

CHOICE BASED CREDIT SYSTEM

SYLLABI AND READING LIST

SEMESTER – I BA (HONOURS) POLITICAL SCIENCE A) CORE COURSE

CC – I (Paper I) - Understanding Political Theory

Time – 3hrs F.M.: 100 [80 (End sem) +20 (Int)] Credit- 6

Course Objective: This course is divided into two sections. Section A introduces the students to the idea of political theory, its history and approaches, and an assessment of its critical and contemporary trends. Section B is designed to reconcile political theory and practice through reflections on the ideas and practices related to democracy.

UNIT-I : Introducing Political Theory (30 Lectures)

1. What is Politics: Theorizing the 'Political'
 2. Traditions of Political Theory: Liberal, Marxist, Anarchist and Conservative
- UNIT-II
3. Approaches to Political Theory: Normative, Historical and Empirical
 4. Critical and Contemporary Perspectives in Political Theory: Feminist and Postmodern

UNIT-III: Political Theory and Practice (30 Lectures)

The Grammar of Democracy

1. Democracy: The history of an idea
 2. Procedural Democracy and its critique
- UNIT-IV--
3. Deliberative Democracy
 4. Participation and Representation

Essential Readings

I: Introducing Political Theory

Bhargava, R. (2008) 'What is Political Theory', in Bhargava, R and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction*. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 2-16.

Bellamy, R. (1993) 'Introduction: The Demise and Rise of Political Theory', in Bellamy, R. (ed.) *Theories and Concepts of Politics*. New York: Manchester University Press, pp. 1-14.

Glaser, D. (1995) 'Normative Theory', in Marsh, D. and Stoker, G. (eds.) *Theory and Methods in Political Science*. London: Macmillan, pp. 21-40.

Sanders, D. (1995) 'Behavioral Analysis', in Marsh, D. and Stoker, G. (eds.) *Theory and Methods in Political Science*. London: Macmillan, pp. 58-75.

Chapman, J. (1995) 'The Feminist Perspective', in Marsh, D. and Stoker, G. (eds.) *Theory and Methods in Political Science*. London: Macmillan, pp. 94-114.

Bhargava, R, 'Why Do We Need Political Theory', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction*. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 17-36.

Bannett, J. (2004) 'Postmodern Approach to Political Theory', in Kukathas, Ch. and Gaus, G. F. (eds.) *Handbook of Political Theory*. New Delhi: Sage, pp. 46-54.

Vincent, A. (2004) *The Nature of Political Theory*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2004, pp. 19-80.

II: The Grammar of Democracy

Srinivasan, J. (2008) 'Democracy', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction*. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 106-128.

Owen, D. (2003) 'Democracy', in Bellamy, R. and Mason, A. (eds.) *Political Concepts*. Manchester and New York: Manchester University Press, pp. 105-117.

Christiano, Th. (2008) 'Democracy', in Mckinnon, C. (ed.) *Issues in Political Theory*, New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 80-96.

Arblaster, A. (1994) *Democracy*. (2nd Edition). Buckingham: Open University Press.

Roy, A. 'Citizenship', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction*. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 130-146.

Brighouse, H. (2008) 'Citizenship', in Mckinnon, C. (ed.) *Issues in Political Theory*, New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 241-258.

SEMESTER – I B.A. (HONOURS) POLITICAL SCIENCE
A) CORE COURSE

CC – II (Paper II) - Constitutional Government and Democracy in India

Time – 3hrs F.M.: 100 [80 (End sem) +20 (Int)] Credit- 6

Course objective: This course acquaints students with the constitutional design of state structures and institutions, and their actual working over time. The Indian Constitution accommodates conflicting impulses (of liberty and justice, territorial decentralization and a strong union, for instance) within itself. The course traces the embodiment of some of these conflicts in constitutional provisions, and shows how these have played out in political practice. It further encourages a study of state institutions in their mutual interaction, and in interaction with the larger extra-constitutional environment.

