

(Semester - I)

Paper PSc.01 : POLITICAL THEORY

This is an introductory paper to the basic concepts, ideas and theories in Political Theory. Various perspectives and dimensions and the contemporary relevance of the following will be discussed in details.

Course Content:

1. Nature, scope and significance of Political Theory.
2. Origin and development of State: Evolutionary Theory, Social Contract Theory and Marxist Theory.
Liberal and Marxist Perspectives on the nature and function of the State.
3. Sovereignty: Nature, Characteristic and Types – Monistic and Pluralistic Theory.
4. Concepts of Rights, Liberty and Equality.
Rights – Natural, Legal and Marxist Theories of Rights.
Liberty – Kinds of Liberty; Negative and Positive Liberty.
Equality – Kinds of Equality; Relationship between Liberty and Equality.
5. Concept of Law; Natural, Sociological and Marxist Theories of Law.
Concept of Justice; Natural, Distributive and Social Justice.
Concept of Political Obligation; Grounds of Political Obligation and Resistance.
6. Democracy: Concept; Dimensions of Democracy – Social, Economic and Political; Liberal and Marxist Perspectives of Democracy.

Readings:

- Barker, E., *Principles of Social and Political Theory*, Calcutta, Oxford University Press, 1976.
 Barry, N.P., *Introduction to Modern Political Theory*, London, Macmillan, 1995.
 Bercht, A., *Political Theory: The Foundations of Twentieth Century Political Thought*, Bombay, The Times of India Press, 1965.
 ✓ Bhargava, Rajib and A. Acharya, *Political Theory: An Introduction*, Pearson, 2008
 Cunningham, F., *Theories of Democracy – A Critical Introduction*, London and New York, Routledge, 2002.
 ✓ Dahl, R., *A Preface to Democratic Theory*, Chicago, University of Chicago Press, 1965.
 Engels F., *Origin of Family, Private Property and the State*,
 Dunn, J., *Modern Revolutions*, London, The Clarendon Press, 1989.
 Held, D., *Models of Democracy*, Cambridge, Polity Press, 1987.
 -----, *Political Theory Today*, Cambridge, Polity Press, 1991.
 Heywood, Andrew, *Political Theory: An Introduction*, New York, Palgrave Macmillan, 2002.
 Johari, J. C., *Contemporary Political Theory*, New Delhi, Sterling, 2004.
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 Kukathas, C and P. Pettit, *Rawls' A Theory of Justice and its Critics*, Cambridge, Polity Press, 1998.
 ✓ Macpherson, C.B., *Democratic Theory: Essays in Retrieval*, Oxford, The Clarendon Press, 1977.
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 Milliband, R., *Marxism and Politics*, Oxford, Oxford University Press, 1977
 Poggi, G., *The State: Its Nature, Development and Prospects*, Cambridge, Polity Press, 1990.
 ✓ Ramaswamy, S., *Political Theory: Ideas and Concepts*, Delhi, Macmillan, 2002.

(Semester - II)

Paper PSc.02 : MAJOR POLITICAL SYSTEMS
(U.K, U.S.A., RUSSIA AND CHINA)

The constitutional and legal provisions, ideological basis, institutional arrangements and their social and economic background are the focal points in this paper. The political processes need to be studied critically to gain an understanding of the dynamics of political systems in four selected countries.

Course Content:

1. Historical and Ideological basis of the Political Systems.
2. Major Characteristics of the Political Systems. -
3. Electoral Politics: Political Parties, Pressure Groups and Women.
4. Legislature and Executive: Processes and Functions.
5. Judiciary: Composition, Power and Functions.
6. Rights of Citizens: Socio-Economic and Political.

