

# **HY50CT02 – SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF MODERN REVOLUTIONS**

The course intends to explain the multifarious dimensions of revolutions in the making of the modern world. The attempt is not to comprehend revolutions simply as linear explanations in terms of cause and effect but to view them as processes affecting the world in a comprehensive manner. This will partake the multiple strands and dimensions and their mutual relationships associated with revolutions.

## **Module I Understanding Revolutions**

Meaning, definitions and relevance - Renaissance and Reformation as a prelude to scientific revolution - Intellectual revolution - Mercantilism Commercial Revolution.

## **Module II Industrial Revolution and Process of Capitalist Development; Communication Revolution**

Industrial and agricultural revolutions - Process of capitalist development in industry and agriculture - Evolution and differentiation of social classes – Effects of the industrial revolution. - Computer and Communication Revolution Impact of Technology - Revolution in Mass Media – printing, visual and electronic revolutions -

## **Module III French Revolution and its European Repercussions**

Crisis of ancient regime – Political developments - Intellectual currents – Social Classes and emerging gender relations – Legacy of the revolution.

## **Module IV Russian Revolution and Experiments in Socialism**

Bolshevik Revolution of 1917 – Civil War and War Communism 1918-1921 - Programme of Socialist construction – The New Economic Policy

## **Essential Readings**

J.R. Hale, *Renaissance Europe*, Blackwell, 2006.

Arjun Dev and Indira Dev, *History of the World*, Orient Blackswan , 2009

Stavrianos, *World Since 1500*, Prentice Hall, 1990.

UNESCO Publication, *History of Mankind*

R. R. Palmer, *History of the Modern World*, Knopf, 2002.

E. J. Hobsbawm, *Age of Revolutions*, Vintage, 1962.

E. J. Hobsbawm, *Age of Capital*, Weidenfeld & Nicolson, 1975.

E. J. Hobsbawm, *Age of Empires*, Weidenfeld & Nicolson, 1987.

E. J. Hobsbawm, *Age of Extremes*, Vintage, 1994.

E. J. Hobsbawm, *Nation and Nationalism*, Cambridge, 1991.

James Joll, *Europe Since 1870*, Penguin, 1970.

C. M. Cipolla, *Fontana Economic History of Modern Europe*, Barnes and Noble, 1979.

Crane Brinton, *Anatomy of Revolution*, Vintage, 1965.

Leo Huberman, *Mans Worldly Goods*, Read Books, 2006.

Immanuel Wallerstein, *Historical Capitalism with Capitalist Civilization*, Verso, 2011.