UNIT-I I. The Constituent Assembly and the Constitution (16 lectures)

- a. Philosophy of the Constitution, the Preamble, and Features of the Constitution (2 weeks or 8 lectures)
- b. Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles (2 weeks or 8 lectures)

UNIT II. Organs of Government (20 lectures)

- a. The Legislature: Parliament (1.5 weeks or 6 lectures)
- b. The Executive: President and Prime Minister (2 weeks or 8 lectures)
- c. The Judiciary: Supreme Court (1.5 weeks or 6 lectures)

UNIT III. Federalism and Decentralization (12 lectures)

- a. Federalism: Division of Powers, Emergency Provisions, Fifth and Sixth Schedules (2 weeks or 8 lectures)

UNIT-IV

- b. Panchayati Raj and Municipalities (1 week or 4 lectures)
- c. Structure and functions.

READING LIST

I. The Constituent Assembly and the Constitution

a. Philosophy of the Constitution, the Preamble, and Features of the Constitution

Essential Readings:

G. Austin, (2010) 'The Constituent Assembly: Microcosm in Action', in *The Indian Constitution: Cornerstone of a Nation*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 15th print, pp.1-25.

R. Bhargava, (2008) 'Introduction: Outline of a Political Theory of the Indian Constitution', in R. Bhargava (ed.) *Politics and Ethics of the Indian Constitution*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp. 1-40.

Additional Reading:

D. Basu, (2012) *Introduction to the Constitution of India*, New Delhi: Lexis Nexis.

S. Chaube, (2009) *The Making and Working of the Indian Constitution*, Delhi: National Book Trust.

b. Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles

Essential Readings:

G. Austin, (2000) 'The Social Revolution and the First Amendment', in *Working a Democratic Constitution*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp. 69-98.

A. Sibal, (2010) 'From Niti to Nyaya,' *Seminar*, Issue 615, pp 28-34.

Additional Reading:

The Constitution of India: Bare Act with Short Notes, (2011) New Delhi: Universal, pp. 4-16.

II. Organs of Government

a. The Legislature: Parliament

Essential Readings:

B. Shankar and V. Rodrigues, (2011) 'The Changing Conception of Representation: Issues, Concerns and Institutions', in *The Indian Parliament: A Democracy at Work*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp. 105-173.

V. Hewitt and S. Rai, (2010) 'Parliament', in P. Mehta and N. Jayal (eds.) *The Oxford Companion to Politics in India*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp. 28-42.

b. The Executive: President and Prime Minister

Essential Readings:

J. Manor, (2005) 'The Presidency', in D. Kapur and P. Mehta P. (eds.) *Public Institutions in India*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp.105-127.

J. Manor, (1994) 'The Prime Minister and the President', in B. Dua and J. Manor (eds.) *Nehruto the Nineties: The Changing Office of the Prime Minister in India*, Vancouver: University of British Columbia Press, pp. 20-47.

H. Khare, (2003) 'Prime Minister and the Parliament: Redefining Accountability in the Age of Coalition Government', in A. Mehra and G. Kueck (eds.) *The Indian Parliament: A Comparative Perspective*, New Delhi: Konark, pp. 350-368.

c. The Judiciary: Supreme Court

Essential Readings:

U. Baxi, (2010) 'The Judiciary as a Resource for Indian Democracy', *Seminar*, Issue 615, pp. 61-67.

R. Ramachandran, (2006) 'The Supreme Court and the Basic Structure Doctrine' in B. Kirpal et.al (eds.) *Supreme but not Infallible: Essays in Honour of the Supreme Court of India*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp. 107-133.

Additional Reading:

L. Rudolph and S. Rudolph, (2008) 'Judicial Review Versus Parliamentary Sovereignty', in *Explaining Indian Institutions: A Fifty Year Perspective, 1956-2006: Volume 2: The Realm of Institutions: State Formation and Institutional Change*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp. 183-210.

III. Federalism and Decentralization

a. Federalism: Division of Powers, Emergency Provisions, Fifth and Sixth Schedules

Essential Readings:

M. Singh, and R. Saxena (eds.), (2011) 'Towards Greater Federalization,' in *Indian Politics: Constitutional Foundations and Institutional Functioning*, Delhi: PHI Learning Private Ltd., pp.166-195.

