

**Revised Under-Graduate (B.A.) Syllabus in
Political Science : 2016**

POLITICAL SCIENCE
REVISED UNDER-GRADUATE (B.A.) SYLLABUS, 2016
ELECTIVE & HONOURS

COURSE STRUCTURE:

| <u>Semester</u> | <u>Elective & Honours</u> | |
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| Semester - I | Paper PSc.01 | Political Theory |
| Semester - II | Paper PSc.02 | Major Political System |
| Semester - III | Paper PSc.03 | Indian Political System |
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| Semester - IV | Paper PSc.04 | International Politics |
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And any one of the following:

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| Paper PScO.06.1 | Modern Indian Political Ideas |
| Paper PScO.06.2 | Women and the Political Process |
| Paper PScO.06.3 | Public Administration |

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| Semester - VI | Paper PSc.07 | Government and Politics in North-East India |
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And any one of the following

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| Paper PScO.08.1 | Political Sociology |
| Paper PScO.08.2 | Politics of Developing Countries |
| Paper PScO.08.3 | International Organisation |
| Paper PScO.08.4 | Human Rights |

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.
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- 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.
- Macpherson, C.B., *The Real World of Democracy*, Oxford University Press, 1970.
- 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.
- Gittings, 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.

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.

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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
- Hunt, Charles, *International Relations: Ideas and Concepts*, New York, St. Martin, 2002.
- Kegley, C.W. and E.R. Wittkopf, *World Politics: Trends and Transformation*, New York, St. Martin's Press, 1995.
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- Lepgold Joseph, Miroslav Nincic, *Beyond the Ivory Tower: International Relations Theory and the Issue of Policy Relevance*, Columbia University Press, 2001.
- 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.

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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 time 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, 1950.
 Coleman, J., *A History of Political Thought: From Ancient Greece to Early Christianity*, London, Blackwell, 2000.
 Hampshire-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.

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Paper PScO.06.1 : MODERN INDIAN POLITICAL IDEAS

The paper seeks to highlight the contributions of Indian Political Thinkers during the phase of National Struggle for freedom and critically evaluate their ideas.

Course Content:

1. Impact of Colonialism and the Emergence of Social Reform Movement – Vivekananda and Ram Mohan Roy.
2. Moderate - Gokhale; Extremist - Tilak; Revolutionary - Bhagat Singh.
3. Mahatma Gandhi: Satyagraha and Non-Violence, Sarvodaya and Swaraj.
4. Religious and Secular Nationalism – M. A. Jinnah and Jawaharlal Nehru.
5. Caste and Representation – B. R. Ambedkar and R. M. Lohia.
6. Indian Socialism – Jawaharlal Nehru, M. N. Roy and Jayprakash Narain.

Readings:

- Adhikari, G., *Marx on India*, New Delhi, People's Publishing House, 1969.
- Bandhopadhyaya, J., *Social and Political Thought of Gandhi*, Bombay, Allied Publishers, 1969.
- Chandra, Bipan, *Rise and Growth of Economic Nationalism in India*, New Delhi, Peoples Publishing House, 1956.
- , *Modern India*, New Delhi, NCERT, 1971.
- , Amles Tripathi and Barun De, *Freedom Struggle*, New Delhi, National Book Trust, 1972.
- Desai, A.R., *Social Background of Indian Nationalism*, Bombay, Popular Prakashan, 1975.
- Lichtein, G., *Imperialism*, London, Penguin 1971.
- Marx and Engles, *On Colonialism*, Moscow, Progress Publishers, 1969.
- Majumdar, R. C., *History of the Freedom Movement in India*, Calcutta, Firma, KLM, 1962.
- Mukherjee, Kiron, *India's Struggle of Freedom*, Bombay, Manakatala, 1966.
- Singh, L.P., *The Left Wing in India*, Mazaffarpur, New Publishers, 1965

(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, Doloi, 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 Doloi 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.

Paper PScO.08.3 : INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION

The genesis of International Organization and humanity's quest for peace and international security remain the backdrop of this paper for assessing the working of the United Nations covering both achievements and challenges.

Course Content:

1. League of Nations: Formation and Failure of League of Nations.
2. United Nations: Origin, Principles and Objectives.
3. Principal Organs of the United Nations: General Assembly, Security Council, Secretariat, Economic and Social Council, International Court of Justice, Trusteeship Council.
4. Specialized Agencies of the United Nations – United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization & United Nations Development Programme.
5. Pacific Settlement of International Disputes, Demand for restructuring of UN.
6. United Nations Peace Keeping, Peace Making and Enforcement, Peace Building.

Readings:

- Alexandra, Coleman, *International Organizations and Peace Enforcement*, OUP, 2007.
- Anan, Kofi, *The Role of the United Nations in the 21st Century*, United Nations, New York, 2000.
- Barch, P and Gordenker, I., *The United Nations in the 1990s*, OUP, London, 1992.
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- Bailey, Sydney D., *The UN Security and Human Rights*, St. Martin's Press, INC, New York, 1994.
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- Chandler, David, *From Kosovo to Kabul, Human Rights and International Intervention*, Pluto, London, 2002.
- Gorman, Robert F., *Great Debates of the United Nations: An Encyclopedia of Fifty Key Issues 1945-2000*, C.T. Greenwood, West Port, 2001.
- Ley R. Bennet, A., *International Organisation, Principles and Issues*, Prentice Hall, New Jersey, 1991.
- Luard, Evan, *A History of the United Nations*, New York, St. Martin's Press, 1982.
- Moore, J.A. Jr. and Pubantz, J., *The New United Nations: International Organization in the Twenty First Century*, Pearson Education, Delhi, 2008.
- Ranjan, M.S. (ed.), *United Nations at Fifty and Beyond*, Lancer Books, New Delhi, 1996.
- Rikhey, I., *Strengthening Peace Keeping*, London, Hurst and Co., 1999.
- Taylor, P. & Groom, A.J.R.(Eds.), *The United Nations at the Millennium: The Principal Organs*. Continuum, London, 2000.
- Thakur, Ramesh & Albert Schnabel, *United Nations Peacekeeping Operations: Ad Hoc Missions, Permanent Engagement*, United Nations University, 1999.
- Walling, Carrie Booth, *All Necessary Measures: The United Nations and Humanitarian Intervention*, University of Pennsylvania Press, 2013.
- Weiss, Thomas G., David Forsythe, Roger A. Coate, Kelly Kate Pease, *The United Nations and Changing World Politics*, Westview Press, 2014.
- Whittaker, D.J., *United Nations in the Contemporary World*, Routledge, London, 1997.