# PS145A - Lessons from India - Course Schedule

All assignments and posts are due by 11:55 PM, Pacific Daylight Time (PDT) of the day listed, unless otherwise noted.

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The Idea of India  
The State's Role in Economic Development  
Why Democracy?  
India's Democratic Institutions  
The Success of Federalism  
Institutions of Democracy  
Elections and the Electoral System  | Readings  
Discussion  
Quiz 1: due 7/6 |
| July 5-July 15 | **Module 2: Caste and Its Relation to Democracy**  
Caste and Democracy  
History of Reservations  
Do Reservations Help?  
The Bahujan Samaj Party and Dalits  
The Other Backward Classes (OBC)  
OBC Politics in North India  
Do Upper Castes Still Dominate?  | Readings  
Discussion  
Quiz 2: due 7/15 |
| July 15-26  | **Module 3: Democracy and Religion**  
Secularism and Religion in India  
Religious Tensions in India  
Political violence and Religion  
Understanding Political Violence: Explanations  | Readings  
Discussion  
Quiz 3: due 7/27 |
| July 27-29 | **Module 4: The Politics of Tribes**  
Who are India's Tribes?  
Tribal Insurgent Movements in India | Readings  
Discussion  
Quiz 4: **due 7/31** |
| July 30- Aug. 3 | **Module 5: Separatism and Secessionism**  
Mizoram and Nagaland  
Kashmir  
Punjab | Readings  
Discussion  
Quiz 5: **due 8/4** |
| Aug. 4-11 | **Module 6: Party Politics and Elections**  
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Social Cleavages and Parties  
Fragmentation in the Indian Party System  
Regional Parties  
Dynastic Parties | Readings  
Discussion  
Class Project: due 8/7  
Quiz 6: **due 8/12** |
| August 14 | **Final Exam: 9 am-12 pm, at TBA**  
*If you cannot attend this session, you must make arrangements to take a proctored version of the exam at least four weeks before the final exam date. Please contact your Program Coordinator Tracie Littlejohn at tlittlejohn@unex.berkeley.edu to make alternative arrangements. Off-site proctors must be approved prior to July 26, 2013.* |