

课程详述

COURSE SPECIFICATION

以下课程信息可能根据实际授课需要或在课程检讨之后产生变动。如对课程有任何疑问，请联系授课教师。

The course information as follows may be subject to change, either during the session because of unforeseen circumstances, or following review of the course at the end of the session. Queries about the course should be directed to the course instructor.

1.	课程名称 Course Title	南亚社会文化导论 Society and Culture of a Subcontinent: Introduction to Anthropology of South Asia
2.	授课院系 Originating Department	社会科学中心 Center for Social Sciences
3.	课程编号 Course Code	SS142
4.	课程学分 Credit Value	2
5.	课程类别 Course Type	通识选修课程 General Education (GE) Elective Courses
6.	授课学期 Semester	秋季 Fall
7.	授课语言 Teaching Language	英文 English
8.	授课教师、所属学系、联系方式 (如属团队授课, 请列明其他授课教师) Instructor(s), Affiliation & Contact (For team teaching, please list all instructors)	Shakir Ullah 青年会士 Junior Fellow Society of Fellows in The Liberal Arts, SUSTech 南方科技大学人文社会科学荣誉学会 Email: shakir@mail.sustech.edu.cn
9.	实验员/助教、所属学系、联系方式 Tutor/TA(s), Contact	无 NA
10.	选课人数限额(可不填) Maximum Enrolment (Optional)	

11. 授课方式 Delivery Method	讲授 Lectures	习题/辅导/讨论 Tutorials	实验/实习 Lab/Practical	其它(请具体注明) Other (Please specify)	总学时 Total
学时数 Credit Hours	32				32

12. 先修课程、其它学习要求 Pre-requisites or Other Academic Requirements	无 NA
13. 后续课程、其它学习规划 Courses for which this course is a pre-requisite	无 NA
14. 其它要求修读本课程的学系 Cross-listing Dept.	无 NA

教学大纲及教学日历 SYLLABUS

15. 教学目标 Course Objectives

South Asia is the region that includes Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Maldives and Sri Lanka. It is one of the world's culturally diverse and most densely populated regions. The course introduces students to some core topics in the anthropology of South Asia, such as the study of caste and class, different rituals, cuisines, kinship, South Asian religion (Hinduism, Islam and Christianity), etc. South Asia provides rich material to learn about colonialism, nation-building, interethnic relations, and Asian connections, including China (especially recent one as Belt and Road Initiative). It gives students a chance to explore not only the historical similarities among people but also the current differences, diversity, and disparities that make up this as one of the most complex regions in the world. Using a rich body of anthropological research on South Asia, this course will examine several of these topics and more in this course through lectures, section discussion, readings and ethnographic films.

16. 预达学习成果 Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- become familiar with the history, physical geography, demographics, religions, caste, kinship, and other cultural characteristics of South Asian countries
- learn more about cultural diversity in South Asia
- gain a broad perspective and tools for thinking critically, globally, and crossculturally and for locating oneself in this world
- learn about increasing connections between South Asia and other Asian countries including China

17. 课程内容及教学日历 (如授课语言以英文为主, 则课程内容介绍可以用英文; 如团队教学或模块教学, 教学日历须注明主讲人)

Course Contents (in Parts/Chapters/Sections/Weeks. Please notify name of instructor for course section(s), if this is a team teaching or module course.)

2 hours per week, 32 hours in total
Week-1: (2Hrs) Course Introduction
Week-2: (2Hrs) Introduction, what is South Asia Geographical map of South Asia Major geographic features of South Asia Major civilizations in South Asia Readings: Course lecture notes Chapter 1 Film: Local Life in India vs Pakistan: 14 Major Differences in 14 Minutes
Week-3: (2Hrs) Diversity in South Asia Social and cultural diversity Recognize the geographic & social diversity of South Asia

Readings: Course Lecture notes chapter 2

Week-4: (2Hrs) Culture of South Asia

Features of South Asian social and cultural system
Similarities and differences with each other
Readings: Course lecture notes chapter 3

Week-5: (2Hrs) History of South Asia

Pre-colonial History
Colonial History
Post-Colonial History
Imperial legacies in contemporary South Asia
Major causes and consequences of British colonialism
Readings: Lecture notes chapter 4
Film: TRAIN TO PAKISTAN. Director: Pamela Rooks, 1998

Week-6: (2Hrs) Caste & Class in South Asia

Theories and concepts of caste/class
Compare and contrast class and cast in South Asia
Readings: Robert Parkin, Chapter 1,2,3
Film: Movie: The Caste System in India. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P8idvu5zJ8c&t=522s>