V. Marwah, (1995) 'Use and Abuse of Emergency Powers: The Indian Experience', in B. Arora and D. Verney (eds.) *Multiple Identities in a Single State: Indian Federalism in a Comparative Perspective*, Delhi: Konark, pp. 136-159.

B. Sharma, (2010) 'The 1990s: Great Expectations'; 'The 2000s: Disillusionment Unfathomable', in *Unbroken History of Broken Promises: Indian State and Tribal People*, Delhi: Freedom Press and Sahyog Pustak Kuteer, pp. 64-91.

The Constitution of India: Bare Act with Short Notes, (2011) New Delhi: Universal, pp 192-213.

Additional Readings:

R. Dhavan and R. Saxena, (2006) 'The Republic of India', in K. Roy, C. Saunders and J. Kincaid (eds.) *A Global Dialogue on Federalism*, Volume 3, Montreal: Queen's University Press, pp. 166-197.

R. Manchanda, (2009) *The No Nonsense Guide to Minority Rights in South Asia*, Delhi: Sage Publications, pp. 105-109.

UNIT-IV-

b. Panchayati Raj and Municipalities

Essential Readings:

P. deSouza, (2002) 'Decentralization and Local Government: The Second Wind of Democracy in India', in Z. Hasan, E. Sridharan and R. Sudarshan (eds.) *India's Living Constitution: Ideas, Practices and Controversies*, New Delhi: Permanent Black, pp. 370-404.

M. John, (2007) 'Women in Power? Gender, Caste and Politics of Local Urban Governance', in *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 42(39), pp. 3986-3993.

Raghunandan, J. R (2012) *Decentralization and local governments: The Indian Experience*, Orient Black Swan, New Delhi

Baviskar, B.S and George Mathew (eds) 2009 *Inclusion and Exclusion in local governance: Field Studies from rural India*, New Delhi, Sage

**SEMESTER – II BA (HONOURS) POLITICAL SCIENCE
A) CORE COURSE**

CC – III (Paper III) -- Political Theory-Concepts and Debates

Time – 3hrs F.M.: 100 [80 (End sem) +20 (Int)] Credit- 6

2.1 Paper III

Course Objective: This course is divided into two sections. Section A helps the student familiarize with the basic normative concepts of political theory. Each concept is related to a crucial political issue that requires analysis with the aid of our conceptual understanding. This exercise is designed to encourage critical and reflective analysis and interpretation of social practices through the relevant conceptual toolkit. Section B introduces the students to the important debates in the subject. These debates prompt us to consider that there is no settled way of understanding concepts and that in the light of new insights and challenges, besides newer ways of perceiving and interpreting the world around us, we inaugurate new modes of political debates.

Section A: Core Concepts

UNIT-I. Importance of Freedom (10 Lectures)

- a) Negative Freedom: Liberty
- b) Positive Freedom: Freedom as Emancipation and Development

Important Issue: Freedom of belief, expression and dissent

UNIT-II. Significance of Equality (12 lectures)

- a) Formal Equality: Equality of opportunity
- b) Political equality
- c) Egalitarianism: Background inequalities and differential treatment

Important Issue: Affirmative action

UNIT-III. Indispensability of Justice (12 Lectures)

- a) Procedural Justice
- b) Distributive Justice
- c) Global Justice

Important Issue: Capital punishment

UNIT-IV. The Universality of Rights (13 Lectures)

- a) Natural Rights
- b) Moral and Legal Rights
- c) Three Generations of Rights
- d) Rights and Obligations

Important Issue: Rights of the girl child

Section B: Major Debates (13 Lectures)

- I. Why should we obey the state? Issues of political obligation and civil disobedience.
- II. Are human rights universal? Issue of cultural relativism.
- III. How do we accommodate diversity in plural society? Issues of multiculturalism and toleration.

Essential Readings

Section A: Core Concepts

I. Importance of Freedom

Riley, Jonathan. (2008) 'Liberty' in Mckinnon, Catriona (ed.) *Issues in Political Theory*, New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 103-119.

