

SYLLABUS FOR ELECTIVE COURSE (Ph. D)

Module 1:

Studies on Diaspora

- **Key concepts:** Migration, diaspora, ethnicity, homeland, ethnic conflicts, culture, identity, subjectivity, hybridity, multiculturalism, long distance nationalism, transnationalism
Theorists: Stuart Hall, Homi Bhabha, James Clifford, Paul Gilroy, Benedict Anderson

References:

Bhabha, Homi K. *The location of culture*. Routledge, 2012.

Gilroy, Paul. *The black Atlantic: Modernity and Double consciousness*. Harvard University Press, 1993.

Brubaker, Rogers. "The 'Diaspora 'Diaspora.'" *Ethnic and racial studies* Vol 28, Issue no.1, Taylor & Francis Online, 2005. pp 1-19.

Clifford, James. "Diasporas." *Cultural Anthropology*, vol. 9, no. 3, 1994, pp. 302–338. *JSTOR*, www.jstor.org/stable/656365.

Hall, Stuart. "Cultural Identity and Diaspora." *Diaspora and Visual Culture*. Routledge, 2014. pp 35-47.

Anderson, Benedict. *Imagined communities: Reflections on the origin and spread of nationalism*. Verso books, 2006.

Module 2:

Diaspora Politics and Homeland Conflicts

- Politics of Diaspora
- Migration and Ethnicity
- Ethnocentrism in transnational spaces
- Identity and Conflict

References:

Féron, Élise. "Transporting and re-inventing conflicts: Conflict-generated diasporas and conflict autonomisation." *Cooperation and Conflict* 52.3 (2017): 360-376.

Smith, Hazel Anne, and Paul Stares. *Diasporas in Conflict: Peace-makers or Peace-wreckers?* United Nations University Press, 2007.

Demmers, Jolle. "Diaspora and conflict: Locality, long-distance nationalism, and delocalisation of conflict dynamics." *Javnost-The Public* 9.1 (2002): 85-96.

Module 3:

Sri Lankan Diaspora and Ethnic Strife: An overview

- History of Srilankan Ethnic groups -Colonization of Sri Lanka
-Construction of ethnic and national identities -Ethnic conflicts
- Migration-Displacement-Assimilation-cultural identities-conflicts-language-racism-barriers-nostalgia and belongingness
- Diaspora- markers of ethnic and cultural identity-contesting ethnic groups among diaspora-Srilankan ethnic strife-problematisation-divides and dialogues among diaspora-long distance nationalism and secessionism

References:

Zang, Benzi. "Identity in Diaspora and Diaspora in Writing: the poetics of cultural transrelation." *Journal of International Studies*. Vol. 21, No-1, 2000

Lau, Lisa. "The Sinhalese Diaspora: New Directions in Sri Lankan Diasporic Writing." *South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies* 39.1 (2016): 47-63.

Demmers, Jolle. "New Wars and Diasporas: suggestions for research and policy." *Peace, Conflict and Development* 11 (2007): 1-26.

Salgado, Minoli. *Writing Sri Lanka: Literature, resistance and the politics of place*. Routledge, 2007.

Module 4:

A Study of Selected Texts

- Nayomi Munaweera *An Island of Thousand Mirrors*
- Ambalavaner Sivanandan *When Memory Dies*
- Roma Tearne *Brixton Beech,*
- Michael Ondaatje *Anil's Ghost,*
- Romesh Gune Sekere *Heaven's Edge*