Week-7: (2Hrs) Religion in South Asia

Main religions in South Asia
Compare the major religions of South Asia
Practicing religions in south Asia
Readings: Robert Parkin, Chapter 4
Film: Dharam

Week-8: (2Hrs) Personhood & Kinship

Theories and concepts of personhood and kinship
Compare/contrast kinship in South Asia
Readings: Robert Parkin, Chapter 5

Mid-term paper due on 10th November 2022, 06:00 PM

Week-9: (2Hrs) Social Stratification system

Hierarchy or Social Stratification
Basis of social stratifications in South Asia
Readings: Lecture notes Chapter 5

Week-10: (2Hrs) Gender & Marriage

Compare/contrast gender/marriage in South Asia
Gender roles in South Asia
History of patriarchy and feminist movements and women empowerment in South Asia
Readings: Robert Parkin Chapter 6
Film: White Rainbow Movie <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U0xo6HawWuo>
Film: Modern Brides: Arranged Marriages in South India

Week-11: (2Hrs) Political organizations and social control in South Asia

Types of Political Organizations: Band Societies, Tribal Societies, Chiefdoms, The Modern Nation-State
Mechanism of social control in south Asia
Informal and formal social control
Readings: Lecture notes Chapter 6

Week-12: (2Hrs) Medicine & Healing in South Asia

Indigenous vs cosmopolitan medicines in South Asia
Compare and contrast healing practices in South Asia
Readings: Lecture notes Chapter 7
Film: Return of the Gods: The Shamans of Nepal <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=88hwmYWljYA>

Week-13: (2Hrs) Economy of South Asian Countries

Poverty in South Asia
Obstacles to Economic development
Readings: Lecture notes Chapter 8

Week-14: (2Hrs) Economic change and globalization in South Asia

South Asia and Asia historical and current connections
Silk road, China, and South Asia

Development and change through China 'One Belt One Road' in South Asia
Economic and cultural corridors
Readings: Lecture notes Chapter 9
Documentary: One Belt One Road Documentary Episode Two: Road of Connectivity

Week-15: (2Hrs) Student presentations

Week-16: (2Hrs) Course Summary
Student presentations continued

Final paper due on January 05, 2023, 06:00 PM

18. 教材及其它参考资料 Textbook and Supplementary Readings

Most of the material on south Asia are available in form of published papers on specific areas and there are little number of books on overall region of South Asia. Therefore, I compiled different sort of materials into one comprehensive lecture notes. All readings, films and documentaries are available on the course website. Students are not required to purchase any book. Videos related to course will sometime be played during the class and sometime the students need to watch it before coming to class.

Readings:

1. Lecture notes Shakir Ullah, Anthropology of South Asia
2. Parkin, Robert. (2020). South Asia in transition: an introduction to the social anthropology of a subcontinent.

课程评估 ASSESSMENT

19. 评估形式 Type of Assessment	评估时间 Time	占考试总成绩百分比 % of final score	违纪处罚 Penalty	备注 Notes
出勤 Attendance		10%		
课堂表现 Class Performance		10%		Class participation is assessed by your preparedness for the class and your overall interest and attention in the classes. You are expected to do the readings and come to attend all lectures. I strongly encourage you to ask questions and participate in discussion during the class. You are also welcome to e-mail me questions or comments before or after class.
小测验 Quiz				
课程项目 Projects				
平时作业 Assignments		20%		During the course students will be invited to give an individual presentation based on their choice selected from the topics covered in the course.
期中考试 Mid-Term Test		30%		Midterm take-home exam. Exam questions covering the lectures and readings will be passed out after the lecture on October 31. Students will be required to answer 4 questions in approximately 1600 words. Exams responses are to be doublespaced, in 12-point font and submit to instructor email from your SUSTech Email or submit to Blackboard.
期末考试 Final Exam		30%		Final take-home exam. Exam questions covering the lectures and readings covered in the course will

			be passed out after the lecture on December 19. Students will be required to answer 5 questions in approximately 2000 words. Exams responses are to be doublespaced, in 12-point font and submit to instructor email from your SUSTech Email or submit to Blackboard.
期末报告 Final Presentation			
其它（可根据需要 改写以上评估方 式） Others (The above may be modified as necessary)			

20. 记分方式 **GRADING SYSTEM**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A. 十三级等级制 Letter Grading <input type="checkbox"/> B. 二级记分制（通过/不通过） Pass/Fail Grading

课程审批 REVIEW AND APPROVAL

21. 本课程设置已经过以下责任人/委员会审议通过
This Course has been approved by the following person or committee of authority

