

P 22412

Aspects of Social History

Four Credits

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This course is offered for MPhil students who have opted for a degree in Ancient Indian history. It is an optional course. There is no fixed reading list for the course. Each student who opts for the course is provided with a specific set of readings relevant to his/ her area of interest, as well as to the primary source s/he may be handling.

Selections of themes for the seminar paper are generally done in consultation with the MPhil supervisor/ advisor, so as to ensure that there is a broad relationship with the theme selected for the MPhil dissertation. In some instances, the seminar paper may ultimately be developed into a chapter of the final dissertation.

The programme runs through regular meetings and discussions, generally held once a fortnight. Students who enroll for the course are expected to make written and oral presentations during these meetings. Prior submission of written work is encouraged, to ensure that discussions are fruitful. There is a mid-semester presentation (both oral and written), and a pre-submission presentation (again both oral and written), followed by the final submission. The evaluation is on the basis of a continuous assessment of the student's progress.

Themes chosen relate to social history—including issues of social stratification, kinship and gender relations. Students are encouraged to identify their research questions, as well as their sources, and select a section for intensive study and analysis. They are also encouraged to develop skills of oral and written presentation in an academic context.

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