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M.A. COMPULSORY COURSE: PO 413

COURSE TITLE: **INDIAN POLITICS IV: DEVELOPMENT, POLITICS AND THE PUBLIC POLICIES**

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Credits 4

Scheme of Evaluation: A mid-semester exam (25%), tutorial assignment (25%) and an end-semester examination (50%)

## 1. Introduction

- i. The discourse on Development: From Development as Economic Growth to Sustainable Development.
- ii. Indian State and Its Developmental Trajectory: Social Indicators of Development in a Comparative Perspective; macro-economic indicators and their social implications and patterns of inequality.

### Required Readings:

Amiya Bagchi, (ed) *Democracy and Development* (Macmillan, 1995).

Jean Dreze and Amartya Sen, *India Development and Participation* (New Delhi: OUP, 2002).

Francine Frankel, *India's Political Economy* (New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2005).

Kothari, Smitu: 'Whose Independence? The Social Impact of Economic Reform in India', *Journal of International Affairs*, Vol. 51, No 1, Summer 1997

Human Development Reports - India and the States

Ravindra H. Dholakia "Regional Disparity in Economic and Human Development in India" *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 38, No. 39 (Sep. 27 - Oct. 3, 2003), pp. 4166-4172

C.Minocha "Regional Disparities in India: Some Basic Issues" *Social Scientist*, Vol. 11, No. 5 (May, 1983), pp. 51-57

Jean Dreze and Amartya Sen India Economic Development and Social Opportunity (article Selection: Sections 2.1 to 2.4)

Partha Chatterjee (2008): "Democracy and the Economic Transformation in India", *Economic & Political Weekly*, 43, pp 53-62.

Pranab Bardhan Reflections on India's Political Economy [A relook of his Political Economy of Development] (*Economic and Political Weekly*, 44, December 5, 2009, pp. 31-35)

## 2. India's Developmental Strategy: The Era of Planned Development

- i. Planning Institutions: The Planning Commission and the National Development Council.
- ii. Industrial and Agricultural Policies
- iii. Land Reforms
- iv. Poverty: Measurement and Alleviation Programmes.

### Required Readings:

- Medha Kudaisya, "A Mighty Adventure: Institutionalizing the idea of Planning in the Post-colonial India, 1947-60, *Modern Asian Studies* 43, 4 (2009) pp. 939-97.
- S. Chakravarty, *Development Planning: The Indian Experience* (OUP, 1987).
- Pranab Bardhan, *The Political Economy of Development in India* (Delhi: OUP, 1984).
- Terence J. Byres (ed), *The State and Development Planning in India* (OUP, 1994).
- Myron Weiner, "Political Economy of Industrial Growth in India" in *World Politics*, July 1986.
- Wolf Ladejinsky, *Agrarian Reforms An Unfinished Business* (OUP 1972).
- P.C. Joshi, *Land Reforms in India* (Allied Publishers 1975).
- D Bandyopadhyay, Direct intervention Programmes for Poverty Alleviation: An Appraisal, *Economic and Political Weekly*, 1988.
- VM Dandekar and Neelkanth Rath Papers, Poverty in India II: Policies and Programmes, *Economic and Political Weekly*, 1971.

### 3. The Liberalization Policy and Challenges to Development

- i. State vs. Market: The Neo-Liberal Debate
- ii. Liberalization Policies: Industry and Agriculture
- iii. Poverty and Regional Disparities
- iv. Decentralization and Local Government

