



**Tuesdays 2.45-4.45**

**Room : A 31**

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## **1. Contacts**

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## **2. Objectives of the course**

In Asia, the large emerging markets of China and India take centre-stage in any discussion about international trade and investment. The former has already been subjected to attention at the Sciences Po. This course now introduces South Asia with a strong focus on India. It will, after a brief look at its culture and history to better understand (hopefully!) its current economic performance and its postures in the multilateral trading system, proceed to critically examine its earlier “socialistic” growth model it adopted after independence in 1947; its positions and interests in the GATT where it assumed a leadership role in the third world bloc; its move towards market reforms in 1991 and a high growth trajectory; its continued prominent role and views in the WTO and the Doha development Round; the turmoil it is causing in the West with its IT enabled competencies and competitive outsourcing; its relations with its neighbours in ASEAN; and finally reflect on its future prospects, which some feel could place it along with US, China, Russia and Brazil as the new G6 in the next 40 years, while others express concerns of its ability to confront the serious challenges to its growth prospects that have emerged lately

## **3. Methods**

There are 8 topics, each with their own readings (which shall be made available on line) and discussion questions listed below. Students are expected to come prepared to discuss interactively around these questions and issues during the second half of each session. Opportunity permitting, guest speakers may be brought in to animate the discussion with their insights.

## **4. Assessment**

Active participation and written analysis of a case or article in about 1000 words (to be given out after the fourth topic and submitted at the last session) .....50%

Written assignment, 2000 words, to be submitted 3 weeks after end of course .....50%

## **5. Course plan**

**Topic 1:** Historical and socio-cultural perspectives (that may provide insights to India’s modern day attitudes in politics, economics, and external relations ): Core values and legacies left by the Aryans, Muslims and the British

**Topic 2:** Further factors - Gandhi and the Constitution of India (Federal–State relations ) - influencing India’s choice for its model of growth and development after 1947

**Topic 3:** The pre-reform growth model - “socialistic pattern”, “mixed economy” and the “Hindu rate of growth”- leading to market reforms in 1991

**Topic 4:** India and the Third World in GATT/WTO – confronting and re-negotiating new roles, new “issues” during and after the Uruguay Round

**Topic 5:** Extracting “development” out of the Doha Development Agenda – leading the G20 challenge after the Cancun ministerial

**Topic 6:** Regional Co-operation initiatives – still irrelevant in SAARC (intra-South Asia), but some response from ASEAN

**Topic 7:** (Second generation) reforms into the new millennium: Confronting the gains, pains and politics of globalisation, Assessing Country Risk

**Topic 8:** India’s future prospects and its role in the multilateral trading system: High Growth but many concerns about its sustainability; Outsourcing *et al* (Is Ricardo’s comparative advantage principle breaking down?)

## **6. Detailed Reading List**

To be distributed the first day of class.