

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

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[Upper level GenEd, Global Studies, Asian Studies, VolCore-Global Citizenship International]



Informal Economy: An integral part of South Asian culture:



## Thematic Focus on the following issues in South Asia:

- (i) The most populated region: 1.04 Billion and counting .....
- (ii) Historical evolution and transition into a global economic player
- (iii) Population explosion, diaspora and labor migration
- (iv) Green revolution & Walmartization of South Asian economy
- (v) Political economy of urbanization/poverty: Slums & politics
- (vi) Inequality: Globalization, South Asian Economy
- vii) Gender Inequalities and crime against women
- viii) Geopolitics: India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka & China's dominance
- (ix) Bollywood meets Hollywood and cultural fusion
- (x) Bollywood, Drug Mafia, War on Drugs and The Underworld
- (xi) Complexity of caste, religion, gender violence
- xii) The McDonalidization of Aloo-tikki & Pizza Huts in South Asia

Class lectures + Attendance (10)

Discussions (readings/movies) (20)

Movie/Article critique (10)

Map and Pop Quizzes (10)

Midterm Exam (20)

Final Exam (30)

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