

HINDI UNIVERSITY
Howrah, West Bengal

POST-GRADUATION SYLLABUS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE
[UNDER CBCS] [W.E.F. 2022-2023]

Semester-I

- PLS-101: Western Political Thought: From Plato to Rawls
PLS-102: Political Theory
PLS-103: Comparative Political Analysis
PLS-104: Indian Political Thought
PLS-105: Constitutional Politics in India

Semester-II

- PLS-201: Public Administration: Theories and Concepts
PLS-202: Political Process in India
PLS-203: Indian Administration: Major Concepts and Debates
PLS-204: Foreign Policy of India
PLS-205: Governance and Public Policy in India

Semester-III

- PLS-301: International Theories and Concepts
PLS-302: South Asia: Theories, Concepts and Issues
PLS-303: Research Methodology
PLS-304: Human Rights [CBCS]
PLS-305: Environmental Politics and Governance [CBCS]

Semester-IV

- PLS-401: Politics in West Bengal
PLS-402: Feminism: Concepts, Issues and Perspectives
PLS-403: Political Sociology
PLS-404: Development Studies
PLS-405: A, B, C. [Optional Courses] [To be offered any one of the three]

Optional Courses Offered:

Relations:
26/9/22
26/9/22

Semester-I

Course No: PLS-101

Western Political Thought: From Plato to Rawls

Unit I

- Plato: Justice, Communism
- Aristotle: Ethics and Politics; Constitutionalism and Authority and Revolution.
- Machiavelli: Republicanism and Humanism, Human Nature, Views on State.
- Hobbes: Theory of Social Contract, Idea of Sovereignty
- Locke: Theory of Natural Rights, Social Contract, Right to Resistance
- Rousseau: Social Contract, State of Nature, Theory of General Will
- Jeremy Bentham: Doctrine of Utilitarianism

Unit II

- Hegel: Family, Civil Society and State and his concept of Freedom
- John Stuart Mill: Liberty
- Gramsci: Hegemony and Civil Society
- Hannah Arendt: Nature of Power and Evil, Democracy, Totalitarianism
- Mao Zedong: New Democracy, Cultural Revolution.
- John Rawls: Justice, Political Liberalism

Suggestive Reads:

References (~~Indicative~~ Only):

Immanuel Kant, **Critique of Pure Reason**, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1998.

Robert Wokler and N. Geras (eds.) **Enlightenment and Modernity**, London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2000.

Georges Dicker, Kant's **Theory of Knowledge: An Analytical Introduction**, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2004.

G.W.F. Hegel, **Philosophy of Right**, London: G. Bell, 1896.

John Plamenatz, **Man and Society** (Vol.2), London: Longman, 1963.

John Locke, **Two Treatises of Government**, London: Awnsham Churchill, 1689.

John Rawls: **A Theory of Justice**, Cambridge, MA.: Harvard University Press, 1971.

Robert Nozick, **Anarchy, State and Utopia**, New York: Basic Books, 1974.

Ronald Dworkin, **Sovereign Virtue: The Theory and Practice of Equality**, Cambridge, MA.: Harvard University Press, 2000.

Will Kymlicka, **Multicultural Citizenship: A Liberal Theory of Minority Rights**, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1995.

Course No: PLS-102

Political Theory

Unit I

- Introducing Political Theory: Key Debates
- Liberty, Equality, Justice, Rights, Democracy, Power, Citizenship.
- Communitarianism
- Liberalism: Classical and Contemporary
- Multiculturalism

Unit II

- Post-Marxism
- Feminism
- Enlightenment and Modernity
- Postmodernism
- Orientalism and Post-Colonial Theory

Suggestive Reading
References (Indicative Only):

E. Barker, *Principles of Social and Political Theory*, Oxford, 1951.

Karl Marx, *A Contribution to the Critique of Political Economy* [English Edition], Moscow: Progress Publishers, 1977.

Hal Draper, *Karl Marx's Theory of Revolution* [Vol.1 & 2], Michigan: Monthly Review Press, 1978.

Cliff Slaughter, *Marxism and the Class Struggle*, London: New Park Publications, 1975

Perry Anderson, *Considerations on Western Marxism*, London: Verso, 1976.

Ernesto Laclau and Chantal Mouffe, *Hegemony and Socialist Strategy: Towards a Radical Democratic Politics*, London: Verso, 1985.

Raymond Williams, "Culture and Marxism", *International Socialism*, Vol.2, No.9,
Summer 1980.

