

## HISTORY 465

### BRITISH INDIA

Winter, 2010    Thurs. 8:30- 12:10    David Milobar    D3116 david.milobar@ufv.ca

The impact of the British on India is the subject of much scholarly debate to this day. The British Raj and the rule of the British East India Company has alternatively been romanticized and vilified in the public mind as well as that of the scholarly world. History 465 will explore the rise of a British presence in India and the emergence of a distinct Anglo-Indian society from the eighteenth-century to 1947. The course will consider the way in which this Anglo-Indian society sought to exert its influence on all aspects of life in India and the effect it had on the Indian people. Issues such as imperialism, racism, gender and class in the context of a hybrid colonial-metropolitan society will receive special consideration in the context of the British Indian world.

The course will be based on a seminar format encouraging discussion of the issues raised by the various readings. Each class will begin with a short introductory lecture to provide context for that week's discussion. The course will also include video and cultural presentations to give a visual sense of life in British India.

#### **Course Texts:**

Rudyard Kipling, **Plain Tales from the Hills.**

Zareer Masani, **Indian Tales of the Raj.**

\*Also readings and documents from UFV library/internet.

#### **Assignments:**

Participation: 20%

'Notecards': 10%

Review Essay: 10%

Final Exam: 20%

Research Paper: 40%