Knowles, Dudley. (2001) *Political Philosophy*. London: Routledge, pp. 69- 132.

Swift, Adam. (2001) *Political Philosophy: A Beginners Guide for Student's and Politicians*. Cambridge: Polity Press, pp. 51-88.

Carter, Ian. (2003) 'Liberty', in Bellamy, Richard and Mason, Andrew (eds.). *Political Concepts*. Manchester: Manchester University Press, pp. 4-15.

Sethi, Aarti. (2008) 'Freedom of Speech and the Question of Censorship', in Bhargava, Rajeev and Acharya, Ashok. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction*. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 308-319.

II. Significance of Equality

Swift, Adam. (2001) *Political Philosophy: A Beginners Guide for Student's and Politicians*. Cambridge: Polity Press, pp. 91-132.

Casal, Paula & William, Andrew.(2008) 'Equality', in McKinnon, Catriona. (ed.) *Issues in Political Theory*. New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 149- 165.

Acharya, Ashok. (2008) 'Affirmative Action', in Bhargava, Rajeev and Acharya, Ashok. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction*. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 298-307.

III. Indispensability of Justice

Menon, Krishna. (2008) 'Justice', in Bhargava, Rajeev and Acharya, Ashok. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction*. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 74-86.

Wolf, Jonathan. (2008) 'Social Justice', in McKinnon, Catriona. (ed.) *Issues in Political Theory*. New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 172-187.

Swift, Adam. (2001) *Political Philosophy: A Beginners Guide for Student's and Politicians*. Cambridge: Polity Press, pp. 9-48.

Knowles, Dudley. (2001) *Political Philosophy*. London: Routledge, pp. 177-238.

McKinnon, Catriona. (ed.) (2008) *Issues in Political Theory*. New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 289-305.

Bedau, Hugo Adam. (2003) 'Capital Punishment', in LaFollette, Hugh (ed.). *The Oxford Handbook of Practical Ethics*. New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 705-733.

IV. The Universality of Rights

Seglow, Jonathan. (2003) 'Multiculturalism' in Bellamy, Richard and Mason, Andrew (eds.). *Political Concepts*. Manchester: Manchester University Press, pp. 156-168.

Tulkdar, P.S. (2008) 'Rights' in Bhargava, Rajeev and Acharya, Ashok. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction*. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 88-104.

McKinnon, Catriona. (2003) 'Rights', in Bellamy, Richard and Mason, Andrew. (eds.) *Political Concepts*. Manchester: Manchester University Press, pp. 16-27.

Menlowe, M.A. (1993) 'Political Obligations', in Bellamy Richard. (ed.) *Theories and Concepts of Politics*. New York: Manchester University Press, pp. 174-194.

Amoah, Jewel. (2007) 'The World on Her Shoulders: The Rights of the Girl-Child in the Context of Culture & Identity', in *Essex Human Rights Review*, 4(2), pp. 1-23.

Working Group on the Girl Child (2007), *A Girl's Right to Live: Female Foeticide and Girl Infanticide*, available on [http://www.crin.org/docs/Girl's infanticide CSW 2007.txt](http://www.crin.org/docs/Girl's%20infanticide%20CSW%202007.txt)

Section B: Major Debates

Hyums, Keith. (2008) 'Political Authority and Obligation', in McKinnon, Catriona. (ed.) *Issues in Political Theory*, New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 9-26

Martin, Rex. (2003) 'Political Obligation', in Bellamy, Richard and Mason, Andrew. (eds.) *Political Concepts*, Manchester: Manchester University Press, pp. 41-51.

Campbell, Tom. (2008) 'Human Rights' in Mckinnon, Catriona. (ed.) *Issues in Political Theory*. New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 194-210.

Mookherjee, Monica, 'Multiculturalism', in Mckinnon, Catriona. (ed.) *Issues in Political Theory*. New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 218- 234.

Seglow, Jonathan, 'Multiculturalism', in Bellamy, Richard and Mason, Andrew. (eds.) *Political Concepts*, Manchester: Manchester University Press, pp. 156-168.