Readings:

- Almond, G., *Comparative Politics Today: A World View*, 7th edn., New York, 2000.
- Bibby, John F. *Politics, Parties and Elections in America*, 6th ed., Thomson / Wadsworth, 2008.
- Birch, A.H., *British System of Government*, 4th edn, London, George Allan, 1980.
- Burgess, M and A. Gagnon (eds.), *Comparative Federalism and Federation: Competing Traditions and Future directions*, Hemel Hempstead, Harvester Wheatsheaf, 1993.
- Cohen, S. F., *Failed Crusade: America and the Tragedy of Post-Communist Russia*, New York, W.W. Norton, 2000.
- Derbyshire, I., *Politics in China*, London, Chambers, 1991.
- Gill, G and R. D. Markwick, *Russia's Stillborn Democracy: From Gorbachev to Yeltsin*, Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2000.
- Gitings, J., *China Changes Face: The Road from Revolution 1949-89*, London, Oxford University Press, 1989.
- Harding, H., *China's Second Revolution: Reform after Mao*, Washington DC, Brookings Institution, 1987.
- Holmes, L., *Postcommunism: An Introduction*, Cambridge, Polity, 1997
- Lieberthal, K., *Governing China: From Revolution through Reform*, New York, Norton, 1995.
- Lijphart, A., *Democracies: Patterns of Majoritarian and Consensual Government in Twenty One Countries*, London, Yale University Press, 1992.
- Mohanty, M., *Chinese Revolution: Comparative Perspectives on Transformation of Non-Western Societies*, New Delhi, Ajantha, 1992.
- Petro, N., *The Rebirth of Russian Democracy*, London, Harvard University Press, 1995.
- Perry, E.J. and M. Selden (eds.), *Chinese Society: Change, Conflict and Resistance*, London, Routledge, 2000.
- Sakwa, R., *Russian Politics and Society*, 2nd edn., London and New York, Routledge, 1996.
- Solinger, D. J., *China's Transition from Socialism: Statist Legacies and Marketing Reform*, Aman, 1993.
- Wright, V., *Government and Politics of France*, 3rd edn., London, Unwin Hyman, 1989.
- Zhang, W., *Transforming China: Economic Reforms and its Political Implications*, New York, St. Martin's Press, 2000.

(Semester - III)

Paper PSc.03 : INDIAN POLITICAL SYSTEM

The paper focuses on the political processes and the actual functioning of the Indian political system with an emphasis on the role of social and economic processes in the functioning of the political system in India.

Course Content:

1. Nature of Indian State: Historical & Ideological basis.
2. Fundamental Rights, Duties and Directive Principles.
3. Federalism and Parliamentary Democracy: Union-State Relations, Structure and Working of Parliament, Judicial Review and Judicial Activism.
4. Politics of Land Reforms and Economic Liberalization.
5. Role of Political Parties and Pressure Groups in Electoral Politics.
6. Social Movements and Political Mobilization – Caste and Gender.

Readings:

- Abbas, H. et.al (eds), *Indian Government and Politics*, Pearson, New Delhi, 2011.
- Austin, G., *Working a Democratic Constitution: The Indian Experience*, Delhi, Oxford University Press, 2000.
- Basu, D.D., *An Introduction to the Constitution of India*, New Delhi, Prentice Hall, 1994.
- Baxi, U., *The Indian Supreme Court and Politics*, Delhi, Eastern Book Company, 1980.
- Baxi and B. Parekh (ed.), *Crises and Change in Contemporary India*, New Delhi, Sage, 1994.
- Bhambri, C.P., *The Indian State: Fifty Years*, New Delhi, Shipra, 1999.
- Brass, P., *Politics of India since Independence, 2nd edn.*, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 1994.
- , *Caste, Faction and Party in Indian Politics, 2 Vols.*, Delhi, Chanakya Publications, 1984-1985.
- , *Ethnic Groups and the State*, London, Croom Heim, 1985.
- , *Language, Religion and Politics in North India*, London, Cambridge University Press, 1974.
- Frankel, F. R. et.al., (eds.) *Transforming India: Social and Political Dynamics of Democracy*, New Delhi, OUP, 2000.
- R.L. Hardgrave, *India: Government and Politics in a Developing Nation*, New York, Harcourt, Brace and World, 1965.
- Hassan, Zoya, (ed.), *Party and Party Politics in India*, New Delhi, OUP, 2003.
- Jayal, N. G., (ed.) *Democracy in India*, Delhi, Oxford University Press, 2001.
- Kashyap, S., *Our Parliament*, New Delhi, National Book Trust, 1992.
- Kohli, A., *Democracy and Discontent: India's Growing Crisis of Governability*, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 1991.
- M.P. Singh and S. R. Raj (eds), *Indian Political System*, Pearson, New Delhi, 2012
- Mukherjee, Rahul, *India's Economic Transition*, New Delhi, OPU, 2007
- Narang, A.S., *Indian Government and Politics*, Gitanjali Publishing House, New Delhi, 2012.
- Shakir, M., *State & Politics in Contemporary India*, Delhi, Ajanta, 1986.