### Required Readings:

- Rob Jenkins, *Democratic Politics and Economic Reforms in India* (CUP, 1999).
- John Harriss *Depoliticising Development*, (Leftword, Delhi, 2004).
- Pranab Bardhan, 'Disjunctures in the Indian Reform Process: Some Reflections' in Kaushik Basu (ed) *India's Emerging Economy*, (The MIT Press, 2004).
- Jaffrey Sachs et al, *India in the Era of Economic Reforms*
- Niraja Gopal Jayal, Amit Prakash, Pradeep K.Sharma, ed., *Local Governance in India: Decentralization and Beyond* (New Delhi: OUP, 2006).
- Pranab Bardhan, "Decentralization of Governance and Development" *The Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 16:4, Autumn 2002.
- Uma Kapila (ed.) *Indian Economy since Independence (1990s)* (several volumes see relevant ones).
- Bhagwati, Jagdish: *India in Transition: Freeing the Economy*, (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1993).
- Jos Mooij (ed): *The Politics of Economic Reforms in India*, (New Delhi: Sage, 2005).
- Nayyar, Deepak: 'Economic Development and Political Democracy', N.G. Jayal ed. *Democracy in India*, (Oxford University Press, Delhi, 2001).
- Patnaik, Prabhat: 'The State in India's Economic Development', in Zoya Hasan (ed.): *Politics and State in India*, New Delhi: Sage, 2000, pp. 142-57
- Ghosh, Jayati and C.P. Chandrasekhar: *Market that Failed: A Decade of Neoliberal Economic Reforms in India*, New Delhi; Leftword, 2001
- Joshi, Vijay and I.M.D Little: *India's Economic Reforms: 1991-2001*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1996.

N. J. Kurian “Widening Regional Disparities in India: Some Indicators” *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 35, No. 7 (Feb. 12-18, 2000), pp. 538-550

Atul Kohli *Democracy and Development in India: From Socialism to Pro-Business*, Oxford University Press, 2009.

#### 4. Democracy, Governance and Public Policy: Some Case Studies

- i. Forest Policy
- ii. Displacement and Rehabilitation
- iii. Special Economic Zones (SEZs)

##### Required Reading:

*Economic and Political Weekly*, Special No on Development, Displacement and Rehabilitation, June 15, 1998.

Christopher McDowell (ed.) *Understanding Impoverishment: the Consequences of Development-Induced Displacement* Oxford University Press 1996

“Displacement, Risks and Resistance: Local Perceptions and Actions in the Sardar Sarovar” *Development and Change* vol 30, 1999: 43-78

Paramjit Singh Judge “Response to Dams and Displacement in two States” *Asian Survey* vol. XXXVII no 9, September 1997: 841-51.

Satyaki Roy, *Regional Disparities in Growth and Human Development in India*, Institute for Studies in Industrial Development, September 2012.

Ravindra H. Dholakia, *Regional Disparity in Economic and Human Development in India*, *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 38, No. 39 (Sep. 27 - Oct. 3, 2003).

##### Supplementary Readings:

Kristoffel Nieten, *Views on Development* (New Delhi: Three Essays Collective, 2004).

Nirja Gopal Jayal (ed), *Democratic Governance in India* (New Delhi: Sage, 2001).

Ashutosh Varshney, *Democracy, Development and the Countryside*

I.G.Patel, *Glimpses of Indian Economic Policy*

Aseema Sinha 2005 The Regional Roots of Developmental Politics in India A Divided Leviathan OUP, Delhi.

Neera Chandoke, ‘On the Social Organization of Urban Space: Subversions and Appropriations’, *Social Scientist*, Vol 21, No 5/6, May-June 1993, pp. 63-73.

Niraja Gopal Jayal, *Democracy and the State: Welfare, Secularism and Development in Contemporary India* (New Delhi: OUP, 2001).

Madhu Purnima Kishwar, *Deepening Democracy: Challenges of Governance and Globalization in India* (New Delhi: OUP, 2005).

Leela Fernandes, *India’s New Middle Class: Democratic Politics in an Era of Economic Reform* (New Delhi: OUP, (2008)

Partha Chatterjee, *The Politics of the Governed: Reflections on Popular Politics in Most of the World* (New Delhi: Permanent Black, 2004).

Amiya Bagchi (ed), *Economy, Society and Polity: Essays in the Political Economy of Indian Planning* (OUP, 1988).

**Note: The above-mentioned Course Content is intended for a regular one-semester course (four months). With the changes in the duration of the semester, corresponding modifications will be applied with reference to the topics, class lectures and readings.**