

WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY

MASTER OF ARTS

Political Science (209)



SYLLABUS

(w.e.f 2018)

Department of Political Science

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
M.A. COURSE DESIGN

About the Course

The Post Graduate Department of Political Science offers a two-year full-time Master of Arts course. The objective of the programme is to develop understanding of major debates of political theory and thought, dynamics of contemporary politics, international relations, global politics among others. The course also has the goal of upgradation of research skills of those, who undertake it, by imparting training on research methodology in social sciences and development of an interdisciplinary perspective. It encourages students to make a critical reading of the existing literature and helps them to upgrade their self-learning and interpretation skills. Further, with thrust on field work, seminar presentations, literature review and dissertation writing, the Master's program seeks to equip students with the methodological and analytical tools required for future research.

The Post Graduate syllabus in Political Science has been drafted in consonance with the UGC model curriculum recommended in 2002. It tries to incorporate as far as possible, new developments in the field of Indian and global politics. It attempts to offer courses which could be both academically viable and socially relevant.

Course Structure

Semester	Number of Courses
I	4
II	4
III	4
IV	4

Note: All the semesters and courses are of equal weightage

Semester I-III offers twelve core/compulsory courses of 75 marks with even emphasis on contemporary political theory, major debates in the field of political theory, history of political thought, research methodology in social sciences, Indian politics and global politics. SemesterIVcomprises ofthree core/compulsory courses of 75 marks each and one long essay and presentation.

SEMESTER –I

Course 209101 Contemporary Political Theory

Course Outcome: The course informs the students about the classical and contemporary theories of Political Science. It also delves into the contending debates between the various schools of political thought and theory.

1. Nature of Political Theory – Its Decline and Resurgence
2. Theories of the State: Liberal and Marxist
3. Role of Ideology – End of Ideology debate
4. Critical Theory: Frankfurt School, Green Political Theory
5. Theory of Justice: Rawls, Nozick
6. Emerging Themes: Communitarianism and Multiculturalism

Select Readings:

1. A. Brecht, A, Political Theory: The Foundations of Twentieth Century Political Thought
2. A. Cobban, 'The Decline of Political Theory', Political Science Quarterly, 1953, LXVIII, pp. 321-337.
3. A.P. Rao, March, 1979. An Essay on John Rawls' Theory of Distributive Justice and its Relevance to the Third World, Occasional Paper No. 2, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Kolkata.
4. Andrew Vincent, Modern Political Ideologies, Wiley-Blackwell, 2010 (Third Edition)
5. Anthony Elliot & Brian S Turner (eds) Profiles in Contemporary Social Theory. Sage: New Delhi.2001
6. Bhikhu Parekh, "Equality in a Multicultural Society", in Rethinking Multiculturalism, Palgrave, 2000.
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8. Colin Faarrelly (eds) Contemporary Political Theory A Reader, Sage: New Delhi.2004
9. D. Bell, The End of Ideology, New York, The Free Press, 1960.
10. Dobson, Andrew, Green Political Thought, 2nd. Ed., London, Routledge, 1995.
11. Gerald F. Gaus and Chandran Kukathas (ed.), Handbook of Political Theory, Sage, London, 2004
12. Gurpreet Mahajan, The Multicultural Path, Sage, 2002.
13. J. Blondel, The Discipline of Politics, London, Butterworths, 1981.
14. Will, Kymlicka, Contemporary Political Philosophy, OUP.2005
15. Merchant, Carolyn (eds), Ecology: Key concepts in Critical Theory Series, Jaipur, Rawat
16. Michael H. Lessnoff, 1999. Political Philosophers of the Twentieth Century, John Wiley & Sons. USA.
17. Prakash Sarangi, 1996. Liberal Theories of State, Contemporary Perspective, Sterling Publishers, New Delhi.

18. R.E. Goodin and H. Klingemann eds., The New Handbook of Political Science, Oxford, Oxford University Press, 1996
19. Rajiv Bhargava, what is Political Theory? And why do we need it, OUP.
20. Rawls, John, 1971, A Theory of Justice, Harvard: Bellknap.
21. Sandel, Michael, 1982, Liberalism and the Limits of Justice, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
22. Sir I. Berlin, Does Political Theory Still Exist? In Philosophy, Politics and Society, 2nd series. P. Laslett and W.G. Runciman, Oxford, Blackwell, 1964.
23. Taylor, Charles, et al, 1994, Multiculturalism: Examining the Politics of Recognition, Princeton: Princeton University Press.
24. Terrence Ball & Richard Bellamy, The Cambridge History of Twentieth Century Political Thought. Cambridge University Press,2003

Course: 209102

Modern Western Political Thought

Course Outcome: The course informs the students about the key political ideas of notable western political thinkers. The students are oriented towards studying primary texts for their perceptive understanding of the western political thought.

