



The Alliance for Global Education, Pune Program Spring 2012

SOCI 370: Bharat and India: A Growth Story

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Course Description:

The Indian experience of the global trend of urbanisation is complex, multidimensional and diverse. In spite of this strong trend, India still has the largest rural population in the world. This course will focus on challenges posed to the process of development by the existence of these sectors. The course will study the profiles, characteristics, interrelations and patterns of these sectors. We expect that this will give a rich understanding of the Indian growth story, its institutional framework and challenges for the future.

Learning Outcomes and/or Expected Student Competencies:

The purpose of the course is to acquaint the students to the development patterns that have emerged, the concepts and complexities of rural economy and its challenges. We expect students will know more about various rural institutions, development interventions and dynamics of the real society. They will also get introduced to the rising urban Indian phenomenon. We expect them to understand the challenges of the urban governance, economy and future of the same.

Evaluation:

- 1) Book review – Date of submission: 23 February 2012 – 50%
The professor will give books, articles, chapters of the books.
- 2) Research Assignment – Date of Submission: 20 March 2012 – 50%
The students are free to choose a topic and discuss the same with the professor.

Syllabus and Scheme of lectures

1) Basic concepts or the Building blocks (six lectures)

- National Income Scheme (Gross National Product, Net National Product, Sectors) (Two lectures) (**Jan. 24th and 25th**)

Readings:

National Accounts Statistics of India (Economic and Political Weekly Research Foundation) Chapter 1 and 2 (Pages 1-49)

- Demography Population data, Definitions of rural and urban, mortality rates, (Two Lectures) (**Jan. 31st and Feb. 1st**)

Readings:

Indian Economy: S. K. Ray ISBN – 0-87692-438-0 - Chapters 5 and 6.



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- Definition of poverty and evolution of the same to Human Development Indicators and Inclusive growth (One lecture) (**Feb. 2nd**)

Readings:

Poverty in India by V. M. Dandekar, Nilkantha Rath (Indian School of Political Economy) Chapter 1 and 2

- **Field visit to 'Vidyarthi Sahayak Samiti'** - Students Welfare Association working for students coming from rural areas to study in Pune (**Feb. 14th**)
- Agriculture and allied sectors transactions, value additions and resource management (Construction of transaction matrix) (One lecture) (**Feb. 15th**)

Readings:

Indian Economy: S. K. Ray ISBN – 0-87692-438-0 - Chapters 8 and 9.

3) Rural Economy (and society) through ages (Seven lectures)

- Historic Perspective Rural Institutes such as balutedari, water management and economy, Panchayat system (Two lectures) (**Feb. 16th and Feb. 22nd**)

Readings:

Economic Nightmare of India – Its causes and Cure by Chaudhari Charansingh: Land system- Chapter 5, Chapter 3

- Rural Economy and Planning period (From 1947 to 1991) Gandhian concept Development experience Green revolution, new institutes such as cooperatives, democracy and dev oriented administration and NGOs, Farmers movements (Four lectures) (**Feb. 23rd, Feb. 28th, March 6th, and March 7th**)

Readings:

Economic Nightmare of India – Its causes and Cure by Chaudhari Charansingh: - Chapter 7, 8.

S.K.Ray: Indian Economy ISBN – 0-87692-438-0 Chapter 11 to 14.

- Rural economy after reforms - Is there change? Bottom of the Pyramid market, Land acquisition bills, and future trends (One lecture) (**March 13th**)

Readings:

Dragon & the Elephant: Agricultural and Rural Reforms in China and India Edited by Dr. Ashok Gulati and Shenggen Fan ISBN – 10:0-19-569350 7- Chapter 1



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4) Urban India

Trends of Urbanisation in India - Is it metro or B towns? (Two lectures)
(**March 14th and March 15th**)

- Challenges of Cities Urban governance, slums and development indicators
(Two lectures) (**March 16th and March 26th**)
- Inter-linkages of Rural and Urban India Past, present and Future (Two
lectures) (**March 27th and March 28th**)

Readings:

Oxford Handbook of Indian Urbanization in India: K. C. Sivaramakrishnan,
Amitabh Kundu, B. N. Singh ISBN –10 0-19-567239-9 - Chapters 1-8

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