

**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:

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## Semester IV

Course No: PLS-401

### I. Politics in West Bengal

#### Unit I

1. Bhadrakalok tradition of Bengal Politics: - an analysis of the factors contributing to this tradition.
2. The social profile of different Political Parties- Congress, CPI(M) } Trinamool  
Congress, BJP }
3. West Bengal administration for the past seven decades: - Chief features- Congress rule, Left Front rule and Trinamool Congress rule.
4. Role of Caste, Ethnicity, Religion and Intellectuals in Bengal Politics

#### Unit II

5. Land Reforms, Decentralization
6. Political empowerment of SC, ST, Women and Refugee problem
7. Naxalism and CPI (ML)- 1967 to 1972- 73
8. Nature of Political Leadership in Bengal Politics – B.C. Roy, S.S. Ray Jyoti Basu, and Mamata Banerjee.

**Primary Reading:** *References (Suggestive Reading)*

Marcus F. Franda, *Radical Politics in West Bengal*, Cambridge, M.I.T. Press, 1971. Nitish K. Sengupta, *Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy: Builders of Modern India*, Publications Division, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Govt. of India, 2002.

Suravi Banerjee, *Jyoti Basu, the Authorized Biography*, Penguin Books New Delhi, 1997. Dola Mitra, *Decoding Didi: Making Sense of Mamata Banerjee*, Rupa Publications, Kolkata, 2014.

**Secondary Reading:** Ashish K. Roy, *Spring Thunder and After*, Calcutta, Minerva Associates, 1975

Uday Chandra, Geir Heierstad & Kenneth BoNielsen, *The Politics of Caste in West Bengal*

(Exploring the Political in South Asia), Routledge, India, 2015

Sekhar Bandyopadhyay, *Caste, Protest and Identity: The Namasudras of Colonial Bengal, 1872-1947* (second edition). Oxford

University Press, Delhi, 2011

Partha Chatterjee. *The Present History of West Bengal: Essays in Political Criticism*, Oxford University Press, Delhi, 1998.

Sarbani Bandyopadhyay,

'Caste and Politics in Bengal', *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol.

XLVII, 15 December 2012.

**Course No: PLS-402**

**Feminism: Concepts, Issues and Perspectives**

**Unit-I**

\* Feminism: Theory and Evolution.

\* Liberal Feminism

\* Socialist Feminism

\* Marxist Feminism

\* Radical Feminism

**Unit-II**

\* Postmodern Feminism

\* Eco Feminism

\* Feminism and Queer Movements

\* Post-Feminism: Overview

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

1. Imelda Whelehan, *Modern Feminist Thought: From Second Wave to 'PostFeminism'*.  
Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 1995.

2. Simone de Beauvoir, *The Second Sex*. Vintage Books, 1989.

3. Frederick Engels, *The Origin of the Family, Private Property, and the State*. Chicago: Charles H. Kerr & Co, 1902 (1884).
4. Alexandra Kollontai, *Women workers struggle for their rights*. London: Falling Wall Press, 1919.
5. Sheila Rowbotham, *Woman's Consciousness, Man's World*. NY: Verso, 2015
6. Zilla R. Eisenstein (ed.). *Capitalist Patriarchy and the Case for Socialist Feminism*.
1. Padmini Mongai, (ed.). *Contemporary Postcolonial Theory: a Reader*. London: Arnold, 1996. †
2. C. Mohanty, A. Russo and L. Torres (eds). *Third World Women and the Politics of Feminism*. Indiana: Indiana University Press, 1991.
3. Audre Lorde, "The Master's Tools Will Never Dismantle the Master's House" *Sister Outsider: Essays and Speeches*. California: Crossing Press, 1984.
4. Sarah Gamble, (ed.). *The Routledge Companion to Feminism and Postfeminism*. NY: Routledge, 2004.
5. Judith Butler, *Gender Trouble: Feminism and the Subversion of Identity*. U.K.: Routledge, 1990.
6. Arpita Mukhopadhyay and S. Chakrabarti (eds.), *Feminisms*, New Delhi: Orient Blackswan, 2015.
7. Tina Chanter, *Gender: Keys Concepts in Philosophy*. London: Continuum International Publishing Group, 2006.

**Course No: PLS-403**

**Political Sociology**

**Unit I: Key Concepts**

1. Power
2. Participation
3. Risk
4. Representation
5. Commodification and Consumption
6. Gender and Sexuality

**Unit-II: State-in-Society and Beyond**

7. State and non-State Actors: Emerging Dialectics

8. Civil Society
9. Political Society
10. Rights
11. Citizenship

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

1. Michael Rush: Politics and Sociology. B. Axford et al.: Politics--- An Introduction.
2. Tom Bottomore: Political Sociology.
3. Amal K. Mukhopadhyay: Political Sociology. S. Chakraborty ed.: Political Sociology.
4. Tom Bottomore: Classes in Modern Society.
5. R. Chatterjee ed.: Religion, Politics and Communalism.
6. B. Lindenfeld ed.: Reader in Political Sociology.
7. Pradip Basu (ed.) – Political Sociology
8. J. Forbes: Women in Modern India. M. Evans ed.: The Women Question.
9. P. Worsley: The Three Worlds: Culture and World Development.
10. Samuel Huntington: Political Order in a Changing Society.
11. G.A. Almond and J.S. Coleman eds.: The Politics of Developing Areas.
12. J. Manor: Rethinking Third World Politics. J. Kantola et al eds.: The Oxford Handbook of Gender Politics.
13. J. Blondel: Comparative Government.
14. G.A. Almond and G.B. Powell, Jr.: Comparative Politics: A Developmental Approach.
15. S. Oates: Introduction to Media and Politics.