SEMESTER – II BA (HONOURS) POLITICAL SCIENCE

A) CORE COURSE

CC – IV (Paper IV) - Paper IV- Political Process in India

Time – 3hrs F.M.: 100 [80 (End sem) +20 (Int)] Credit- 6

Course objective: Actual politics in India diverges quite significantly from constitutional legal rules. An understanding of the political process thus calls for a different mode of analysis - that offered by political sociology. This course maps the working of 'modern' institutions, premised on the existence of an individuated society, in a context marked by communitarian solidarities, and their mutual transformation thereby. It also familiarizes students with the working of the Indian state, paying attention to the contradictory dynamics of modern state power.

UNIT-I. Political Parties and the Party System (1.5 weeks or 6 lectures)

Trends in the Party System; From the Congress System to Multi-Party Coalitions

. Determinants of Voting Behaviour (2 weeks or 8 lectures)

Caste, Class, Gender and Religion

UNIT-II. Regional Aspirations (2 weeks or 8 lectures)

The Politics of Secession and Accommodation

. Religion and Politics (2 weeks or 8 lectures)

Debates on Secularism; Minority and Majority Communalism

UNIT-III. Caste and Politics (1.5 weeks or 6 lectures)

Caste in Politics and the Politicization of Caste

. Affirmative Action Policies (1.5 weeks or 6 lectures)

Women, Caste and Class

UNIT-IV. The Changing Nature of the Indian State (1.5 weeks or 6 lectures)

Developmental, Welfare and Coercive Dimensions

READING LIST

I. Political Parties and the Party System: Trends in the Party System; From the Congress System to Multi-Party Coalitions

Essential Readings:

R. Kothari, (2002) 'The Congress System', in Z. Hasan (ed.) *Parties and Party Politics in India*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp 39-55.

E. Sridharan, (2012) 'Introduction: Theorizing Democratic Consolidation, Parties and Coalitions', in *Coalition Politics and Democratic Consolidation in Asia*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press.

Additional Reading:

Y. Yadav and S. Palshikar, (2006) 'Party System and Electoral Politics in the Indian States, 1952-2002: From Hegemony to Convergence', in P. deSouza and E. Sridharan (eds.) *India's Political Parties*, New Delhi: Sage Publications, pp. 73-115.

II. Determinants of Voting Behaviour: Caste, Class, Gender and Religion

Essential Readings:

Y. Yadav, (2000) 'Understanding the Second Democratic Upsurge', in F. Frankel, Z. Hasan, and R. Bhargava (eds.) *Transforming India: Social and Political Dynamics in Democracy*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp. 120-145.

C. Jaffrelot, (2008) 'Why Should We Vote? The Indian Middle Class and the Functioning of World's Largest Democracy', in *Religion, Caste and Politics in India*, Delhi: Primus, pp. 604-619.

R. Deshpande, (2004) 'How Gendered was Women's Participation in Elections 2004?', *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 39, No. 51, pp. 5431-5436.

S. Kumar, (2009) 'Religious Practices Among Indian Hindus,' *Japanese Journal of Political Science*, Vol. 10, No. 3, pp. 313-332.

III. Regional Aspirations: The Politics of Secession and Accommodation

Essential Readings:

M. Chadda, (2010) 'Integration through Internal Reorganisation', in S. Baruah (ed.) *Ethnonationalism in India: A Reader*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp. 379-402.

P. Brass, (1999) 'Crisis of National Unity: Punjab, the Northeast and Kashmir', in *The Politics of India Since Independence*, New Delhi: Cambridge University Press and Foundation Books, pp. 192-227.

IV. Religion and Politics: Debates on Secularism: Minority and Majority Communalism

Essential Readings:

T. Pantham, (2004) 'Understanding Indian Secularism: Learning from its Recent Critics', in R. Vora and S. Palshikar (eds.) *Indian Democracy: Meanings and Practices*, New Delhi: Sage, pp. 235-256.

N. Menon and A. Nigam, (2007) 'Politics of Hindutva and the Minorities', in *Power and Contestation: India since 1989*, London: Fernwood Publishing, Halifax and Zed Books, pp. 36-60.

