

Faculty of Arts and Letters



ASI2304 Analysis of contemporary Indian society

[30h] 4 credits

This course is taught in the 1st semester

Teacher(s): Robert Deliège
Language: French
Level: Second cycle

Aims

This course studies the various aspects of contemporary Indian society, i.e. social structure, politics, economy, etc. The Indian caste system will be analysed with a special emphasis on its recent transformations. Local and global aspects of the Indian economy will be considered. Several more specific themes will be tackled : poverty, demography, urbanisation etc.

Main themes

The course will put the stress on various aspects of contemporary India, in particular social organization, politics and economics. The Indian caste system will be given a special attention, both as a traditional form of social organization and in its contemporary aspects. Similarly one will see how the political system is a mixture of modernity and tradition. Each year, a special theme will be analysed as for instance poverty, the green revolution, etc. A reading list will be provided to students.

Content and teaching methods

The course will focus on different aspects of contemporary Indian society, from 1947 up to this day. After a broad presentation, it will focus on caste, politics and economics.

- 1) General introduction
- 2) Caste : a special attention will be given to its recent changes
- 3) Politics: the rise and fall of the congress party
- 4) Economics; the green revolution, poverty, liberalization.

Other information (prerequisite, evaluation (assessment methods), course materials recommended readings, ...)

Prerequisites : none

Evaluation : oral exam.

Programmes in which this activity is taught

DVLP3DS	Diplôme d'études spécialisées en études du développement
DVLP3DS/AD	Diplôme d'études spécialisées en études du développement (Analyse du développement)
HORI2	Licence en langues et littératures orientales (philologie et histoire orientales)
HORI2M1	Master en langues et littératures anciennes, orientation "orientales"
POLS3DA/RI	Diplôme d'études approfondies en sciences politiques et sociales (relations internationales)

Other credits in programs

DVLP3DS	Diplôme d'études spécialisées en études du développement	(4 credits)	Mandatory
DVLP3DS/AD	Diplôme d'études spécialisées en études du développement (Analyse du développement)	(4 credits)	
HORI21	Première licence en langues et littératures orientales (philologie et histoire orientales)	(4 credits)	
HORI22	Deuxième licence en langues et littératures orientales (philologie et histoire orientales)	(4 credits)	
HORI2M1	Master en langues et littératures anciennes, orientation "orientales"	(4 credits)	
ISP22	Deuxième licence en philosophie	(4 credits)	
POLS3DA/RI	Diplôme d'études approfondies en sciences politiques et sociales (relations internationales)	(4 credits)	