

**Department of Political Science  
South Asia Institute: University of Heidelberg**

*Courses to be taught by Prof Suri for the winter semester 2018-2019*

**Course 3: Block Seminar**

08.11.2018, Thursday: 14:00 to 16:00

15.11.2018, Thursday: 14:00 to 16:00

18.01.2019, Friday: 14:00 to 20:00

19.01.2019, Saturday: 9:00 to 18:00

Room: INF 330 / SAI R Z10

Course title and description:

**State, Society and Politics in the Colonial and Post-colonial South India**

This Block seminar course aims to focus on the state, society and politics in a specific region of India during the colonial and post-colonial periods. The focus of the course will be on the Madras presidency, during the late colonial period and the Andhra region after independence.

The design of the course is premised on the thinking that the social and political phenomena in the post-colonial period depend to a considerable extent on what had happened in the colonial times. At the minimum, an understanding of the institutions, policies and practices and the social and political transformation during the colonial times enable us better to appreciate the nature and course of the social and political phenomena over the past seven decades after India's independence. In that sense, this course is a study of society and politics from colonial to post-colonial times. A second premise is a detailed and thorough understanding of the particular part would enable us to arrive at a better understanding of the whole. Such a study will bring out the distinctiveness of the particular and enables us to see the limitations of the generalisations that students of politics tend to make when they speak of the whole system.

The course content is inter-disciplinary in nature as it straddles the disciplines of Sociology, Culture and Philosophy, History, Economics and Political Science. It will include topics such as evolution of social and economic change, ideas and social reform movements, caste associations and the resistance to caste order, freedom struggle, leadership from different communities, elite conflicts and factionalism, and emergence of new political parties and new movements. This course should be of interest to students who want to pay attention to a detailed account social and political phenomena and events in a specific region and use it as a vantage point to understand the larger reality of India.

**Course content:**

South India during the late colonialism (at the turning of the 19<sup>th</sup> century and early 20<sup>th</sup> century); Society, Economy and Administration. Emergence of social reform movements, caste associations, Non-

Brahmin movement; Growth of new ideas, movements and parties; freedom struggle. The focus is on Madras presidency.

Andhra after the formation of the state. Social and political movements; Impact of democratic politics; Caste, region, religion and faction; Party building and political competition. Regionalism and disintegration of the state.

**Readings:**

David A. Washbrook, *The Emergence of Provincial Politics: The Madras Presidency, 1870-1920*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1976.

Christopher John Baker and D A Washbrook, *South India: Political Institutions and Political Change, 1880-1940*, Delhi: Macmillan, 1975.

Marguerite R Barnett, *The Politics of cultural nationalism in South India*, Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1976.

C. Somasundara Rao (ed). *Comprehensive history and Culture of Andhra Pradesh, 1858-1956*. New Delhi: Tulika books, 2016.

C. Somsundara Rao (ed), *Contemporary History of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, 1956-1990s*. New Delhi: Tulika books, 2016.

Adapa Satyanarayana, *Society, Economy and Polity in Modern Andhra*, New Delhi: kanishka Pub., 2007.

Lisa Mitchell, *Language, Emotion, and Politics in South India: the making of a mother tongue*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2009.

Marguerite S Robinson, *Local Politics: the law of the fishes. Development through political change in Medak District, Andhra Pradesh (South India)*, Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1988

V. Ramakrishna, *Social Reform in Andhra, 1848-1919*. New Delhi: Vikas Publishing House, 1983.

Dagmar Bernstorff, *The Kingmakers: politicians and politics in Andhra Pradesh*, New Delhi: Har-Anand Pub, 1998.

G Pamela Price, *State, Politics, and Cultures in Modern South India: honour, authority and morality*, New Delhi: Orient Blackswan, 2013.

Brian Stoddart, *Land, Water, Language & Politics in Andhra: Regional Evolution in India since 1850*, London: Routledge, 2011.

**Course requirements:** Presentation of the readings on different themes and a term paper at the end of the Semester.

Students interested in this course may please register by sending an email to [k.c.suri@sai.uni-heidelberg.de](mailto:k.c.suri@sai.uni-heidelberg.de)