

UNIVERSITY OF CALCUTTA

Notification No. CSR/32/14

It is notified for the information of all concerned that in terms of the provisions of Section 54 of the Calcutta University Act, 1979, (as amended), and, in exercise of his powers under 9(6) of the said Act, the Vice-Chancellor, has, by an order dated 01.08.2014, approved a new course "Caste in Colonial India: Ideology and Practice" as an optional paper for the first year students of M.A. course of study in History under this University as laid down in the accompanying pamphlet.

The above shall be from the academic session 2014-2015 and onwards.

SENATE HOUSE KOLKATA-700073 The 12th August, 2014

(Prof. Basab Chaudhuri)

Registrar

Caste in Colonial India: Ideology and Practice

- 1. The meaning of caste: the different approaches to social hierarchy: the debate between caste and jati: the theories and debates on caste in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries: the differences in the approaches of historians and sociologists in comprehending the institution of castes from the point of view of enlightenment and modernity; the debate on Homo Hierarchicus and differing ideas on purity and pollution as yardsticks of social hierarchies.
- 2. The historical origins of a caste based society; the relevance of anthropological models: understanding caste from the point of view of ordering of plurality; caste and the issue of social exclusion in India: the colonial state and its emphasis on caste in creating a new set of distinctions in the rural society: nineteenth century Bhakti movements and the challenge to the institution of caste.
- 3. The diversity of Orientalism and the complexity of the other: the interpretation of caste in the official documents of the East India Company: caste and the later day Victorian enumerators: colonial ethnography and the debates between caste and race: the occupational interpretation of caste
- 4. The Indian views or caste in the early colonial period: caste and the public arena: the new visual interpretation of the nation: the nationalist critique of caste: caste conferences and the issue of caste uplift: Hindu nationalists and the deification of caste: Hindu modernizers and the reframing of jati and varna: the modern Hindu critique of untouchability
 - 5. The quotidian experience of caste in colonial India: the differing worlds of the upper caste landlords and the rural agrestic serfs: upper caste identity, logic of subordination and rural conflicts: untouchables and resistance
 - 6. The emergence of Gandhian nationalism and the issue of caste: the conflicts between nationalism and the emerging non-brahmin movements: caste and the nationalist ideal; the Gandhian programmes to eradicate untouchability: the politics of the depressed classes: Ambedkar and the annhilation of caste
 - 7. The tussle between the Congress and the radical depressed class political organizations: the differences on the Poona Pact of 1932; the elections of 1937; the depressed classes and the war aims of the British Government: the depressed classes and the issue of representation in the Constituent Assembly.
 - 8. Caste politics in the regions: Namasudra movement in Bengal. Adi Dravida movement in Tamilnadu, Ad Dharm movement in Punjab and Adi Andhra movement.

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Sekhar Bandyopadhyay, Caste, protest and identity in colonial India. The Namasudras of Bengal, 1872-1937, Richmond, 1997.



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It is notified for the information of all concerned that in terms of the provisions of Section 54 of the Calcutta University Act, 1979, (as amended), and, in exercise of his powers under 9(6) of the said Act, the Vice-Chancellor has, by an order dated 05.09.2014, approved partial amendments to the earlier notification notified under Notification No. CSR/32/14 dated 12.08.2014, pertaining the introduction of a new course "Caste in Colonial India: Ideology and Practice" as an optional paper for M.A. course of study in History under this University, as laid down hereinunder:

AMENDMENTS

The above shall be introduced as <u>an optional paper for the second year students</u> from the academic session 2014-2015 and onwards.

SENATE HOUSE KOLKATA-700073 The 12th September, 2014

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