

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.

Other credits in programs

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| 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) | |
| 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) | |
| POLS3DA/RI | Diplôme d'études approfondies en sciences politiques et sociales (relations internationales) | | Mandatory |