1. Secularization of Politics: Machiavelli
2. Contractualists:
Hobbes: (Theory of State and Sovereignty)
Locke: (Liberal Democracy and theory of Welfare State)
Rousseau: (General Will and Popular Sovereignty)
3. The English Utilitarian Tradition: Jeremy Bentham and J.S. Mill
4. Metaphysical Theory of State: Hegel
5. Critique of Enlightenment: Kant and Nietzsche
6. Concept of State and Civil society: Gramsci

Select Readings:

1. Dunn, John, Locke, Past Masters Series, OUP, Oxford, 1984, Chp. 1 & 2. 16. Dunn, John, The Political Thought of John Locke, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge,1969
2. John Locke, Two Treatises of Government, ed. Peter Laslett (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1960).
3. Dunning, W.A., A History of Political Theories, Allahabad
4. Ebenstein, William, Great Political Thinkers, IBH, Oxford
5. Hegel, G.W.F. (1979) The Philosophy of Right, trans. T.M. Knox. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1979).
6. Janet Coleman, 2000. A History of Political Thought from the Middle Ages to Renaissance. Blackwell.
7. Kant, I., Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals, trans. H.J. Paton, (New York: Harper & Row, 1964)
8. Louis Althusser,1999. Machiavelli and Us. Verso.

9. Machiavelli, *The Prince*, ed. and trans. G. Bull (Harmondsworth: Penguin, 1961)
10. Macpherson, C.B., 1962. *Political Theory of Possessive Individualism, Hobbes to Locke*, OUP, London,
11. Marcuse, H., *Reason and Revolution: Hegel and the Rise of Social Theory*, RKP, London, 1955.
12. Masters, Roger D., 1968. *The Political Philosophy of Rousseau*, Princeton,
13. Maurice Cowling, *Mill and Liberalism*, Cambridge University Press.
14. Mill, John Stuart, *On Liberty and other writings*, ed. Stefan Collin (Cambridge, 1989).
15. Nietzsche, F. *On the Genealogy of Morals*, trans. D. Smith. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1996)
16. Nirmal Bandyopadhyay ed., *Gramsci Charcha (in Bengali)*, Kristi
17. Norberto Bobbio, 'Gramsci and the conception of civil society' in Chantal Mouffe (ed) *Gramsci and Marxist Theory*, Routledge, 1979.
18. Parekh, Bhikhu, *Bentham's Political Thought*, Barnes, and Noble, New York, 1973.
19. Peter Singer. 1983. *Hegel A Very Short Introduction*. OUP.
20. Plamenatz, John, 1949. *The English Utilitarians*, Basin Blackwell, Oxford,
21. R.N. Berki, *The History of Political Thought*
22. Rawls, John, 1971, *A Theory of Justice*, Harvard: Bellknap.
23. Russell, Bertrand, *History of Western Philosophy*, Simon and Schuster, New York.
24. Skinner, Quinten, 1981. *Machiavelli A Very Short Introduction*, OUP.
25. Skinkers, Q., 1978 *Foundations of Modern Political Thought*, Vol. 1: *The Renaissance*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge,
26. Thomas Hobbes, *Leviathan*, ed. C. B. Macpherson (Baltimore: Penguin Books, 1968).

Course 209103
Politics and Society

Course Outcome: The course informs the students about the key concepts, themes and emerging trends of society. It intends to help the students understand how politics intricately shapes our society.

1. State-Civil Society Relations: Liberal, Hegelian and Marxist traditions – Contemporary Perspectives
2. Power, Authority and Domination – Elite theory: critique
3. Politics of Communication: Information-society debate
4. Emergence of Post-Modernism – Some Representative Debates
5. Nationalism: Major Debates
6. Post-colonialism: Major Theories
7. Feminism: Major Schools

Select Readings

1. Ania Loomba, *Colonialism/Postcolonialism*. Routledge, 2005.
2. Bill Ashcroft, Gareth Griffins and Helen Zigfin (eds.), *The Postcolonial Studies Reader*, Routledge, 2006.

3. Carolyn M. Elliott ed. 2010. Civil Society and Democracy, A Reader, Oxford, New Delhi.
4. Chris Beasley, what is Feminism? An Introduction to Feminist Theory. Sage: London,1999.
5. Colin Hay, 2009. Political Analysis, Palgrave Macmillan, India.
6. David Harvey, The Condition of Postmodernity, Basil, Blackwell, 1989
7. David Lyon, Postmodernity, Viva Books, 2002.
8. Edward Said, Orientalism,
9. Manuel Castells, The Rise of the Network Society, Wiley Blackwell.
10. N. Jayaram ed., 2005. On Civil Society, Issues and Perspective, Sage, New Delhi.
11. Neera Chandoke, State and Civil Society Explorations in Political Theory
12. Parthapratim Bandyopadhyay, Postmodern Bhabna o Annanya, (in Bengali), