

**CENTRE FOR INNER ASIAN STUDIES
SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES**

Course	: Ph.D
Course No.	:
Course Title	: Government and Politics in Mongolia
Course Type	: Optional
Course Teacher	: Prof. Sharad K. Soni
Credits	: Two (2)
Contact Hours	: 02 per week

Course Objectives

The main objective of the course is to give an overview of socio-cultural and political history of Mongolia that covers about half of the vast Inner Asian region. While doing so the course delves into major changes occurred in the socio-political domains of this country after independence in the early 20th century. It not only focuses on the evolution and growth of the political system in the country under Soviet influence, but also deals with the post-Soviet democratic development in Mongolia's internal and external affairs. While dealing with internal affairs it will cover the political reforms, changes in the structure of government, adoption of new constitution, national security and foreign policy. As regards external affairs, the course will cover the limitations of landlocked geographic situation of Mongolia in the geopolitics of giant neighbours, regional identity issues, and foreign relations with both the "geographic" as well as "third" neighbours.

Learning Outcomes

After completion of the course the students will be able to understand not only Mongolia's unique nomadic culture based on Buddhism but also its momentous socio-political developments during the socialist period and the changes occurred in the post-socialist democratic transition. The students will also be able to gain knowledge of current discourses on issues of regional identity, foreign policy and national security in Mongolia's highly robust multi party democratic system apart from being capable of analysing the significance of events and developments related to government and politics in contemporary Mongolia. It will help the students acquire a multi-faceted perspective on contemporary Mongolia in local, regional and global contexts.

Evaluation Method

The evaluation of student's performance is done purely on the basis of academic merit. Grading and marks will be awarded for Class participation (10%), Sessional work (40%) and End semester examination (50%).

Course Content

The course covers the following themes:

Section I: Introduction

1. Mongolia in Inner Asian Regional Setting
2. Mongolian Identity based on Nomadism and Buddhism
3. Political Status of Mongols in the pre-independence era

Section II: The Struggle for Independent Statehood

1. The 1911 Revolution and Declaration of Independence from Qing Rule
2. Birth of the Mongolian People's Revolutionary Party and the 1921 Revolution
3. Emergence of Mongolian People's Republic and Soviet influence (1924-1989)

Section III: Democratic Revolution and Political Developments

1. Democratic Revolution (1989-90) and Problems of Post-Soviet Transition
2. Political Reforms, Structure and Dynamics of Parliamentary Politics
3. Introduction of Multi-Party System, Electoral Process and Presidential Powers

Section IV: Contemporary Issues in National, Regional and Global Perspectives

1. Foreign Policy and National Security Issues
2. Geopolitics and Regional Identity Issues
3. Foreign Relations with "Geographic Neighbours" (Russia and China) and "Third Neighbours" (USA, Japan, India, EU, Kazakhstan and others)

Readings

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