

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

1. D. Harvey, Social Justice and the City, Georgia: University of Georgia Press, 2009.
2. A. Merrifield, The New Urban Question, London: Pluto Press, 2014.
3. S. Sassen, Saskia, Cities in a World Economy. 3rd ed. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage/Pine Forge, 2006.
4. A.J. Scott ed., The Global City Regions: Trends, Theory, Policy, New York: Oxford University Press, 2001.
5. Christiane, Brosius. India's Middle Class: New Forms of Urban Leisure, Consumptions and Prosperity. New York: Routledge, 2010.
6. Isher Judge Ahluwalia et al. eds., Urbanisation in India: Challenges, Opportunities and the Way Forward, New Delhi: Sage, 2014.
7. Mike Davis, Planet of Slums, New York: Verso, 2007.
8. Sujata Patel and Kushal dev (eds.), Urban Studies, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2009.
9. A. Ray and N. Alsayyad, Urban Informality, Lanham: Lexington Books, 200

Semester-III

Course No: PLS-301

International Relations: Theories and concepts

Unit I

- Approaches to the study of international relations: Idealism, Realism, Structural Marxism, Neoliberalism, Neorealism, Social Constructivism, Critical International Theory, Feminism, Postmodernism.
- Concepts: State, state system and non-state actors, Power, Sovereignty, Security: traditional and non-traditional.
- Conflict and Peace: Changing Nature of Warfare; Weapons of mass destruction; deterrence; conflict resolution, conflict transformation.
- United Nations: Aims, Objectives, Structure, and Evaluation of the Working of UN; Peace and Development perspectives; Humanitarian intervention. International law; International Criminal Court

Unit II

- Political Economy of IR; Globalisation; Global governance and Bretton Woods system, North-South Dialogue, WTO, G-20, BRICS.
- Regional Organisations: European Union, African Union, Shanghai Cooperation Organisation, ASEAN.
- Contemporary Challenges: International terrorism, Climate change, and Environmental Concerns, Human Rights, Migration and Refugees; Poverty and Development; Role of Religion, Culture and Identity Politics.

References (~~Indicative only~~): *(Suggestive Reading)*

1. E.H. Carr, The Twenty Years' Crisis, 1919-1939: An Introduction to the Study of International Relations London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2016.
2. Hedley Bull, The Anarchical Society: A Study of Order in World Politics London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2012.
3. Robert Cox, 'Social Forces, States and World Orders: Beyond IR Theory' Millennium: Journal of International Studies Vol. 10, No 2, 1981.
4. Cynthia Enloe, Bananas, Beaches and Bases: Making Feminist Sense of International Politics, Berkeley: University of California Press, 2014.
5. Robert Keohane, Neorealism and its Critics, New York: Columbia University Press, 1986.
6. H.J. Morgenthau, Politics Among Nation: The Struggle for Power and Peace, McGraw Hill, 1993.
7. Alexander Wendt, 'Anarchy is What States Make of It: The Social Construction of Power Politics', International Organization, Vol. 46, No. 2, 1992.
8. Kenneth Waltz, Theory of International Politics, USA: Waveland Press, 2010.
9. David P. Forsythe, Human Rights in International Relations, Boston: Boston University Press, 2000.
10. J. Galtung, Peace by Peaceful Means ± Peace and Conflict, Development and Civilisation, London: Sage, 1996.
11. Ted Robert Gurr, People versus State: Minorities at Risk on the New Century, London: Longman Press, 2005.

12. E. Louka, *International Environmental Law: Fairness, Effectiveness and World Order*, London: Cambridge University Press, 2006.

13. Michael Mann, *The Dark Side of Democracy ± Explaining Ethnic Cleansing*, New York: Cambridge University Press, 2005.

Course No: PLS-302

South Asia: Theories, Concepts and Issues

Unit I:

- Region and Regionalism
- Emergence of South Asia - Historical Background
- SAARC: Issues, Challenges and Politics of Regional Co-operation
- Changing contours of region and regionalism; Sub-regionalism

Unit II:

- States and Nations in South Asia
- Theorizing state and nation in the region
- Borders, Sovereignty and Territoriality
- Security: Traditional and Non-Traditional

References (Indicative Only): *(Suggestive readings)*

T.V. Paul eds., **South Asia's Weak States: Understanding the Regional Insecurity Predicament**, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2010.

Muthiah Alagappa, **Asian Security Practice: Material and Ideational influences**, Stanford: Stanford University Press, 1998.

Urmila Phadnis and Rajat Ganguly eds., **Ethnicity and Nation-building in South Asia**, London: Sage Publications, 2001.

Swarna Rajagopalan, **The State and Nation in South Asia**, Boulder, Colorado: Lynne Rienner, 2001.

Ishtiaq Ahmed, **State, Nation and Ethnicity in Contemporary South Asia**, London and New York: Pinter, 1996.

