

CENTRE FOR STUDY OF INDIAN DIASPORA	
Course : MA Semester : IV	Duration: January- May Course Instructor: Ajaya Kumar Sahoo
Course Number : SD-501 Core/ Optional : Optional No. of Credits : 4 (Four)	Title of the Course: <i>Migration, Diaspora and Transnationalism</i>

Course Description:

One of the most striking features in the age of globalization is the transnational movement of people across the national boundaries. Although Indian emigration goes way back to the ancient and medieval periods, large scale emigration of Indians took place during the 19th and 20th centuries to the British, French, and Dutch colonies. Today, Indians have formed extensive networks with the members of their community—familial, economic, and political—around the globe, including the motherland, India. The Indian diaspora is currently estimated to be more than twenty million. What gives Indians their common identity in the diaspora is their Indian origin, the consciousness of their cultural heritage and their deep attachment to India. The aim of this interdisciplinary course is to introduce students to the study of international migration, diaspora and transnationalism in the contemporary context. The focus will be on theories and methods of international migration and diaspora, and the issues of race, ethnicity, religion, caste, gender, media and transnationalism of Indian diaspora.

Course Objectives:

- To enable the student to understand the historical background of international migration.
- To understand the linkage between international migration, diaspora and transnationalism.
- To enable students to understand the contemporary migration patterns as a result of globalization.
- To establish how immigration, diaspora and transnationalism studied in the context of Indian diaspora.

Course Learning Outcomes:

- This course enables the students to explain the theoretical backgrounds of international migration, race, and ethnicity (cognitive level: understand).
- This course enables the students to identify the sources of literature on Indian diaspora, review them and apply to their research topic (cognitive level: understand and apply).
- This course enables the student to fully understand various policies of the government evolved for the Indian diaspora and how one can understand the linkages and networks that take place between homeland and the hostland (cognitive level: understand and apply).
- Explain and compare global diaspora literature with that of Indian diaspora literature (cognitive level: understand).
- Discuss various issues of identity of Indians in the diaspora and how they negotiate that identity in their everyday life (cognitive level: understand).

Course outline:

The course is divided into six units.

Unit-I: International Migrations

- History of International Migration
- Theories of International Migrations
- Ethnicity and Gender in International Migrations

Unit- II: Sociology of Diaspora

- Definitions and Theories of Diaspora
- Major Diasporas: Jewish, British, African, Chinese and other Diasporas
- Globalisation and Diaspora

Unit – III: The Indian Diaspora: A Survey

- The Indian Diaspora in South East Asia
- The Indian Diaspora in Africa and the Caribbean
- The Indian Diaspora in North America, Europe and Australasia

Unit – IV: Issues of Identity in the Indian Diaspora

- Religion and Caste
- Language and Culture
- Institutions and Associations

Unit – V: Indian Diaspora and Transnationalism

- Definitions and Theories of Transnationalism
- Indian Diaspora and Transnationalism

Unit-VI: Indian Diaspora and Policy Perspective

- Diaspora Policy - Sending Country's Perspective
- Diaspora Policy - Receiving Country's Perspective

Select Chapters from Readings:

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