

CROSS-CULTURAL IMMERSION COURSE TO INDIA

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Pre-Departure Course:

This 10 hours course is *required* for all who are traveling to India. I give below the dates and times of the course:

Monday Oct. 24, 4.00-6.00 p.m.- Introduction to the course. Introduction to India.

Monday Oct. 31, 4.00-6.00 p.m.- The Religious Landscape of India.

Monday Nov. 7, 4.00-6.00 p.m.- Churches in India: History, Issues and Concerns.

Monday Nov. 14, 4.00-6.00 p.m.- Social, Economic and Political issues.

Monday Nov. 28. 4.00-6.00 p.m.- Introduction to the program in India.

Monday Dec.5th From 4.00 p.m.- Logistics.

Reading requirements:

-The REQUIRED reading:

The Idea of India by Sunil Khilnani (New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 1999) pbk.

- This book will be available in the bookshop in two weeks time.

In addition, I would be giving articles and handouts on different aspects of life in India when we meet for our classes.

-RECOMMENDED Reading

The Argumentative Indian- Writings on Indian History, Culture and Identity by the Nobel Prize-winning economist, Amartya Sen (New York and London: Allen Lane, 2005).

India After Gandhi- The History of the World's Largest Democracy by Ramachandra Guha (New York: Harper and Collins, 2007)

-These can be ordered from Amazon.com

-NOVELS: If you wish to read a couple of good Indian novels in preparation for the trip you should buy:

The God of Small Things by Arundhati Roy, Harper Perennial, 1998.

Life of Pi by Yann Martel, Canongate Books Ltd.

Please get into the websites on India and familiarize yourself with any specific aspect of Indian life you wish to explore more.

The details of the places we would visit and the kinds of programs we would follow in India will be given at our first class meeting.