

Re: Syllabus for First half of SA 142

From: Alexandra Ciolac (magnetic_movements@berkeley.edu)

To: cptompkins@yahoo.com

Date: Monday, March 28, 2022 at 07:59 PM PDT

Hi Chris,

mine's 7147327142

On Mon, Mar 28, 2022 at 7:14 PM chris tompkins <cptompkins@yahoo.com> wrote:

Hey Ya'll,

My ZOOM window closed before I could copy your phone #'s. Apologies--please send again.

Thanks for the Syllabus.



On Monday, March 28, 2022, 07:00:55 PM PDT, Alexandra Ciolac <magnetic_movements@berkeley.edu> wrote:

On Mon, Mar 28, 2022 at 6:36 PM chris tompkins <cptompkins@yahoo.com> wrote:

OK just saw this I'll jump on in a minute.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

On Monday, March 28, 2022, 6:34 PM, Alexandra Ciolac
<magnetic_movements@berkeley.edu> wrote:

Hi Chris and Shreya,

Just sent you both a zoom link.

Bob-ji, if you are interested in joining, here is the link :

<https://berkeley.zoom.us/j/91619389487?pwd=eVpZMXpJaUpVU2dVWUJKNmhkOFJGQT09>

The passcode is 813848

Best,
Alex

On Mon, Mar 28, 2022 at 5:24 PM Shreya Kareti <skareti@berkeley.edu> wrote:

6:30 tonight works for me

Shreya

On Mon, Mar 28, 2022 at 8:23 PM Alexandra Ciolac <magnetic_movements@berkeley.edu> wrote:

Brief zoom at 6:30 sounds good to me, but I can also zoom tomorrow before 2:00 pm or after 5:00 pm if that's better for either of you .

On Mon, Mar 28, 2022, 17:18 chris tompkins <cptompkins@yahoo.com> wrote:

OK Shreya & Alex, can you do a brief zoom at 6:30? Otherwise, since it looks like I won't be presenting yet at lecture on Wednesday, there's less of a rush (from my side) to check in, if tomorrow is easier for either/both of you to meet.

So can we have one final vote -do you prefer tonight at 6:30? Or tomorrow, and if so, what are your best time blocks?

Thanks, Chris

On Monday, March 28, 2022, 05:12:35 PM PDT, Alexandra Ciolac <magnetic_movements@berkeley.edu> wrote:

Hello all ,

I can zoom any time before 7:00 pm tonight . I apologize for the late response !

Best ,
Alex

On Mon, Mar 28, 2022, 13:49 chris tompkins <cptompkins@yahoo.com> wrote:

Dear All,

Chief - OK your report makes sense. I will be there Wednesday in any event; I can also come anytime tomorrow if Joanne wants me to start onboarding paperwork. I look forward to receiving the slide sets at your convenience.

Shreya, thanks for your response and update. Let's finalize our Zoom time after we hear from Alex. I can do it anytime after 3pm or so.

Thanks Everyone. C

On Monday, March 28, 2022, 01:40:13 PM PDT, Robert Goldman <rpg@berkeley.edu> wrote:

Dear Chris,

I am very grateful for your willingness to jump in to carry on Luis' work on Wednesday. That said, I have learned from bitter experience that getting someone to start working before being onboarded is a big red line for the administrative drones at UC and we simply cannot do it here. Joanne assured me this AM that she thought that she could push an emergency hire through by Wednesday. In any case I suggest that we follow your script in that you be in contact with Alex and Shreya informally and that you do come to the class Wednesday. If the hire has not happened by then I will come to class, introduce you to the students and take the intro. lecture on the Rām.

I also can send you the slide sets from the Mewar Ramayana on a kāṇḍa by kāṇḍa basis to illustrate and guide so presentations. So my advice is to talk with A and S to get up to speed for the content and tech aspects of the class and be ready to dive in as soon as we get the word from the politburo.

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On Mar 28, 2022, at 1:31 PM, chris tompkins <cptompkins@yahoo.com> wrote:

Dear Bob, Shreya, and Alex,

I hope that class today went as well as it could under the circumstances. I am deeply sad to lose my friend and colleague whom I've known and worked with for many years. With your help, I will make all necessary preparations to jump in Wednesday. I am sure that by working together we will present the remainder of this great course with integrity and with respect to Luis.

Bob-ji, I assume we should start planning to move forward on Wednesday even though I am not officially cleared until you report otherwise.

To that end, Alex and Shreya, perhaps we can plan a ZOOM between the three of us? Can you spare 20-30 minutes this evening? If so, please let me know your best times, and I will send a ZOOM invite. It seems that the immediate tasks to deal with include updating me on the status of their term paper preparations and a general check-in.

FYI- I *do* have copies of the Course Reader in front of me (CR II & III, from the Spring of 2020), complete with the syllabus that I assume we will follow. But I'll need your help adjusting the dates for assignments, etc. from Spring 2020 to now.

Bob-ji, action points coming to mind that I could use your assistance with include prepping video clips from the Rāmāyaṇa series, and other hints, tips, and reminders that come to mind that you might wish to pass on for teaching this segment.

Otherwise, I am ready to roll.

CT


On Monday, March 28, 2022, 10:29:12 AM PDT, Shreya Kareti <skareti@berkeley.edu> wrote:

Thank you, Bob and Alex. Chris, please let me know how I can be of assistance as well.

Best,

Shreya

On Mon, Mar 28, 2022 at 1:21 PM Alexandra Ciolac
<magnetic_movements@berkeley.edu> wrote:

Good morning Chris,

I too hope your hiring process goes quickly and smoothly ! Shreya has been the tech person on point for online submissions of assignments through bcourses , but I will help however I can. I'm happy to meet on Wednesday before class to run through the bcourses site if you'd like , and to figure out how to record all the lectures and post them online for those students who will not attend in person .

Looking forward to seeing you soon , although I wish it were not under these circumstances.

Best,
Alex

On Mon, Mar 28, 2022, 08:38 Robert P. GOLDMAN <rpg@berkeley.edu> wrote:

Thanks so much Alex. I'm sure your help will be vital to Chris in taking on this lugubrious burden. You and Shreya will, as always be the stambhan that the edifice of the course will stand upon. You three should be in touch. I am hoping that we can get an emergency hire for Chris asap.

Yes. Meet me at 10:50 and let's follow your sage advice on the release of the mt grades. I'll make a brief announcement of the tragedy.our plans for finishing the course and see if there are any questions I can answer. I have left a voicemail message with Linda (Luis' wife... I can hardly bear to say "widow") as we need some details of the death to move forward.

See you soon.

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On Mar 27, 2022, at 8:08 PM, Alexandra Ciolac
<magnetic_movements@berkeley.edu> wrote:

Dear Bob-ji,

Attached is the syllabus for the first half of the course. For the second half, Luis had not posted a syllabus, but your book is their assigned reading. I am not sure if Chris has a copy of it, I am happy to lend him mine in the meantime.

It is great to see that Chris will be available to teach this semester, we graded together for Luis my first semester and we had a lot of fun. This still doesn't quite feel real.

Shreya and I thought it would be a good idea to release the midterm grades tomorrow after you let the class know of what has happened, if you think that is alright. We didn't want to release them today in order to avoid students sending emails to Luis's email address with grade inquiries.

I can meet you at your office tomorrow morning at 10:50, or earlier if you would prefer. The classroom is 390 in the Hearst Mining building.

Best,

Alex

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