(Semester - IV)

Paper PSc.04 : INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

This paper deals with concepts and dimensions of international relations and highlights major debates within the different theoretical paradigms. The dominant theories of power and different aspects of balance of power are included.

Course Content:

1. Introduction: Nature and Scope, Theories of International Politics: Idealist and Realist. ✓
2. National Power: Determinants and Limitations. ✓
3. Balance of Power and (Collective Security) ✓
4. State and Non-State actors; Terrorism and Counter Terrorism. ✓
5. Cold War, Multipolarity and Unipolarity. ✓
6. Nuclear Non-Proliferation: NPT & CTBT, Disarmament. ✓

Readings:

- Bandhopadhyaya, K., *North Over South: A Non-Western Perspective of International Relations*, New Delhi, South Asia Publishers, 1982.
- Baylis John and Steve Smith (ed.), *The Globalisation of World Politics*, New Delhi, Oxford University Press, 2003.
- Burchill, S.et.al, *Theories of International Relations*, Hamsphire, Macmillan, 2001.
- Chussudovosky, Michael, *Globalisation of Poverty*, New York, 1997.
- Claude, I., *Power and International Relations*, New York, Random House, 1962.
- Coplin, W.D., *Introduction to International Politics*, Chicago, Markham, 1971.
- Deutsch, K.W., *The Analysis of International Relations*, New Delhi, Prentice Hall, 1989.
- Elias, J., *International Relations: The Basics, 2nd ed.*, Routledge, 2007.
- Forbes, H.W., *The Strategy of Disarmament*, Washington DC, Public Affairs Press, 1968.
- Frankel, H., *Contemporary International Theory and the Behaviour of States*, New York, Oxford University Press, 1973.
- Goldstein, Joshua S., *International Relations (Fifth Edition)*, Delhi, Pearson Education, 2003.
- Griffiths, *Key Concepts in International Relations*, Delhi, Foundation Books, 2003.
- Halliday, F. (2004) 'Terrorism in Historical Perspective', Open Democracy, http://www.opendemocracy.net/conflict/article_1865.jsp
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- Kumar, Mahendra, *Theoretical Aspects of International Politics*, Agra, Shivalal Agarwalla and Company, 2002.
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- Mandaville, Peter & Andrew Williams. *Meaning and International Relations*, Routledge, 2003.
- Morgenthau, H.J., *Politics Among Nations (6th edn, revised by K.W. Thompson)*, New York, Alfred Knopf, 1985.

(Semester - V)

Paper PSc.05 : WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT

This paper studies the classical tradition in political theory from Plato to Marx with a view to understand how the great thinkers explained and analyzed political events and problems of their times and prescribed solutions. The texts are to be interpreted both in their historical and philosophical perspectives to understand the universality of the enterprise of political theorizing.

Course Content:

Major Ideas, Theories and Contributions of the following Thinkers:

1. Greek Political Thought:
Plato –Justice, Ideal State and Communism.
Aristotle – State and Revolution, Slavery.
2. Machiavelli – Human Nature, State Craft, Morality and Politics.
3. Contractualists – Hobbes, Locke and Rousseau: State of Nature, Social Contract and Nature of State.
4. J.S. Mill: Liberty, Representative Government, Position of Women.
5. Hegel: Dialectics, State, Freedom.
6. Marx: Historical Materialism, State and Class Struggle.

