## Spring 2024: Geog 375: Society/Spaces of South Asia

Dr. Madhuri Sharma: Tues/Thurs: 11:20am-12:35 pm, BGB 301 [in-person]

## Thematic Focus on the following concerning South Asia:

(i) Historical evolution and transition into a global economic player
(ii)Population explosion, diaspora and labor migration
(iii)Green revolution & Walmartization of South Asian economy
(iv)Political economy of urbanization/poverty: Slums & politics
(v)Inequality: Globalization, South Asian Economy
(vi)Gender Inequalities and crime against women
(vii)Geopolitics: India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka & China's dominance
(viii)Bollywood meets Hollywood and cultural fusion
(ix)Bollywood, Drug Mafia, War on Drugs and The Underworld
(x)Complexity of caste, religion, gender violence
(xi)The McDonalidization of Aloo-tikki & Pizza Huts in South Asia



Arranged Marriages in India



Informal Economy an integral part of South Asian culture

## Assignments/Weights

- Class lectures and attendance (10)
  - Discussions (20)
  - Movie/Article critique (10)
    - Map/Pop Quizzes (10)
      - Midterm Exam (20)
        - Final Exam (30)

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