George Tanham, **Indian Strategic Thought: An Interpretive Essay**, Santa Monica US: RAND, 1992

- Stephen B. Cohen, **The Idea of Pakistan**, Washington: Brookings Institution Press, 2004.
- Dhurba Rizal, **The Royal Semi-Authoritarian Democracy of Bhutan**, Lexington Books, 2015.
- Michael Mann, **South Asia's Modern History: Thematic Perspectives**, London and New York: Routledge, 2015.
- Sugata Bose and Ayesha Jalal, **Modern South Asia: History, Culture, Political Economy**, New Delhi, Oxford University Press, 2014.
- A. Jeyaratnam Wilson and Dennis Dalton eds, **The States of South Asia: Problems of National Integration**, London: C Hurst & Co Publishers Ltd, 1982.
- Navnita Chadha Behera eds., **International Relations in South Asia: Search for an Alternative Paradigm**, New Delhi, Thousand Oaks and London: Sage Publications, 2008.
- Maya Chadha. **Ethnicity, Security and Separatism in India**, New Delhi: OUP, 1997.
- Lawrence Saez, **The South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation: An Emerging Collaboration Architecture**, London and New York: Routledge, 2012.
- Kishore C. Dash, **Regionalism in South Asia: Negotiating cooperation, institutional structures**, London and New York: Routledge, 1998.
- Kanak Mani Dixit, **Peace Politics of Nepal: An Opinion from Within**, Kathmandu: Himal Books, 2011.
- Raj Kumar Kothari, **South Asia: Issues, Challenges and Prospects** (Atlantic Publications, New Delhi, 2022)

Course No: PLS-303

Research Methodology

Unit-I

1. Basic concepts in research
2. Positivism and Empiricism - Problem with Empirical theory
3. Anti-Positivist response
4. Ethics and politics in research

Unit-II

5. Elements of Research Design
6. Sampling and Measurement
7. Writing Research Report

8. Research Methods: Qualitative and Quantitative

References (~~Indicative Only~~): *(Suggestive Reading)*

Michael Crotty, *The Foundations of Social Research: Meaning and Perspectives in the Research*, Thousand Oaks: Sage Publications Ltd., 1998.

W.L. Neuman, *Social Research Methods: Qualitative and Quantitative Approaches*, Essex: Pearson Education Ltd., 2014.

David E. McNabb, *Research Methods for Political Science: Quantitative and Qualitative Methods*, 2nd edition, London: Rutledge, 2015.

\Sandra Harding, *Feminism and Methodology: Social Science Issues*, Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1987.

A. M. Goon and A. B. Aich, *Statistics for the Social Sciences*, Calcutta: World Press, 1991.

B. L. Agarwal, *Basic Statistics*, 4th edition, New Delhi: New Age International Pvt. Ltd Publishers, 2006.

C. B. Gupta and B. Gupta, *An Introduction to Statistical Methods*, 23rd edition, New Delhi: Vikas Publishing Pvt. Ltd., 2009.

Roger Pierce, *Research Methods in Politics: A Practical Guide*, London: Sage Publications Ltd., 2008.

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William Outhwaite and Stephen P. Turner (eds.) *The Sage Handbook of Social Science Methodology*, London: Sage Publications Ltd., 2007.

W.L. Neuman, *Social Research Methods: Qualitative and Quantitative Approaches*, 7th edition, Essex: Pearson Education Ltd., 2014.

Robert K. Yin, *Case Study Research: Design and Methods*, 4th Edition, London: Sage Publications Ltd., 2009.

Course No: PLS-304 [CBCS]

Human Rights

Unit I

- Major perspectives on human rights– philosophical, legal, and political.
- The United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights – Civil and Political Rights – Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.
- Human Rights protection mechanisms in international law – the concept of sovereignty
- Globalisation and Human Rights in the Indian Context

Unit-II

- Human Rights of Women
- Human Rights of Children
- Crimes against Humanity and Genocide
- Truth Commissions

References: (Suggestive Readings)

- Olivier D Schutter, *International Human Rights Law*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 2010.
- Brian Orend, *Human Rights: Concept and Context*, Broadview Press Ltd, Canada, 2002.
- J.L Holzgrefe, and R.O. Keohane (Ed.), *Humanitarian Intervention: Ethical, Legal and Political Dilemma*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 2003.
- Catriona McKinnon, (ed), *Issues in Political Theory*, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2012.
- Darren Jo Byrre, *Human Rights*, Longman, London, 2003
- Chiranjivi J. Nirmal (ed.), *Human Rights in India: Historical, Social and Political Perspectives*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2000.
- Charles Webel, Johan Galtung, *Handbook of Peace and Conflict Studies*, Routledge, USA and Canada, 2007.

Course No: PLS-305 [CBCS]

Environmental Politics and Governance

Unit I

- * Governance and Governmentality; Understanding Environmental Governance
- * Globalisation, Environmental Governance and Environmental Security
- * Environment and Sustainable Development: Role of State and Non- State Actors
- * Environmental Regimes

Unit II:

- * Major Environmental Issues: Climate Change, Loss of Bio-diversity, Soil Erosion, Deforestation
- * WTO and Environmental Governance
- * Global Environmental Governance and the Global Commons
- * Ecological Conflicts and Environmental Movements in India: Select Cases

References (Indicative Only): *(Suggestive Readings)*

James N. Rosenau, and Ernst-Otto Czempiel, eds. *Governance Without Government: Order and Change in World Politics*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1992.

Richard Falk, *State of Siege: Will Globalization Win Out?* *International Affairs*, Vol.73, No.1 (January 1997):123-136.

Henrick Enroth, *The Art of Governing After Governmentality*, *European Journal of Social Theory*, Vol.17, No.1, (February 2014): 60-76.

Mahesh Rangarajan, *Environmental Issues in India*. New Delhi: Pearson/Longman, 2007.

John Blewitt, *Understanding Sustainable Development*, London: Earthscan, 2008.

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Gerry Stoker, *Governance as Theory: Five Propositions*, *International Social Science Journal*, Vol.1, No.1, (March 1998):17-28.

Jon Barnett, *The Meaning of Environmental Security: Ecological Politics and Policy in New Security Era*, London: Zed Books, 2001.