Additional Reading:

N. Chandhoke, (2010) 'Secularism', in P. Mehta and N. Jayal (eds.) *The Oxford Companion to Politics in India*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp. 333-346.

V. Caste and Politics: Caste in Politics and the Politicization of Caste

Essential Readings:

R. Kothari, (1970) 'Introduction', in *Caste in Indian Politics*, Delhi: Orient Longman, pp.3-25.

M. Weiner, (2001) 'The Struggle for Equality: Caste in Indian Politics', in Atul Kohli (ed.) *The Success of India's Democracy*, New Delhi: Cambridge University Press, pp. 193-225.

G. Omvedt, (2002) 'Ambedkar and After: The Dalit Movement in India', in G. Shah (ed.) *Social Movements and the State*, New Delhi: Sage Publications, pp. 293-309.

VI. Affirmative Action Policies: Women, Caste and Class

Essential Readings:

M. Galanter, (2002) 'The Long Half-Life of Reservations', in Z. Hasan, E. Sridharan and R. Sudarshan (eds.) *India's Living Constitution: Ideas, Practices, Controversies*, New Delhi: Permanent Black, pp. 306-318.

C. Jaffrelot, (2005) 'The Politics of the OBCs', in *Seminar*, Issue 549, pp. 41-45.

M. John, (2011) 'The Politics of Quotas and the Women's Reservation Bill in India', in M. Tsujimura and J. Steele (eds.) *Gender Equality in Asia*, Japan: Tohoku University Press, pp. 169-195.

VII. Changing Nature of the Indian State: Developmental, Welfare and Coercive Dimensions

Essential Readings:

S. Palshikar, (2008) 'The Indian State: Constitution and Beyond', in R. Bhargava (ed.) *Politics and Ethics of the Indian Constitution*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp. 143-163.

R. Deshpande, (2005) 'State and Democracy in India: Strategies of Accommodation and Manipulation', Occasional Paper, Series III, No. 4, Special Assistance Programme, Department of Politics and Public Administration, University of Pune.

M. Mohanty, (1989) 'Duality of the State Process in India: A Hypothesis', *Bhartiya Samajik Chintan*, Vol. XII (1-2)

Additional Readings:

T. Byres, (1994) 'Introduction: Development Planning and the Interventionist State Versus Liberalization and the Neo-Liberal State: India, 1989-1996', in T. Byres (ed.) *The State, Development Planning and Liberalization in India*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1994, pp.1-35.

A. Verma, (2007) 'Police Agencies and Coercive Power', in S. Ganguly, L. Diamond and M. Plattner (eds.) *The State of India's Democracy*, Baltimore: John Hopkins University Press, pp. 130-139.

SEMESTER – I / III B.A. Political Science

B) Generic Elective (Interdisciplinary):

GE – I: Feminism: Theory and Practice

Time – 3hrs F.M.: 100 [80 (End sem) +20 (Int)] Credit- 6

Course Objective: The aim of the course is to explain contemporary debates on feminism and the history of feminist struggles. The course begins with a discussion on construction of gender and an understanding of complexity of patriarchy and goes on to analyze theoretical debates within feminism. Part II of the paper covers history of feminism in the west, socialist societies and in anti-colonial struggles. Part III focuses a gendered analysis of Indian society, economy and polity with a view to understanding the structures of gender inequalities. And the last section aims to understand the issues with which contemporary Indian women's movements are engaged with.

UNIT-I 1.Approaches to understanding Patriarchy (22 Lectures)

- Feminist theorising of the sex/gender distinction. Biologism versus social constructivism
- Understanding Patriarchy and Feminism
- Liberal, Socialist, Marxist, Radical feminism, New Feminist Schools/Traditions

UNIT-II. History of Feminism (22 Lectures)

- Origins of Feminism in the West: France, Britain and United States of America
- Feminism in the Socialist Countries: China, Cuba and erstwhile USSR
- Feminist issues and women's participation in anti-colonial and national liberation movements with special focus on India

UNIT-III. The Indian Experience (16 Lectures)

- Traditional Historiography and Feminist critiques. Social Reforms Movement and position of women in India. History of Women's struggle in India
- Family in contemporary India - patrilineal and matrilineal practices. Gender Relations in the Family, Patterns of Consumption: Intra Household Divisions, entitlements and bargaining, Property Rights

UNIT-IV-

- Understanding Woman's Work and Labour – Sexual Division of Labour, Productive and Reproductive labour, Visible - invisible work – Unpaid (reproductive and care), Underpaid and Paid work,- Methods of computing women's work , Female headed households . GLOBALISATION AND ITS EFFECT.

