

**School of Development Studies**

**Ambedkar University Delhi**

**Course Outline**

**Course Code:**

**Title:** Development experiences in South Asia: Themes in political economy

**Type of Course:** Elective

**Programme Title:** MA in Development Studies

**No of Credits:** 4

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**Pre-requisites:**

**Aim:** Among the more fascinating themes in contemporary south Asia, has been the ‘success’ of democracy in India and its ‘failure’ in neighbouring Pakistan and Bangladesh. Yet, studies on politico-economic development of ‘democratic’ India and military dominated ‘not so democratic’ Pakistan and Bangladesh have rarely addressed, far less explained, why a common British colonial legacy led to so different politico-economic outcomes in the contemporary South Asia. This course is an attempt at introducing some such political and economic questions with relevance to broader development issues concerning mainly Pakistan, Bangladesh and India and Sri Lanka. Given the vastness of issues including different countries this course tries to introduce a thematic approach to discuss comparative performances. Not all countries will be taken up in every case. In most of the cases the regional economy of India, and not the national economy, has been considered as this can provide a more meaningful comparison.

**Brief description of modules/ Main modules:**

Industrialization and development experiences in South Asia: cases of Pakistan, India and Bangladesh

Agrarian reforms and technological intervention in agriculture: experiences in Pakistan and the Indian states of the Punjab, West Bengal and Kerala

Informal/ formal dichotomy and the labour market: manufacturing in India and Bangladesh

Migration and development: the experiences of Sri Lanka and the Indian state of Kerala

## Assessment Details with weights:

### Reading List:

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Kotwal, Ashok, Bharat Ramaswami, and Wilima Wadhwa. "Economic liberalization and Indian economic growth: What's the evidence?." *Journal of Economic Literature* 49.4 (2011): 1152-1199.

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