Course No. 31214- for M.Phil History(2 credits)

Religion and Society in Medieval India
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Indian Islam

1. Early phase of Islam in India - Different Strands of Islam-Notions of Monsoon Islam- Threads of Rationalist and liberal traditions in Indian Islam. Sunnism, Shiism and Ibadism. Conflicts and Compromise between ulamas and liberal strands

2. Sufism in India – Be-shara and Ba-shara- Chishtiyas, Suhrawardiyas, Firdausiyas, Qalandars, Qadiriyas, Shattariyas, Naqshbandiyas- Formulation of the notion of Sufi geography- Impact of Sufism on the economy, polity and society of India. Influences of Indic Practices on Sufism

3. Wahdat-al-Wujud and Wahadat –al- Shuhud – Impact these doctrines on the society and polity of medieval India.

Bhakti Movements and Society

1. Nirguna Marga and Saguna Marga


3. Trends of Vaishnava Bhakti Movements in North India (Rama Bhakti and Krishna Bhakti-Pushtimargis, Ramanandis, Gaudiyas- Tulsidas and Mirabhai)

4. Ideologies and Philosophical Schools (Advaita of Sankara, Vishishtadvaita of Ramanuja, Dvaita of Madhavacharya, Dvaitadvaita of Nimbarka, Shuddhadvaita of Vallabacharya, Achintya Bheda Abheda of Chaitanya)

Christianity

1. Different versions of Christianity in India (St.Thomas Christians, Portuguese Padroado Real, Propaganda Fide, Protestant churches)

2. Areas of Tensions and Conflicts (Between the St. Thomas Christians and the Portuguese, between the Padroado Real and Propaganda Fide- their impact on the colonial processes as well as on the polity and economy of medieval India)

Sikhism

1. Guru Nanak and Early Gurus

2. Socio-Political Contexts within which Sikhism evolved over centuries
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(For Islam and Sufism)


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Vaudeville, Charlotte, *Myths, Saints and Legends of Medieval India*, New Delhi, 1999

(For Christianity)


(For Sikhism)

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