

HIST 144 ANCIENT INDIA

SOUTH ASIA, ONE OF THE MOST DENSELY-POPULATED REGIONS OF THE WORLD, IS ALSO ONE OF THE OLDEST CENTERS OF HUMAN ACTIVITY. RELIGIOUS SYSTEMS LIKE HINDUISM, SIKHISM, JAINISM AND BUDDHISM DEVELOPED HERE AND ISLAM AND CHRISTIANITY ALSO TOOK ROOT HERE. THIS COURSE INTRODUCES STUDENTS TO THE ANCIENT HISTORY OF "INDIA BEFORE EUROPE." THROUGH READINGS AND CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF ART, ARCHITECTURE AND ARCHAEOLOGY, WE WILL EXAMINE THE ORIGINS OF SOUTH ASIAN CIVILIZATION, FROM PREHISTORY TO THE PRE-COLONIAL ERA OF THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY. STUDENTS WILL LEARN ABOUT THE EPIC TRADITION OF INDIA, THE DEVELOPMENT OF STATES AND EMPIRES, THEORIES OF KINGSHIP, AND THE DIVERSITY OF ANCIENT INDIA.



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