

**UNIVERSITY OF KERALA**  
**Complementary Course in HISTORY**  
**for the students of BA Degree Programme in Political Science under CBCSS**  
**SYLLABUS**

Semester: **2**                                      Type of course: **Complementary**  
Course Code: **HY1231.2**                      Course Name: **HISTORY OF MODERN WORLD (1901-1920)**  
Instruction Hours/Week: **3**                      Number of credits: **2**

**Aim and Objectives**

- To familiarize the students about the hidden agenda of the imperialistic powers in Asia and Africa
- To review the factors that led to the confrontation among European powers.
- To highlight the triumph of the working class movements
- To assess the merits and demerits, of the League of Nations as the First International Organization

**Module I : Imperialism in Asia and Africa**

Colonial Expansion - French in Africa - Boer war - French in Asia - British in Africa - British in Asia

**Module II : First World War**

Background and Causes - Results

**Module III : Russian Revolution of 1917**

Background Lenin - Significance of the Revolution

**Module IV : End of the First World War and Formation of the League of Nations**

Factors that led to the termination of the First World War - Results - Fourteen Points - Formation of the League of Nations - Aims and Objectives - Organs of the League of Nations - Failure

**Essential Readings**

1. E.J. Hobsbawm, Age of Revolutions, Abacus, 1998
2. C.A. Bailey, The Birth of the Modern World, BlackWell, California, 2004
3. R.R. Palmer, A History of the Modern World, Mc Graw Hill Companies, 2004
4. Edward Mc Nall Burns, Philip Lee Ralph, Robert E. Lerner & Standish Meacham, World Civilizations, ABC Volumes GOYL SaaB Distributors, New Delhi, 1998
5. John Reed, Ten Days that Shook the World, Penguin Books, USA, 2007
6. J.M. Roberts, The Penguin History of Europe, Penguin Books, New Delhi, 1998
7. Norman Lawe, Mastering Modern World History, MacMillan, New Delhi, 2003

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