

**Department of International Relations**  
**Introduction to South Asia**  
**B-4: *International Politics in South Asia***

**Duration:** Fridays, 11 am – 1 pm; 24 April – 04 May 2017

**Credits: 1**

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**Note:** The course is limited to a maximum of 25 students on a first-come-first-served basis. The course will not be offered if a minimum of ten students have not opted for it.

**Objective**

The primary objective of this course is to expose students from non-IR backgrounds to the international politics of South Asia. The attempt will be to expose them to a variety of themes which have a comparative resonance in the region. The topics are listed below. It will involve six lectures of two-hour duration each. Consistent with this requirement six topics shall be covered in this course.

1. Conceptualizing the region
2. Securing South Asia
3. Political culture in South Asia
4. Political economy of South Asia
5. Peace Research in South Asia
6. Popular culture in South Asia

**Mode of Evaluation:**

An end semester exam in which students will be expected to write 5 short answers (of 10 marks each) from questions framed on the basis of the lectures.

**Recommended References**

Hamza Alavi, 'The State in post-colonial societies', *New Left Review*, 1/74, July-August 1972.

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Kanak Mani Dixit, 'From South Asia to Southasianism: A Nepalese Activists Perspective: An interview with Kanak Mani Dixit' <http://samaj.revues.org/3815>

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Paul R.Brass ed. *Routledge Handbook of South Asian Politics* (Delhi: Routledge, 2010).

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