Essential Readings

I. Approaches to understanding Patriarchy

Geetha, V. (2002) *Gender*. Calcutta: Stree.

Geetha, V. (2007) *Patriarchy*. Calcutta: Stree.

Jagger, Alison. (1983) *Feminist Politics and Human Nature*. U.K.: Harvester Press, pp. 25-350.

Supplementary Readings:

Ray, Suranjita. *Understanding Patriarchy*. Available at:

http://www.du.ac.in/fileadmin/DU/Academics/course_material/hrge_06.pdf

Lerner, Gerda. (1986) *The Creation of Patriarchy*. New York: Oxford University Press.

II. History of Feminism

Rowbotham, Sheila. (1993) *Women in Movements*. New York and London: Routledge, Section I, pp. 27-74 and 178-218.

Jayawardene, Kumari. (1986) *Feminism and Nationalism in the Third World*. London: Zed Books, pp. 1-24, 71-108, and Conclusion.

Forbes, Geraldine (1998) *Women in Modern India*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 1-150.

Supplementary Readings:

Eisentein, Zillah. (1979) *Capitalist Patriarchy and the Case for Socialist Feminism*. New York: Monthly Review Press, pp. 271-353.

Funk, Nanette & Mueller, Magda. (1993) *Gender, Politics and Post-Communism*. New York and London: Routledge, Introduction and Chapter 28.

Chaudhuri, Maiyatri. (2003) 'Gender in the Making of the Indian Nation State', in Rege, Sharmila. (ed.) *The Sociology of Gender: The Challenge of Feminist Sociological Knowledge*. New Delhi: Sage.

Banarjee, Sikata. (2007) 'Gender and Nationalism: The Masculinisation of Hinduism and Female Political Participation', in Ghadially, Rehana. (ed.) *Urban Women in Contemporary India: A Reader*. New Delhi: Sage.

III. Feminist Perspectives on Indian Politics

Roy, Kumkum. (1995) 'Where Women are Worshipped, There Gods Rejoice: The Mirage of the Ancestress of the Hindu Women', in Sarkar, Tanika & Butalia, Urvashi. (eds.) *Women and the Hindu Right*. Delhi: Kali for Women, pp. 10-28.

Chakravarti, Uma. (1988) 'Beyond the Altekarian Paradigm: Towards a New Understanding of Gender Relations in Early Indian History', *Social Scientist*, Volume 16, No. 8.

Banerjee, Nirmala. (1999) 'Analysing Women's work under Patriarchy' in Sangari, Kumkum & Chakravarty, Uma. (eds.) *From Myths to Markets: Essays on Gender*. Delhi: Manohar.

Additional Readings

Gandhi, Nandita & Shah, Nandita. (1991) *The Issues at Stake – Theory and Practice in Contemporary Women's Movement in India*. Delhi: Zubaan, pp. 7-72.

Shinde, Tarabai (1993) 'Stri-Purush Tulna', in Tharu, Susie & Lalita, K. (eds.) *Women Writing in India, 600 BC to the Present. Vol. I*. New York: Feminist Press.

Desai, Neera & Thakkar, Usha. (2001) *Women in Indian Society*. New Delhi: National Book Trust.

SEMESTER – II / IV B.A. Political Science

B) Generic Elective (Interdisciplinary):

GE – II : . Gandhi and the Contemporary World

Time – 3hrs F.M.: 100 [80 (End sem) +20 (Int)] Credit- 6

Course objective: Locating Gandhi in a global frame, the course seeks to elaborate Gandhian thought and examine its practical implications. It will introduce students to key instances of Gandhi's continuing influence right up to the contemporary period and enable them to critically evaluate his legacy.

