

# A Science of Society-II

BSU108 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Credit Hours 03

## I. COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course extends our study of modernity to important thematic concerns and processes of social change in Pakistan from the time of formal independence through to the present day. We start with our inheritance from British colonial rule, and will work through subjects like Green Revolution and Gulf migrations, the role of religion in society/polity, democracy, urbanization and individuation, ending with important questions and challenges facing Pakistan in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Our theoretical engagements will be more contemporary, allowing us to both complement and critique the classical theories encountered in the 1<sup>st</sup> half of the course. Instruction will once again involve the use of written texts, audio-visual aids and field visits.

## II. OVERALL STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

1. Cultivation of critical thinking, the ability to ask questions, engage in reasoned debate and tolerance of opposing points of view
2. Recognition of difference between objective identification of empirical facts, and subjective formulation of opinionated arguments
3. Ability to undertake meaningful analytical comparison across distinct historical-geographical terrain, both within societies and between nation-states
4. Nurturing of oral and written skills, as well as creative and innovative traits more generally

## III. ASSESSMENT:

As in the first semester, formative (25%) and summative assessments (75%) will be employed. The only difference will be in the summative assessments whereby a take home research paper can be substituted for the mid-term exam (25%); the final examination will still constitute the bulk of the assessment (50%).

## V. CHEATING AND PLAGIARISM:

It is expected that all assignments represent original work not previously or simultaneously handed in for credit in another course. Cheating, plagiarism, or any other violations of the honour code will be dealt with seriously.

## Course Outline

### Module 1: The Colonial Inheritance

- 1.1 Introduction to the course
- 1.2 Landed power & and countryside
- 1.3 Civil/Military bureaucracies, the law and the citizen-subject
- 1.4 The making of Muslim Nationalism

### Module 2: A Changing Society

- 2.1 What is development? Green Revolution, Gulf migrations, urbanization & inequality
- 2.2 Democracy, and the role of religion in society & the polity
- 2.3 Gender & Power
- 2.4 Individuation

### Module 3: Pakistan in the 21<sup>st</sup> century

- 3.1 The youth bulge

- 3.2 Eco-systems in disrepair: the challenge of a sustainable development model
- 3.3 Digital technology and a changing lifeworld

### **Compulsory Readings:**

1. Gilmartin, D. (1998) 'Partition, Pakistan, and South Asian History: In Search of a Narrative', *The Journal of Asian Studies*, 57(4), pp. 1068–1095.
2. Ahmad, E. and Barsamian, D. (2000) *Eqbal Ahmad, Confronting Empire: Interviews with David Barsamian* ; Foreword by Edward W. Said. South End Press.
3. Henry Bernstein (2010), *Class dynamics of Agrarian Change*. Sterling: Fernwood Publishing. Chapter 3 Colonialism and Capitalism. Page 47-50.
4. Zaidi, S. A. (2015) *Issues in Pakistan's Economy: A Political Economy Perspective*. Oxford University Press. ' Chapter 2 (Is Pakistan Feudal?), (Chapter 3: The Green Revolution and Land Reforms),
5. B.B. Misra "The Weberian Concept – A Synthetic Approach" pp. 23-33.
6. Kennedy, C. H. (1987) *Bureaucracy in Pakistan*. Oxford University Press. Chapters 2, 3 & 9.
7. Alavi, H. (1982) 'State and Class under Peripheral Capitalism', in Alavi, H. and Shanin, T. (eds) *Introduction to the Sociology of "Developing Societies"*. London: Macmillan Education UK, pp. 289–307.
8. Kudaisya, G. and Yong, T. T. (2004) *The Aftermath of Partition in South Asia*. Routledge. 199-214 (Chapter 8).
9. Syed, A. H. (1980) 'The Idea of a Pakistani Nationhood', *Polity*, 12(4), pp. 575–597.
10. Banuazizi, A. and Weiner, M. (1988) *The State, Religion, and Ethnic Politics: Afghanistan, Iran, and Pakistan*. Syracuse University Press, 333-369 (Chapter 12).
11. Jalal, A. (2000) *Self and Sovereignty: Individual and Community in South Asian Islam Since 1850*. London: Routledge, 1-41 (Chapter 1).
12. Craggs, R. (2014) 'Development in a global-historical context', in *The Companion to Development Studies*. 3rd edn. Routledge, 5-10 (Chapter 1.1)
13. Addleton, J. S. (1992) *Undermining the Centre: The Gulf Migration and Pakistan*. 1st edition. Karachi: Oxford University Press, 51-63 (Chapter 5).
14. Sayeed, K. B. (1979) 'Mass Urban protests as indicators of political change in Pakistan', *The Journal of Commonwealth & Comparative Politics*, 17(2), pp. 111–135.
15. Javid, H. (2019) 'Democracy and Patronage in Pakistan', in McCartney, M. and Zaidi, S. A. (eds) *New Perspectives on Pakistan's Political Economy: State, Class and Social Change*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press (South Asia in the Social Sciences), pp. 216–240.
16. Toor, S. (2011) *The State of Islam: Culture and Cold War Politics in Pakistan*. London: New York: Pluto Press, 18-51 (Chapter 2).
17. West, C. and Zimmerman, D. H. (1987) 'Doing Gender', *Gender and Society*, 1(2), pp. 125–151.
18. Saigol, R. et al. (2020) *Contradictions and ambiguities of feminism in Pakistan: exploring the fourth wave*. Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (Islamabad), pp. 1-14.
19. Zia, A. S. (2019) 'Class Is Dead but Faith Never Dies: Women, Islam and Pakistan', in McCartney, M. and Zaidi, S. A. (eds) *New Perspectives on Pakistan's Political Economy: State, Class and Social Change*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press (South Asia in the Social Sciences), pp. 93–109.
20. Weiss, A. M. and Gilani, S. Z. (eds) (2001) *Power and Civil Society in Pakistan*. Karachi: Oxford University Press, 49-64 (Chapter 3).
21. Myers, D. G. (2010a) *Social psychology*. 10e [ed.]. New York, NY: McGraw-Hill, 34-77

22. Ahmad, S. (2018) Unleashing the potential of a young Pakistan | Human Development Reports. Available at: <http://hdr.undp.org/en/content/unleashing-potential-young-pakistan> (Accessed: 30 May 2021).
23. White, B. (2012) 'Agriculture and the Generation Problem: Rural Youth, Employment and the Future of Farming', *IDS Bulletin*, 43(6), pp. 9–19
24. Jeffrey, C. (2010) 'Timepass: Youth, class, and time among unemployed young men in India', *American Ethnologist*, 37(3), pp. 465–481.
25. Jason W. Moore (2017) The Capitalocene, Part I: on the nature and origins of our ecological crisis, *The Journal of Peasant Studies*, 44:3, 594-630.
26. Ali, N. (2019) *Delusional States: Feeling Rule and Development in Pakistan's Northern Frontier*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. 195-230 (Chapter 5).
27. Majed Akhter (2015) Dams as a Climate Change Adaptation Strategy: Geopolitical Implications for Pakistan, *Strategic Analysis*, 39:6, 744-748.