

Course code : ARCH 32414
Course title : Prehistory and Proto-history of South Asia
Type : Core
Pre requisites : None

Learning Outcome:

students will obtain a comprehensive knowledge on prehistory and proto-history of South Asia.

Contents:

History of pre and proto historic studies in South Asia. Geological time scales of South Asia and Sri Lanka. Evolution of species and environmental changes in South Asia. Paleolithic, mesolithic and neolithic cultures in India, Pakistan, Nepal, Bhutan and Bangladesh. Origins of pottery, agriculture, animal husbandary and settled life in South Asia. Prehistoric art, technology and mortuary practices in Indian subcontinent. Detailed study on prehistory of Sri Lanka.

Teaching and Learning Methods: Lectures, Field study, Projects

Scheme of Evaluation: 80% for written examination and 20% for assignment

Recommended Readings:

01. Agrawal, D.P. and J.S. Kharakwal (2002) *South Asian Prehistory: A Multidisciplinary Study*, Aryan Books International, New Delhi.
02. Agrawal, O.P. (ed.) (1979) *Essays in Indian Protohistory*, B.R. Publishers, Delhi.
03. Allchin, Bridget and Ramond (1996) *The Rise of Civilization in India and Pakistan*, Cambridge university press, Cambridge.
04. Banerjee, N.R (1965) *The Iron Age in India*, Munshiram Manoharlal, New Dehlli.
05. Allchin, F.R (1995) *The Archaeology of Early Historic South Asia*, Cambridge University press, Cambridge.
06. Deraniyagala, S.V. (1988) *The Prehistory of Sri Lanka vol 1, Archaeological survey department*, Colombo.
07. Sankalia, H.D. (1974) *The pre and proto history of India and Pakistan*, Deccan college, Pune.
08. Deraniyagala, S.V (1992) *The Prehistory of Sri Lanka*, Department of Archaeology, Colombo.
09. Kennedy, K.A.R (2000) *God-apes and fossil men: Palaeoanthropolgy in South Asia*, Cornell University.
10. Yasuda, Yoshinori and vasant shinde (2004) *Monsoon and civilization*, Roli book pvt.Ltd, New Delhi