



Lahore University of Management Sciences

**History 423– Islam on the Indian Ocean Rim
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Description:

The Indian Ocean inter-regional arena is a space of vital economic and strategic importance characterized by specialized flows of capital and labor, skills and services, ideas and culture. Islam in particular and religiously informed universalism in general once signified cosmopolitanism across this wide realm. The future balance of global power may be determined in large measure by policies of key actors in this oceanic arena and the lands that abut it rather than in the Atlantic or the Pacific. This course brings together the best scholarship on Islam in South Asia, cosmopolitanism on the Indian Ocean rim, and the comparative study of politics and culture in the Indus Valley and the Gangetic delta in order to understand the challenges and possibilities of Islam in the new global moment.

This course is co-taught between Tufts University and the Lahore University of Management Science (LUMS), and incorporates a series of guest lectures. It uses new digital humanities tools, including a digital lecture library. Students at Tufts will participate in a weekly ‘online classroom’, via live videolink with students at LUMS. Collaboration between Tufts and Lahore students will be integrated through partner assignments, blogs and video-conferencing. For further information regarding the course, visit <http://sites.tufts.edu/indianocean/>. Online readings for the course will be available to registered students at <https://trunk.tufts.edu/xsl-portal>.

This course is limited to 25 students.

Requirements & Evaluation:

Participation, weekly student web responses and in-class discussion	20 %
Geo-spatial analysis assignment in small groups (due before class on March 14)	20 %
Interpretive essay based on lectures in the digital library and on appropriate readings (due before class on April 4)	25 %
Final paper (due by 9am on May 5)	35 %

Required Readings:

Sugata Bose and Ayesha Jalal, *Modern South Asia*
 Sugata Bose, *A Hundred Horizons*
 Ayesha Jalal, *Partisans of Allah*
 Online course reader
 Digital lecture library

Calendar of Topics:

Note: # indicates recommended readings

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| Wednesday, January 25 | <p>Introduction: Islam on the Indian Ocean Rim Today</p> <p><i>Syllabus distributed. Format, requirements and classroom norms for attendance and participation established. Student introductions.</i></p> |
| Wednesday, Feb.1 | <p>Spatial Horizons and Temporal Thresholds in Indian Ocean History
 Guest Lecturer: Prof. Sugata Bose, Harvard University</p> <p>K.N.Chaudhuri, <i>Trade and Civilisation in the Indian Ocean</i>, pp.1-6
 Sugata Bose, <i>A Hundred Horizons</i>, pp.1-35
 Michael Pearson, <i>The Indian Ocean</i>, pp.1-12
 Engseng Ho, 'Empire Through Diasporic Eyes: A View from the Other Boat', <i>Comparative Study of Society and History</i>, 2004</p> |
| Wednesday, Feb.8 | <p>Movement and Flows of Islam across the Indian Ocean</p> <p>K.N.Chaudhuri, <i>Trade and Civilisation in the Indian Ocean</i>, chapter 1
 Patricia Risso, <i>Merchants and Faith</i>, chapter 2
 Pearson, <i>The Indian Ocean</i>, chapter 4
 Engseng Ho, Lecture - <i>Digital Library</i></p> |
| Wednesday, February 15 | <p>Islam in the Indus Valley and the Gangetic Delta</p> <p>Sugata Bose and Ayesha Jalal, <i>Modern South Asia</i>,</p> |

chapters 2 and 3

Willem van Schendel, *A History of Bangladesh*, pp.1-38

Richard Eaton, *The Rise of Islam and the Bengal Frontier*, chapter 5

Mohammad Ishaq, 'The Impact of Islam on Kashmir in the Sultanate Period (1320-1586)', in Richard Eaton (ed.), *India's Islamic Traditions, 711-1750*, pp.342-362

#Alice Albinia, *Empires of the Indus*, chapter 4

Wednesday, February 22

Islamic Cosmopolitanism in the Age of Early Modern Empires

Bose and Jalal, *Modern South Asia*, chapter 4

Willem van Schendel, *A History of Bangladesh*, pp.39-46

Howard Federspiel, *Sultans, Shamans and Saints, Islam and Muslims in Southeast Asia*, chapter 3

Muzaffar Alam, 'Akhlaqi Norms and Mughal Governance' in *The Making of Indo-Persian Culture*, pp.67-91

Ross E. Dunn, *The Adventures of Ibn Battuta*, chapters 6 and 9

Wednesday, February 29

Islam Between Empires

Bose and Jalal, *Modern South Asia*, chapter 5

Chris Bayly, *Empire and Information*, chapter 5

Bose, *A Hundred Horizons*, pp.36-71

Partha Chatterjee, Lecture - *Digital Library*

Seema Alavi, Lecture – *Digital Library*

Wednesday, March 7

Islam's Encounter with the West to 1857

Bose and Jalal, *Modern South Asia*, chapters 6 and 9

Ayesha Jalal, *Partisans of Allah*, pp.58-136

Barbara Metcalf, *Islamic Revival in British India*, conclusion

Iftekhar Iqbal, *Bengal Delta*, chapter 4

Film: Satyajit Ray, *Shatranj Ke Khilari* (1977)