Readings:

- Barker, E., *The Political Thought of Plato and Aristotle*, New York, Dover Publications, 1959.
- , *Greek Political Theory: Plato and His Predecessors*, New Delhi, B.I. Publications, 1964.
- , *The Politics of Aristotle, translated with introduction, notes and appendix*, Oxford, Oxford University Press, 1995.
- Berki, R.N., *The History of Political Thought: A Short Introduction*, London, Dent, 1977.
- Bronowski, J and B. Mazlish, *Western Intellectual Tradition*, Harmondsworth, Penguins, 1960.
- Coleman, J., *A History of Political Thought: From Ancient Greece to Early Christianity*, London Blackwell, 2000.
- Hampsher-Monk, I.W., *Modern Political Thought from Hobbes to Marx*, Oxford, Basil, Blackwell 1992.
- Klosko, G., *The Development of Plato's Thought*, London, Methuen, 1986.
- Macpherson, C.B., *The Political Theory of Possessive Individualism: Hobbes to Locke*, Oxford Clarendon Press, 1973.
- Mulgan, R., G., *Aristotle's Political Theory: An Introduction for Students of Political Theory*, Oxford The Clarendon Press, 1977.
- Mukherjee, S and S. Ramaswamy, *A History of Political Thought: Plato to Marx*, New Delhi, Prentice Hall, 1999.
- Plamentaz, J., *Man and Society, 2 Vols.*, London. Longman, 1963.
- Skinner, Q., *The Foundations of Modern Political Thought, 2 volumes*, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 1990.
- Thorson, T. L., *Plato: Totalitarian or Democrat*. Englewood Cliffs NJ, Prentice Hall, 1963.
- Warburton, N., J. Pike and D. Matravers, *Reading Political Philosophy: Machivelli to Mill*, London Routledge in association with Open University, 2000.

(Semester - V)

Paper PScO.06.3 : PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

The paper is an introductory course in Public Administration with emphasis on theories, principles of administration.

Course Content:

1. Public Administration as a discipline: Scope, Significance and Paradigm shifts in Public Administration.
2. Theoretical Perspectives: Scientific Management (F.W. Taylor), Human Relations (Elton Mayo), Ecological Approach (Fred Riggs).
3. Personnel Administration: Methods of Recruitment, Morale and Politics-Administration interface.
4. Citizen and Administration: Ombudsman – Lokpal and Lokayukta; Right to Information (RTI).
5. Budget and Financial Administration: Concept and Significance of Budget, Types of Budget.
6. Major approaches: New Public Administration, New Public Management and Good Governance.

Readings:

- Arora, R. K., *Comparative Public Administration*, New Delhi, Asia Publishing House, 1972.
- Avasthi, A and S. R. Maheshwari, *Public Administration*, Agra, Lakshmi Narain Aggarwal, 2000.
- Bhambri, C. P., *Administrators in a Changing Society, Bureaucracy and Politics in India*, Delhi, Vikas, 1971.
- Basu, Rumki, *Public Administration : Concepts and Theories*, New Delhi, Sterling Publishers, 2000.
- Bhattacharya, M., *Restructuring Public Administration: A New Look*, New Delhi: Jawahar Publishers, 2012
- _____, *New Horizons of Public Administration*, New Delhi: Jawahar Publishers, 2011
- _____, *Public Administration: Issues and Perspectives*, New Delhi: Jawahar Publishers, 2012
- Bhattacharya, M., *Public Administration : Structure, Process and Behaviour*, Calcutta, The World Press, 1991.
- , *Restructuring Public Administration: Essay in Rehabilitation*, New Delhi, Jawahar, 1999.
- Chakraborty, B, *Public Administration*, OUP, 2007.
- Chakrabarty, B. & Bhattacharya, M. (eds.), *Public Administration: A Reader*, New Delhi, Oxford University Press, 2003
- Chakrabarty, B., *Reinventing Public Administration: The India Experience*. New Delhi: Orient Longman, 2007
- Dey, B. M., *Personnel Administration in India: Retrospective Issues. Prospective Thought*, New Delhi, Uppal, 1991.
- Dhubashi, P.R., *Recent Trends in Public Administration*, Delhi, Kaveri Books. 1995.

(Semester - VI)

Paper PSc.07 : GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS IN NORTH-EAST INDIA

The objective of this course is to enable the students to understand the political developments that had taken place in the North-Eastern region as well as to equip them with the knowledge of what is going on politically in and around the different States of the region.

