

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

Semester: 3                                      Type of course: **Complementary**  
Course Code: **HY1331.2**                      Course Name: **HISTORY OF MODERN WORLD (1921-1945)**  
Instruction Hours/Week: 3                  Number of credits: 3

**Aim and Objectives**

- To familiarise the students with the history of modern world from 1921 to 1945
- To analyse causes that led to the failure of the League of Nations
- To review the causes, course and results of the Second World War

**Module I : Rise of Dictatorship**  
Nazism in Germany - Fascism in Italy

**Module II : Second World War**  
Background - Consequences

**Module III : United Nations Organisation**  
Aims and Objectives - Organs – Achievements

**Module IV : Emergence of Capitalist and Socialist blocs**  
International Crisis

**Essential Readings**

1. Eric 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. M.A. Fisher, A History of Europe, Houghton Mifflin Company Boston, 1936
5. Edward Mc Nall Burns, Philip Lee Ralph, Robert E. Lerner & Standish Meacham, World Civilizations, (ABC Volumes) GOYL SaaB Distributors, New Delhi, 1998
6. J.M. Roberts, The Penguin History of Europe, Penguin Books, New Delhi, 1998
7. Norman La we, Mastering Modern World History, MacMillan, New Delhi, 2003
8. J.A. Naik , A Text Book of International Relations, MacMillan, New Delhi, 2003
9. Vinay Kuinar Malhotra, International Relations, Anmol Publications, New Delhi, 2008
10. Colin Mason, A Short History of Asia, Palgrave MacMillan, New Delhi, 2005

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