

Course No. P 32405 – for M.Phil ( 4 credits)

**Trade and Commerce in Medieval India  
( Seminar paper)**

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1. Revival of Long-distance trade – Its impact on the Indian Ocean- Jewish traders linked with the Geniza of Cairo- Chinese Trade- India and the Mercantile and Religious networks of the Rasulids of Yemen- Al-Karimis- Janet Abu Lughod and Perceptions of Pre-Modern world system- Networks of trade in North India
2. Entry of the Portuguese- Notions of Monopoly trade – Control Systems of cartaz, armada, fortress and cafila- Participation of the Germans and Italians in Indo-Portuguese trade-Smuggling and piracy – Nature and composition of Commercial Company of the Portuguese- Nature of the evolving global trade systems
3. Native Merchants, bankers and credit-givers- Emergence of New –moneyed groups- Political economy- Nature of Commodity circulation
4. Company trade of the Dutch and the English versus the French- Contestations and Political assertions-Formation of Indigenous Commercial companies and role of native mercantile capital - Local mercantile collaborators – From spices to textiles- Commodity composition- How Indian trade changed the consumption culture of Europe
5. Trade through the movement-channels of Bhakti and Sufis- Evolution of new lines of Transport and communication in north India – Security bolstering Mechanisms- Changing character of trade – Commodities - Production centres and terrestrial routes- Orientation towards global markets- Were there potentialities for capitalistic development

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