

World History

Syllabus

Lecture: 1 Enlightenment and Modern ideas

- 1) Major ideas of Enlightenment: Kant, Rousseau
- Spread of Enlightenment in the colonies
- Rise of socialist ideas (up to Marx); spread of Marxian Socialism

Lecture: 2 Origins of Modern Politics

- 1) European States System
- 2) American Revolution and the Constitution
- 3) French revolution and aftermath
- 4) American Civil War with reference to Abraham Lincoln and the abolition of slavery
- 5) British Democratic Politics, 1815- 1850
- 6) Parliamentary Reformers

Lecture: 3 Renaissance and Reformation

Lecture: 4 Industrialization

1) English Industrial Revolution

- Causes and Impact on Society

-Industrialization in other countries: USA, Germany, Russia, Japan

- Industrialization and Globalization.

Lecture: 5 Nation-State System

1) Rise of Nationalism in 19th century

2) Nationalism: state-building in Germany and Italy

3) Disintegration of Empires in the face of the emergence of nationalities across the world

Lecture: 6 Imperialism and Colonialism

- 1) South and South-East Asia
 - 2) Latin America, South Africa, Australia,
 - 3) Imperialism and free trade
- Rise of neo-imperialism

Lecture: 7 Revolution and Counter-Revolution

- 19th Century European revolutions
- The Russian Revolution of 1917- 1921
 - Fascist Counter-Revolution
 - Italy and Germany
 - The Chinese Revolution of 1949

Lecture: 8 World Wars

- 1) 1st and 2nd World Wars as Total Wars

- World War I: Causes and consequences
- World War II: Causes and consequence

The World after World War II

2) The emergence of two power blocs

- Emergence of Third World and non-alignment
- UNO and the global disputes

Lecture: 9 Liberation from Colonial Rule

- 1) Latin America-Bolivar
- 2) Arab World-Egypt
- 3) Africa-Apartheid to Democracy
- 4) South-East Asia-Vietnam

Lecture:10 Decolonization and Underdevelopment

- 1) Factors constraining development
 - Latin America, Africa

Lecture: 11 Unification of Europe

1) Post War Foundations: NATO and European Community

- Consolidation and expansion of European Community; European Union.

Lecture: 12 The disintegration of the Soviet Union and the Rise of the Unipolar World

1) Factors leading to the collapse of Soviet communism and the Soviet Union, 1985-1991

2) Political Changes in Eastern Europe 1989-2001;

3) End of the cold war and US ascendancy in the World as the lone superpower