I. Gandhi on Modern Civilization and Ethics of Development (2 weeks)

- a. Conception of Modern Civilisation and Alternative Modernity
- b. Critique of Development: Narmada Bachao Andolan

II. Gandhian Thought: Theory and Action (4 weeks)

- a. Theory of Satyagraha
- b. Satyagraha in Action
 - i. Peasant Satyagraha: Kheda and the Idea of Trusteeship
 - ii. Temple Entry and Critique of Caste
 - iii. Social Harmony: 1947 and Communal Unity

III. Gandhi's Legacy (4 weeks)

- a) Tolerance: Anti - Racism Movements (Anti - Apartheid and Martin Luther King)
- b) The Pacifist Movement
- c) Women's Movements
- d) *Gandhigiri*: Perceptions in Popular Culture

IV. Gandhi and the Idea of Political (2 weeks)

- a) Swaraj
- b) Swadeshi
- c) Non - Cooperation

READINGS

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Activities

Topic 1

1. Reading of primary texts:- M K Gandhi Chapter

VI and XIII " Hind Swaraj" Navjeevan Trust, Ahmedabad, 1910

2. A site visit to any on-going developmental project preferably in NCT Delhi by students and submission of report on Environmental law Violation and Resistance by People in a Gandhian Way.

Topic 2

1. Reading of primary texts:- M K Gandhi Chapter XII&XIII, " Satyagraha in South Africa, Navjivan Trust, Ahmedabad, 1928, pp. 95-107

2. A Report followed by presentation on functioning of Cooperative and Community engagement for example Amuland/or SEWA in Gujarat to understand Trusteeship and its relevance

Topic 3

1. Movie Screenings (Movies like Lage Raho Munna Bhai, Gandhi by Richard Attenborough and Student's Participation in reviewing/discussing the movie from a Gandhian perspective or Cultural engagement of Students with Gandhian Ideas through Staging of a street play.

Topic 4

Student Visit to Any Gandhian Institution in Delhi like, Gandhi Darshan and Smriti to understand on-going Gandhian work and programme and interacting with Gandhian activists.

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE SEMESTER – I B.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE

DSC - I- Introduction to Political Theory

Time – 3hrs F.M.: 100 [80 (End sem) +20 (Int)] Credit- 6

Course Objective: This course aims to introduce certain key aspects of conceptual analysis in political theory and the skills required to engage in debates surrounding the application of the concepts.

UNIT-I

1. a. What is Politics?

b. What is Political Theory and what is its relevance? (11 lectures)

UNIT-II

2. Concepts: Democracy, Liberty, Equality, Justice, Rights, Gender, Citizenship, Civil Society and State (36 lectures)

UNIT-III

3. Debates in Political Theory:

a. Is democracy compatible with economic growth?

b. On what grounds is censorship justified and what are its limits?

UNIT-IV

c. Does protective discrimination violate principles of fairness?

d. Should the State intervene in the institution of the family? (13 lectures)

Essential Readings:

Topic 1

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Topic 2

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Topic 3

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DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE SEMESTER – II B.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE

DSC II - Indian Government and Politics

Time – 3hrs F.M.: 100 [80 (End sem) +20 (Int)] Credit- 6 Lectures-60

UNIT-I

1) Approaches to the Study of Indian Politics and Nature of the State in India: Liberal, Marxist and Gandhian (09 lectures)

2) Indian Constitution: basic features, debates on Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles (09 lectures)

UNIT-II

3) Institutional Functioning: Prime Minister, Parliament and Judiciary (09 lectures)

4) Power Structure in India: Caste, class and patriarchy (07 lectures)

UNIT-III

5) Religion and Politics: debates on secularism and communalism (06 lectures)

6) Parties and Party systems in India (05 lectures)

UNIT-IV

7) Social Movements : Workers, Peasants, Environmental and Women's Movement (10 lectures)

8) Strategies of Development in India since Independence: Planned Economy and Neo-liberalism (05 lectures)

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