



Sub Committee for History

Faculty of Humanity and Social Sciences Curriculum Development

Name of Institute: Symbiosis School for Liberal Arts

Course Name: History Minor Paper 2: South Asian History and Culture

Course Code:

(UG/PG): UG, Sem 4

Number of Credits: 4 (60 Hrs)

Level: 2

Course Description:

In September 1599, a group of 200 came together to form a joint stock-holding firm in the city of London. This was the foundation of a remarkable enterprise that evolved from a spice trading company, to an administrator of the most extensive empire in the history of not just Europe, but the world. In the process, a remarkable civilization with great glories to its repute evolved into a nation and then into a nation state. This course is an attempt to make sense of this transition in the context of South Asia.

The course seeks initially to identify the distinction between the pre-modern and the modern in the context of South Asia. It will also enable the students to review the changing phases of colonialism in South Asia, discuss the significance of the revolt of 1857 and its aftermath, to summarize the evolution of Indian Nationalism in the post-1857 period, to comprehend the coming of freedom and partitioning of India, and to summarize and review the development of South Asian societies in the context of the Nation State. The lectures will be taught via class discussions regarding terms and concepts, and paper presentation and analysis with the help of audio-visual aids.