Course Name: Readings in Himachal History and Culture

Course Number: HS 694

Credits: 3

Students intended for: M.A. and Ph.D. students in H&SS

Elective or Compulsory: Elective

Semester:

Course Description: This course will provide a survey of the history and culture of Himachal Pradesh. Taking into account the unique geography and ecology of Himachal, the course will examine varied facets of Himachal history and culture including its religion, tribal culture, role of caste and gender, and the development of its various sub-regions.

Course Content:
1. Concept and scope of regional studies
2. History
   a. Pre-British Himachal
   b. Himachal under the British
   c. The post-Independence period
   d. Protest and resistance
3. Geography:
   a. Ecological issues
4. Society and Culture:
   a. Religion
   b. Gender
   c. Caste
   d. Tribes

Readings:


Brentnall, Mark (2005), The Princely and Noble Families of the Former Indian Empire: Himachal Pradesh v. 1, Indus.


Singh, Chetan (2011) Recognizing Diversity: Society and Culture in the Himalaya, OUP


Thakur, Laxman S. ed. (2002), Where Mortals and Mountain Gods Meet, IIAS