Course No: PLS-103

Comparative Political Analysis

Unit I

- Approaches: Institutional, Political Culture, Political Economy and New Institutionalism; Comparative Methods
- Colonialism and decolonization: forms of colonialism, anti-colonial struggles, and decolonization
- Nationalism: European and non-European.
- State theory: the debate over the nature of the state in capitalist and socialist societies; post-colonial state; welfare state; globalization and nations-states
- Political regimes: democratic and non-democratic regimes

Unit II

- Constitutions and Constitutionalism: forms of constitutions, rule of law, Judicial Independence and liberal constitutionalism; emergency powers and the crisis of constitutionalism.
- Democratization: democratic transition and consolidation.
- Development and Underdevelopment, Dependency, Modernization, World Systems Theory
- Structures of Power: the ruling class, power elites, democratic elitism
- Actor and Processes: Electoral Systems, Political Parties, and Party System, Interest groups, social movements, new social movements, Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) and civil society campaigns; Revolutions.

References: *(Suggestive Readings)*

Gabriel A. Almond and G.B. Powell, *Comparative Politics Today: A World View*, Pearson Education, Delhi, 2005.

Gabriel Almond and Sidney Verba, *The Civic Culture*, Princeton University Press, Princeton, 1963.

G.A. Almond and J.S. Coleman (eds.), *The Politics of the Developing Areas*, Princeton University Press, Princeton, 1960.

Course No: PLS-104

Indian Political Thought

Unit I

- Rammohun Roy: Social and Political reforms
- Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay: Nationalism
- Swami Vivekananda: Nation Building
- Rabindranath Tagore: Society and Nation
- Gandhi: Non-Violence, critique of modernity
- Ambedkar his critique of Untouchability, Gandhi-Ambedkar debate

Unit-II

- Mohammad Ali Jinnah & Iqbal: Nationalism and Islam
- M. N. Roy: Radical Humanism
- Jawaharlal Nehru: Modernity and Secularism
- Subhas Chandra Bose: State, doctrine of nationalism
- Vinayak Damodar Savarkar & ⁴³ Golwalkar: Politics of Hindutva
- Jaya Prakash Narayan: Notion of socialism
- Shyama Prasad Mukherjee: State and Nationalism

References: (Suggestive Readings)

- ~~Primary Reading~~: Books and Essays written by Raja Ram Mohan Roy, Rabindranath Tagore, Bankim Chandra, Swami Vivekananda, Gandhiji, Sir Syed Ahmed Khan, Shyamaprasad Mukherjee

~~Secondary Reading~~

- BB Majumdar, *History of Social and Political Thought: From Rammohan to Dayanand*, Bookland Private Ltd, Kolkata, 1967.

- Bidyut Chakrabarty, Rajendra Kumar Pandey, *Modern Indian Political Thought: Text and Context*, Sage, New Delhi, 2010.
- Thomas Pantham, Kenneth L Deutsch, (eds.), *Political Thought in Modern India*, Sage, New Delhi, 1986.

Course No: PLS-105

Constitutional Politics in India

Unit I

* Approaches to the study of Indian Politics: Historical, Cultural, Legal, ^{and} Political Economy ^{and political science}

- * Constitutionalism in India a) Philosophy of the Indian Constitution: Preamble.
- * Fundamental Rights, Fundamental Duties, Directive Principles of State Policy
- * Contemporary debates on Federalism

Unit II

- * Union and State Executives: Powers and Functions. ^{and role}
- * Union Parliament: Functions and Role
- * Judiciary and Judicial Review
- * Citizenship
- * Electoral Process and Election Commission of India
- * Local Government/Autonomy

References: (Suggestive Reading)

Partha Chatterjee (ed.), *State and Politics in India*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 1999.

Sumit Sarkar, *Modern India 1885-1947*, McMillan, 1983

Shibranjan Chatterjee, *Governor's Role in the Indian Constitution*,

Mittal Publications, 1992 Shibranjan Chatterjee, *Restructuring Centre-*

State Relations: The Sarkaria Commission and Beyond, Minerva,

Kolkata, 1997.

B. Shiva Rao 9ed.) *The Framing of the India's Constitution, A study.*

Arthur B. Keith, *A Constitutional History of India 1600-1935*, Methuen Co.

Ltd, London, 1936

Granville Austin, *The Indian Constitution: Cornerstone of a Nation*,

Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1966

Semester-II

Course No: PLS-201

Public Administration: Theories and Concepts

Unit-I

- Public Administration: meaning and evolution; public and private administration
- Approaches: System Theory, Decision Making, Ecological Approach
- Public administration theories and concepts: Scientific Management Theory, Rational Choice theory, New Public Administration, Development Administration,
- Comparative Public Administration, New Public Management, changing nature of Public Administration in the era of liberalization and Globalisation

Unit-II

- Theories and Principles of Organization: Scientific Management Theory, Bureaucratic Theory, Human Relations Theory
- Managing the organization: Theories of leadership and motivation.
- Organizational Communication: Theories and Principles, Chester Bernard Principles of Communication, Information Management in the organization
- Managing Conflict in the Organization: Mary Parker Follett
- Management by Objectives- Peter Drucker

References
Suggestive
Primary Readings

Mohit Bhattacharya, *Public Administration*, World Press, Calcutta, 2011

Mohit Bhattacharya, *New Horizons of Public Administration*, Jawahar Publishers