

## **Seminar Course**

M 22402

### **Aspects of Ancient Indian Social History**

Four credits

Course instructor: Kumkum Roy

This course is on offer in the fourth semester for students of the MA programme.

There is no specific reading list for the course. Readings are recommended for each student on an individual basis, depending on his/ her specific project. The readings include some of the major works on the historiography on the theme of social history that the student may choose to explore as well as an intensive study of a section of a relevant primary source either in the original or through translations.

Students are expected to attend discussions organized every week/fortnight, depending on the rate of progress, and to make written and oral presentations at each session. There is also a mid- semester presentation (both oral and written) and a pre-submission presentation. Evaluation is continuous and is not confined to the final submission.

Students are trained in techniques of academic writing and presentation and are encouraged to present their arguments cogently as well as substantiate these.

Themes on which students work include issues of social stratification and social identity, kinship structures and their significance, and gender and sexuality. However, other themes are opened up for exploration, depending on the interest of the student. Students are encouraged to select projects pertaining to specific periods/ regions so as to allow for an intensive engagement with sources.

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