

India Now !



Lecturer - Krishna Bagadiya

Levels: B2+ and higher

Course description

This course will explore the history, politics, society, business, religion, philosophy and culture in modern India through the analyses of classics of Hindi cinema, documentaries, TED talks and Indian television news. This will be an attempt to unlock the complexities and contradictions of a 3500+ year-old civilisation and the nation of 1.25 billion people from an insider's perspective. Two of the masterkeys introduced for this direct insight will be: Hindu cosmology and Hindi language. Contemporary themes like nationalism, colonialism, religions, identity, etc. will be debated in class.

Films: *Gandhi, Jodha Akbhar, Namesake, Chess Players, Hey Ram, Guru, Harishchandrachi Factory, Marine Drive, India's daughter*

Grading:

Presentation on a theme (plus a written paper) 50% + Class participation (plus debates, home film viewing) 50%