

INTER DISCIPLINARY COURSE - 108

INDIAN DIASPORA

Course Outline :

Unit -1 Diaspora as an area of academic study

Meaning and implications of Diaspora - Approaches to 'the study of Diaspora - Scope and Significance of Diaspora studies

Unit - 2 Historical background of the Indian Diaspora

Pre-colonial; Trade, and spread of religion - colonial; The indentured system - Post-colonial: Brain drain and skill drain.

Unit - 3 Discourses on the Indian Diaspora

Colonial - Nationalist - Contemporary

Unit - 4 Case studies of the Indian Diaspora

Cultural revivalism; The Caribbean - Political struggles; Fiji and Malaysia - Apartheid and subjection; South Africa and East Africa -Political dominance: Mauritius - Enclavisation and racism; The North America and U.K. - Transient Diaspora: The Middle East.

Unit -5 India and the 'other' Indians

The Social construction of the 'other' Indian - The India connection of the diasporas Indians - The remittance economy and its socioeconomic impact - Impact of Gujarati Diaspora on region

Recommended Books :

- Clarke, Colin; Cerci Peach and Steven Vertovec (eds.) 1990. South Asian overseas. Cambridge : Cambridge University Press.
- Dabydeen, David and Brinsley Samaroo (eds.) 1996. Across the dark waters; Ethnicity and Indian identity in the Caribbean. London and Basingstoke : Macmillan Education.
- Gosine, Mahin (ed.). 1994. The East Indian Odyssey : Dilemmas of a migrant people. New York : Windsor Press.
- Jain, Ravindra, K. 1993, Indian Communities abroad : Themes and literature. New Delhi. Manohar.
- Klass, Morton. 1991. Singing with Sai Baba : The politics of revitalization in Trinidad. Boulder, Colorado : Westview Press.
- Kurian, George and Ram P. Srivastava (eds.) 1983. Overseas Indians: A study in adaptation. New Delhi: Vikas Publishing House.
- Rao, M.S.A. (ed.) 1986. Studies in migration; Internal and international migration in India. Delhi: Manohar Publications.
- Sociological bulletin. 1989. Special No. on "Indian abroad" (Guest ed.:S. L. Sharma) 38(1).
- Tinker, Hugh. 1993 (2nd Edition). A new system of slavery : The export of Indian labour overseas, 1830 -1920.
- Steven Vertovec (ed.). 1991. Aspects of the South Asian Diaspora. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.