

Semester IV

Subject Code: 401602

Title: Literatures of Diaspora: Theory and Practice

Credits: 4

Objectives:

- i) To familiarise students with the history of multiple migrations over time and space
- ii) To introduce students to theories of „diaspora“ and related concepts of identity and culture.
- iii) To enable students to understand and analyse themes related to the diasporic experience

Course Outcomes:

On completing the Course, students should be able to

- i) Identify the different types and timelines of migration across the globe
- ii) Differentiate between diaspora and constructs of the nation state
- iii) Understand the concept of diaspora and diasporic identity
- iv) Apply theoretical concepts of diaspora to narratives under study.
- v) Analyse the notion of diasporic subjectivities in the narratives under study

Sr. No.	Topic and Details	No. of Lectures assigned	Weightage in %
1	<p>Selected Critical Essays William Safran : Diaspora in Modern Societies file:///D:/books%20downloaded/Diasporas_in_Modern_Societies_Myths_of_H.pdf)</p> <p>and/or</p> <p>Robin Cohen. Diasporas and the State https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/sociology/staff/cohen/research/papers/diasporas.pdf</p> <p>Avatar Brahm: Cartographies of Diaspora (Introduction)</p>	8	25

	<p>Sura Rath, Sura. 2003. Home(s) Abroad: Diasporic and/or Identities in Third Spaces. http://english.chass.ncsu.edu/jouvert/v4i3/rath1.htm. Vol. 4 Issue 3</p>		
2	<p>Selections from the poems from Sujatha Bhatt/ Agha Shahid Ali/, Saleem Peeradina /, Meena Alexander/. Imitaz Dharker Or Selections of short stories Tales from Ferozeshah Baugh by Rohinton Mistry (Canada) or Magic Barrel By Malamud</p>	8	25
3	<i>Americana</i> - Chimamanda Ngozi Adiche	7	25
4	<p>Amy Tan The Joy Luck Club (Amy Tan) or (The Kitchen God's Wife)</p>	7	25

Recommended Reading:

Bhabha, Homi K. 1994. *The Location of Culture*. New York: Routledge.

Baubock Rainer and Thomas Faist (eds.) 2010. *Diaspora and Transnationalism. Concepts, Theories and Methods*. Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press.

Butler Kim. 2001. "Redefining Diaspora. Redefining A discourse". *Diaspora : A Journal of Transnational Studies* Volume 10, Number 2, Fall, pp: 189-21.

Migration Theory. London: Routledge. 2000. pp. 97-135

Cho, Lily. 2007. "The Turn to Diaspora as a condition of subjectivity".

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Clifford, James. "Diasporas", *The Post-Colonial Studies Reader*, 2nd ed. Eds. Ashcroft, Bill, Griffiths Gareth, Tiffin Helen. London: Routledge, 2006. pp 451-454.

Cohen, Robin. 2008. *Global Diasporas: An Introduction*. Seattle: University of Washington Press.

Lavie, Smadar and Ted Swedenburg. (eds). 1996. *Displacement, Diaspora and the Geographies of Identity*, Durham: Duke University Press.

Mishra, Vijay. 1996. "The diasporic imaginary: theorizing the Indian diaspora". *Textual Practice* 10(3): 421-47.

Paranjape Makarand . . 2001. Ed. In *Diaspora: Theories, Histories, Texts*. Ed. New Delhi: Indialog Publication Pvt. Ltd, 2001. pp.79-81.

Safran, William. 2004. Deconstructing and Comparing Diasporas. In *Diaspora, Identity and Religion: New Directions in Theory and Research*, edited by Waltraud Kokot, Khachig Tololyan and Carolin Alphonso, 9-29. London and New York: Routledge.

Sahoo Ajaya. 2008 In Tracing An Indian Diaspora: Contexts, Memories,
Representations. (Ed.) Parvati Raghuram, Ajaya Kumar Sahoo, Brij Maharaj and Dave
Sangha. New Delhi: SagePublications Pvt. Ltd.