

Course No. 31214- for M.Phil History(2 credits)

Religion and Society in Medieval India

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Indian Islam

1. **Early phase of Islam in India** -Different Strands of Islam-Notions of Monsoon Islam- Threads of Rationalist and liberal traditions in Indian Islam. Sunnism, Shiism and Ibadism. Conflicts and Compromise between *ulemas* and liberal strands
2. **Sufism in India** – Be-shara and Ba-shara- Chishtiyas, Suhrawardiyas, Firdausiyas, Qalandars , Qadiriyas, Shattariyas, Naqshbandiyas- Formulation of the notion of Sufi geography- Impact of Sufism on the economy, polity and society of India. Influences of Indic Practices on Sufism
3. **Wahdat-al-Wujud and Wahadat –al- Shuhud** – Impact these doctrines on the society and polity of medieval India.

Bhakti Movements and Society

1. **Nirguna Marga and Saguna Marga**
2. **Bhakti Movements of South India** -Alvars, Nayanars, Veerashaivism, Warkari Movement. Temple Cult, Math affiliations and Bhakti.
3. **Trends of Vaishnava Bhakti Movements in North India**(Rama Bhakti and Krishna Bhakti-Pushtimargis, Ramanandis, Gaudiyas- Tulsidas and Mirabhai)
4. **Ideologies and Philosophical Schools** (*Advaita* of Sankara, *Vishishtadvaita* of Ramanuja, *Dvaita* of Madhavacharya, *Dvaitadvaita* of Nimbarka, *Shuddhadvaita* of Vallabacharya, *Achintya Bheda Abheda* of Chaitanya)

Christianity

1. **Different versions of Christianity in India**(St.Thomas Christians, Portuguese *Padroado Real*, *Propaganda Fide*, Protestant churches)
2. **Areas of Tensions and Conflicts** (Between the St. Thomas Christians and the Portuguese, between the *Padroado Real* and *Propaganda Fide*- their impact on the colonial processes as well as on the polity and economy of medieval India)

Sikhism

1. **Guru Nanak and Early Gurus**
2. **Socio-Political Contexts within which Sikhism evolved over centuries**

Reading List

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