Course Content:

1. Socio-Political Significance of North-East India.
2. Traditional Political Institutions: Power and Functions of Syiem, Doloï, Nokma and Mizo Chief.
3. Constitutional Governance: Sixth Schedule and Autonomous District Councils.
4. Autonomy Movements and the North-East Reorganization Act, 1971.
5. Major Regional Political Parties: AGP, MNF, UDP and NPF.
6. Ethnicity, Gender and Youth in the Politics of North-East India.

Readings:

- Abbi, A.L. (ed.), *North East Region: Problems and Prospects of Development*, CIRD, Chandigarh, 1984.
- Baruah, Apurba K, *Social Tensions in Assam*, Purbanchal, Guwahati, 1991.
- Baruah, Apurba K, *Tribal Traditions and Crisis of Governance in North East India, With Special Reference to Meghalaya*, Deslin, London, 2003.
- Bhuyan, B.C. (ed.), *Political Development of the North East (Part I & II)*, New Delhi, Omsons, 1989 and 1992.
- Chattopadhyaya, S.K. (ed.), *Tribal Institutions of Meghalaya*, Gauhati, Spectrum Publishers, 1985.
- Datta Ray, B and S.P. Agrawal (eds.), *Reorganisation of North-East since 1947*, New Delhi, Concept Publishing, 1996.
- Dutta, P.S. (ed.), *Autonomy Movements in North-East India*, Delhi, Har-Anand, 1992.
- Gassah, L.S. (ed.), *Autonomous District Councils*, New Delhi, Omsons Publications, 1997.
- Gassah, L.S., *Traditional Institutions of Meghalaya: A Study of Doloï and his Administration*, Regency Publications, New Delhi, 1998.
- Gassah, L.S. (ed.), *Regional Political Parties in North – East India*, Omsons Publications, New Delhi, 1992.
- Hansria, Vijay, *The Sixth Schedule to the Constitution of India (Revised Version)*, Universal Law Publishing Ltd. Delhi, 2005.
- Pakem, B. (ed.), *Insurgency in North-East India*, New Delhi, Omsons, 1997.
- Phukan, Girin (ed.), *Political Dynamics of North East India*, New Delhi, South Asian Publishers, 2000.
- Rao, V.V., *A Century of Tribal Politics in North East India (1874-1974)*, Delhi, S. Chand & Co, 1986.
- Sarkar, J. and B. Datta Ray (eds.), *Social and Political Institutions of the Hill People of North East India*, Calcutta. A.S.I., 1990.

(Semester - VI)

Paper PScO.08.1 : POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY

The paper focuses on interdisciplinary understanding of certain key concepts against the background of theoretical frameworks. It looks at how social trends affect the political processes and how various social forces work together to change policies and decisions.

Course Content:

1. Emergence and Scope of Political Sociology, Marxist Critique of Liberal Political Sociology.
2. Power, Legitimacy and Authority, Bureaucracy.
3. Elite Theories: Mosca, Pareto and Michels; Pluralist Critique.
4. Political Socialization and Political Culture.
5. Political Participation: Political Parties and Pressure Groups.
6. Social Stratification: Caste and Class.

Readings:

- Almond, G. A. and S. Verba, *The Civic Culture*, Princeton, Princeton University Press, 1963.
- Ashraf Ali and Sharma, L. N., *Political Sociology*, Hyderabad, Orient Longman, 1983.
- Beteille, A., *Inequality and Social Change*, Calcutta, OUP, 1972.
- Bottomore, T., *Political Sociology*, New Delhi, B.I. Publication Pvt Ltd, (Reprint), 1994.
- , *Marxist Sociology*, London, Macmillan, 1975.
- Coser, A. Lewis, *Political Sociology*, New York, Harper and Row, 1967.
- Dasgupta, Samir (ed), *Political Sociology*, Pearson India, 2011.
- Dennis, J., *Socialization of Politics*, New York, Wiley, 1973.
- Faulks, Keith, *Political Sociology: A Critical Introduction*, Rawat Publications, Jaipur, 2011.
- Horowitz, I.I., *Foundations of Political Sociology*, New York, Orient Longman, 1972.
- Kumar, Anand, *Political Sociology of India (Vol.8)*, SAGE Publications India Pvt.Ltd., New Delhi, 2013.
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- Rathore, I.W. (ed.), *Political Sociology*, New Delhi, Meenakshi Prakashan, 1982.
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