Wednesday, March 14

Islam and the West, 1857 to World War I

Bose and Jalal, *Modern South Asia*, chapter 10

Ayesha Jalal, *Partisans of Allah*, pp.136-175

Seema Alavi, 'Fugitive Mullahs and Outlawed Fanatics': Indian Muslims in Nineteenth Century Trans-Asiatic Imperial Rivalries', *Modern Asian Studies*, 45, 6 (2011) pp.1337–1382

Jennifer Siegel, *Endgame: Britain, Russia and the Final Struggle for Central Asia*, pp.1-20

Poems from Iqbal – trs. V.G.Kiernan, pp.168-173, 176-184 and 192-209

#Eric Tagliacozzo, *Secret Trades, Porous Borders*, pp.128-151

Wednesday, March 28

Islamic Cultures of Migration and Interchange

Bose, *A Hundred Horizons*, pp.193-232

Nile Green, *Bombay Islam*, chapter 2

Siobhan Lambert-Hurley (ed.), *A Princess's Pilgrimage: Nawab Sikander Begum's Pilgrimage to Mecca*, chapter 8

Vikram Sampath, "My Name is Gauhar Jaan!": *The Life and Times of a Musician*, pp.15-44, and online sound recordings

Sunil Amrith, Lecture - *Digital Library*

Eric Tagliacozzo, Lecture – *Digital Library*

#Sunil Amrith, *Migration and Diaspora in Modern Asia*, pp. 57-72

Wednesday, April 4

Islamic Universalism and Anti-Colonial Nationalism

Jalal, *Partisans of Allah*, chapter 5

Gail Minault, *The Khilafat Movement*, pp.1-11

Rudolph Peters, *Jihad in Classical and Modern Islam*, pp.55-57

Kris Manjapra, 'Communist Internationalism and Transcolonial Recognition', in *Cosmopolitan Thought Zones of South Asia*, pp.159-177

Rebel and Other Poems by Kazi Nazrul Islam, trs.

Basudha Chakravarthy, pp.1-9.

#Sana Haroon, Lecture – *Digital Library*

Wednesday, April 11

Islam and the End of Empire

David Gilmartin, *Empire and Islam*, pp.189-224

Jalal, 'Exploding Communalism: the Politics of Muslim Identity in South Asia' in Bose and Jalal (eds.), *Nationalism, Democracy and Development*
 James A. Bill and W.Roger Louis (eds.), *Musaddiq, Iranian Nationalism and Oil*, chapter 9
 T.N. Harper, *The End of Empire and the Making of Malaya*, chapter 8

Wednesday, April 18

Muslims and India's Partition: Punjab and Bengal

Sugata Bose and Ayesha Jalal, *Modern South Asia*, pp. 137-168
 Ayesha Jalal, 'Nation, Reason and Religion: Punjab's Role in the Partition of India', *Economic and Political Weekly*, pp.8-15, August 1998
 Joya Chatterjee, *The Spoils of Partition: Bengal and India, 1947-1967*, pp.105-127
 Sekhar Bandyopadhyay, Lecture – *Digital Library*
 Saadat Hasan Manto, *Black Milk*, pp.43-46 or 129-137
Partition: Sketches and Stories, pp.7-9, 73-80
 #Mushir ul Hasan (ed.), *India's Partition*, introduction, pp.44-68 and pp.101-131

Wednesday, April 25

Islam in the Indian Ocean Arena Amidst the Challenges of Contemporary Globalization and 'Terror'

Guest lecturer: Prof. Vali Nasr, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy

Robert Kaplan, *Monsoon*, chapters 10, 13 and 16
 Bose, *A Hundred Horizons*, pp.272-282
 Jalal, 'An Uncertain Trajectory: Islam's Contemporary Globalization', in Niall Fergusson et.al, *The Shock of the Global*, pp.319-336
 Vali Nasr, 'International Relations of an Islamist Movement: The Case of the Jama'at-i-Islami of Pakistan', pp.22-55
 Ahmed Rashid, *Descent into Chaos*, chapter 13
 #Faisal Devji, *Landscapes of the Jihad*, pp.135-164

Wednesday, May 2

Islam and Post-colonial Internationalism

Jalal, *Partisans of Allah*, chapter 6
 Badruddin Umar, *The Emergence of Bangladesh*, pp.1-35
 Julian Go, 'Modeling the State: Postcolonial Constitutions

in Africa and Asia', *Southeast Asian Studies*, 39, 4 (2002), pp. 558-583

Willem van Schendel, *The History of Bangladesh*, pp.219-231

Poems by Faiz- trs.V.G.Kiernan, pp.122-127

Rukhsana Ahmad (trs.), *Beyond Belief*, pp.18-21, 36-37

#Akhil Gupta, "Agrarian Populism in the Development of a Modern Nation (India)", in Federick Cooper (ed.), *International Development and the Social Sciences*, pp.320-345