

## ***THE EVOLUTION OF STATE AND POLITICS IN COLONIAL INDIA***

The following bibliography is *not* a list of books for the essay questions suggested. It is a list intended to provide an entrée into the general field to be covered each week. Among the study skills expected to be developed for the course is an ability to develop bibliographies for particular purposes, using the library and printed bibliographies. If in doubt about works not included in the lists, see the bibliographies in the books listed below under background reading.

For the same reason there are few citations to major journals, such as *Bengal Past and Present*, *Calcutta Historical Journal*, *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, *Contributions to Indian Sociology*, *Economic and Political Weekly*, *Indian Economic and Social History Review*, *Journal of Asian Studies*, *Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History*, *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society*, *Modern Asian Studies*, *South Asia*, *South Asia Research*, and *Studies in History*. Recent and back issues should be explored for relevant articles.

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See above for explanations. The lists show, for various topics, suggested basic reading (in bold) plus, in smaller type, a selection of titles on particular or related aspects. Sometimes particular parts of a work in bold are not specified, in which case you may need to make your own selection. Where parts are specified, other parts will often also be useful, as will the works under 'background reading'. Also check related lists - books are generally not cited twice. You should aim to cover the bulk of the background and basic reading during the course. The full lists are long (though not comprehensive) to encourage private and selective study.

Books marked \* are on reading room reserve in SOAS. Though it will be useful to buy at least one of the books shown under background reading, any other book-buying and also photocopying should be decided in accordance not with the basic reading but with each individual's special interests, seminar presentations and essays. Under copyright law published works may not be photocopied except by individuals in limited selections for their own private study, and it is unlawful to photocopy copyright material from photocopies.

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