, FROM SIXTH TO THE THIRTEENTH CENTURY**

**Unit I**

**Understanding Early Medieval India:**

1. *Transition from early historical to early medieval:* historiography with reference to the perceptions of continuity and change, problems of periodisation into 'ancient', 'medieval' and 'modern', the position of early medieval India in history and fixing of the chronology.
2. *Historiographical Approaches to early medieval India:* theories and perspectives, early medieval India in the pre-1940s works, Marx and Oriental Despotism, Nationalist view of a centralised state, segmentary state concept, integrative and lineage polities, patrimonial bureaucracy, new frame works for the study on the nature of state

**Unit II**

**Structure of Regional Polities, Evolution and Changing Power Configurations**

1. *Formation of regional polities:*, with special reference to the Rajputs, Pallava-Cholas, Orissa, new royalty, landholding and clan structures and relationships, landed bureaucracy and power hierarchy, shifting centres of power, emergence of lineage polities and inter-lineage networks, consolidation of lineage families as ruling elites, landholding rights and integration through hierarchy.
2. *Islam and Early Medieval India:* conquest of Sindh, aspects of interaction with West Asia and the regional states, coming of the Turks and establishment of the Delhi Sultanate, issues of representations, ideas of 'invasions', 'iconoclasm', 'Hindu-Muslim interface'.

**Unit III**

**Forms of Royal Legitimation and Control:**

1. Brhamana-kshatriya network, acculturation of local population, caste and varna hierarchies, brhamanical ideologies, origin myths and legends, genealogies and rituals of kingship, forms of local and supra local control.
2. Networks of royal control through religious, agrarian and other types of institutions like the temples, *brahmadeyas*, land grants.
3. Symbols and modes of royal legitimation, development of cult centres, temple complexes and consolidation of pilgrimage network as institutions of power and control, wars and conquests and development of political iconography with special reference to some case studies of temples and early mosques.

**READING LIST**

A.W.Van Den Hoek, D.H.A. Kolff and M.S. Oort, eds., *Ritual, State and History in South Asia. Essays in Honour of J.C.Heesterman*, Leiden, New York, 1992.

- Abraham Meera. Two Medieval Merchant Guilds. 1988.
- Chattopadhyaya, B.D. The Making of Early Medieval India. 1994.
- \_\_\_\_\_.Representing the Other? Sanskrit Sources and the Muslims.
- Chakravarti, Kunal. The Religious Process. The Puranas and the Making of the Regional Traditions.1999.
- Champakalakshmi, R. Trade, Ideology and Urbanization in South India. 300 BC to 300 AD.1996.
- \_\_\_\_\_and S.Gopal eds., Tradition, Dissent and Ideology. Essays in Honour of Romila Thapar. 1996.
- Davis, Richard. Lives of Indian Images.
- Eaton, Richard. The Rise of Islam and the Bengal Frontier. 1204-1760 AD. 1994.
- Elliot, H.M and J.Dowson. The History of India as told by its Historians, Vol. I and II.
- Eschmann, A, Herman Kulke and G.C.Tripathi, eds., The Cult of Jagannath and the Regional Tradition of Orissa. 1978.
- Flood, Finbarr Barry ed., Piety and Politics in Early Medieval Indian Mosques. 2009.
- Hall, Kenneth. Trade and Statecraft in the Age of the Colas. 1980.
- Heitzman, James. Gifts of Power, Lordship in an Early Indian State. 1997.
- Jha, D.N. ed., Feudal Social Formation in Early India. 1987.
- \_\_\_\_\_. Ed., Society and Ideology in India. Essays in Honour of R.S.Sharma. 1986.
- \_\_\_\_\_.ed., The Feudal Social Order. 2000.
- Karashima, N. South Indian History and Society. Studies From Inscriptions. AD 850-1800. 1984.
- Kulke, Hermann. The State in India. 1000-1700. 1995.
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**HISTORY OF CENTRAL ASIA- 13<sup>TH</sup> TO EARLY 16<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY**

**Unit- I**

1. (a). Survey of the sources on the history of Central Asia- Tarikh-i Jahangusha, Tabaqat-i Nasiri, Jami-ut Tawarikh, Ajaibul- Maqdur, Zafar Namah.  
  
(b). Geographical background of Central Asia- location and the concept of the region, etymology of Turan, Transoxiana and Turkestan; geographical features and its impact on the economy; cultural patterns – settled, pastoral and nomadic; ethnic and lingual groups of the people of Central Asia- Turks, Tajiks, Uzbeks, Persians, Mongols; religio-political and socio-economic condition of Mongolia at the time of the rise of Chingiz Khan.
2. Central Asia on the eve of Mongol invasion; Chingiz Khan and Jalaluddin Mangbarni, downfall of the Khwarizmian Empire and the division of the Turko- Mongol state; the Chaghtai Horde; aftermath of the invasion- whether totally destructive; successors of Chingiz Khan – Juji, Ogedei, Mongke and Kebek; social, and tribal structure, religious beliefs.

**Unit- II**

3. Organization of the military- oriented empire- army of the Mongols, the concept of Yurt; impact of Mongol occupation on Central Asia; struggle among the different social groups. The Chaghtai state, the bifurcation of the Chaghtai Horde and disintegration of the Chaghtai Khanate.
4. Rise of Timur- military campaigns in Central Asia, Iran, India, Turkey and against the Golden Horde ; concept of sovereignty; administrative structure; ruling classes, nobility; religion and state; agrarian reforms; growth of urban centers, cultural development and efflorescence of fine arts.

**Unit- III**

5. War of succession after Timur- accession of Shahrukh; relations with neighbouring powers. Ulugh Beg- political projects and intellectual attainments. Formation of Uzbek state in Dasht-i Qipchaq; Sultan Abu Saeed Mirza; Moghulistan and the rise of Yunus Khan.

6. Later Timurids; matrimonial alliances with the Mongols and mutual rivalry among the Mirzas; role of nobility and religious groups. Naqshbandi saints and their role in the polity. Sultan Husain Mirza and his achievements. Babur's struggle for Central Asia. Fall of the Timurids.

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**POLITICAL HISTORY OF INDIA 1757-1857**

**UNIT I**

**Successor States and their Polity**

1. Debate on the 18<sup>th</sup> century
2. Emerging political rivalry between states
3. Political patronage and European trade
4. European rivalry and the bid for political Power

**UNIT II**

**Politics of Territorial Aggrandizement**

1. Foundation of East India Company's rule
2. British relations with Mysore
3. Anglo-Maratha rivalry
4. Anglo-Sikh relations

**UNIT III**

**Colonial Rule and Early Policies**

1. Institutional changes (Revenue, Law, Administration, Education and Social legislation)
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4. Making of the revolt
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Tenancy issues

Commercialization and its concomitants

Local consciousness and political mobilization

UNIT-II Peasant Ideologies (Champaran, Kheda, Bardoli, Moplah, and Kisan Sabha)

Politics of mass mobilization and the peasants

Gandhi and peasant nationalism

Left and the new political agenda

Interplay of caste, class, community and nation

UNIT III Search for New Political Base (Tebhaga, Telangana, Wodi and Punnapevayalar)

Consolidation of non-secular identities

Challenges before the Left

Search for stable agrarian base

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