**Course No: PLS-404**

**Development Studies**

**Unit-I**

1. The concept of Development: Emergence and evolution.
2. Post Second World War Developmentalism--- Bretton Woods system. Marshall Plan.
3. Development as growth. Critique

4. The Development Impasse debate; Democracy-development debate; Liberalization-Privatization

### **Unit-II**

5. Globalization in contemporary development dynamics
  6. Role of transnational actors--- World Bank; IMF; WTO
  7. Role of UN: Millennium Development Goals and Sustainable Development Goals
  8. Global North-Global South relations: aid, trade, Intellectual Property Rights
- References (Indicative Only):
1. P. Streeten, Development Perspectives, New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 1981.
  2. Uma Kothari ed., A Radical History of Development Studies, London: Zed Books, 2005.
  3. A. Escobar, Encountering Development: The Making and Unmaking of the Third World, Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1995.
  4. F. Schuurman, Beyond the Impasse: New Directions in Development Theory, London: Zed Books, 1993.
  5. Vandana Desai, Robert B Potter, The Companion to Development Studies, 2nd Edition, London and New York: Routledge, 2008.

**Course No: PLS-405**

**Optional Courses: A, B, C. [Any one out of Three]**

#### **A. Dissertation Writing**

#### **B. Peace and Conflict Studies**

##### **Unit I**

1. Peace and Conflict Studies: An Introduction
2. Peace, Conflict and Security: Theories and Approaches

3. Culture of Peace and Non-Violence—Gandhian Perspective 4. Emerging Themes: (a) Gender Perspectives on Violence, War and Peace; (b) Development, Ecology and Social Justice; (c) Indigenous Perspectives on Peace; (d) Media and Peace Journalism

## Unit II

1. Actors in Conflict Management: state, non-state institutions, international organizations, global civil society, leaders and personalities
2. Conflict Resolution and Conflict Transformation: Definitions, Foundations and Theoretical Approaches
3. Contemporary International Conflicts: (any 2 or 3 Select Case Studies) a) Afghanistan; b) Bangladesh; c) Kashmir; d) Kosovo; e) Myanmar; f) Palestine; g) Rwanda; h) Sri Lanka; i) Syria; j) Ukraine.
4. Peacebuilding: A Critical Introduction—Post Conflict Challenges and Prospects, Peace Agreements, Role of Culture and Education.

## *Referring* Suggestive Readings:

1. Albert Einstein, Einstein on Peace. ed. By Otto Nathan and Heinz
2. Arthur. A Larson, Warless World. New York: 1963
3. B. Mayer, The Dynamics of Conflict, A guide to engagement and intervention (2012)
4. Bertrand Russel, Common Sense and Nuclear Warfare (London 1959).
5. C G Jacobsen, Finn Tschudi, Johan Galtung, and Kai Frithjof Brand-Jacobsen, Searching for Peace: The Road to Transcend (2000)
7. Charles Webel and Johan Galtung (Eds.), Handbook of Peace and Conflict Studies, London: Routledge.
8. CR Mitchell, The Structure of International Conflict, St. Martin's Press (1989)
9. Daisaku Ikeda, Hope Is a Decision: Selected Essays, Norden. Preface by Bertrand Russel. New York 1960 Simon and Schuster. 704p. F (045 Ei 6 e Jubilee. War and Peace.
10. G. C. Banerji, The Theory of International War and Peace. (A Mathematical Scientific, Philosophical and Economical Study of the Problem with Reference to the Laws of Creation and the Records of History) Calcutta V, 154p. F (01) (1947) B 22 t NNI.
11. Ho-Won Jeong, Understanding Conflict and Conflict Analysis, (London: Sage. 2008)
16. I. William Zartman, (, Peace Making in International Conflict, Washington, USIP. 2007)
17. Johan Galtung, Theories of Peace: A Synthetic Approach to Peace.

18. John W. Burton, *Peace Theory: Preconditions of Disarmament* (New York, 1962)
19. Philip Marshall Brown, *The Science of Peace* (New York 1947)
20. Quincy Wright, *The Causes of War and the Conditions of Peace* (London 1935)
21. Ranabir Samaddar (ed.), *Peace Studies: An Introduction to the Concept, Scope, and Themes*, New Delhi: Sage (2004)
22. Wallenstein, Peter, *Understanding Conflict Resolution: War, Peace and the Global System*. 2nd ed. (London: Sage Publications, 2007)

### C. Contemporary India: Society and Politics

#### Unit 1

1. Approaches to the study Society, State and Politics in India.
2. Politics and Culture in India.
3. Political parties and evolution of Party System—emerging trends—Politics of Coalition
4. Federal Politics in India—major debates, emerging trends and developments

#### Unit 2

1. Philosophy of the Indian Constitution.
2. Democracy in India: (a) Caste, (b) Religion—Debates on Secularism, (c) Language, (d) Region.
3. Elections and electoral politics in India

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

1. Niraja Gopal Jayal, & Pratap Bhanu Mehta eds. *The Oxford Companion to Indian Politics*. New Delhi: OUP. 2010.
2. Pratap Bhanu Mehta, Devesh Kapur & Milan Vaishnav. *Rethinking Public Institutions in India*. New Delhi: OUP, 2017.
3. Rajeev Bhargava ed., *Philosophy of the Indian Constitution*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
4. Ashis Nandy, *At the Edge of Psychology*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2009.
5. Achin Vanaik ed., *ICSSR Surveys and Explorations in Political Science*, 4 Volumes. New Delhi: OUP. 2013.

6. Christophe Jaffrelot, India's Silent Revolution, New York: Columbia University Press, 2002.

7. Partha Chatterjee, Politics of the Governed, New York: Columbia University Press, 2006.

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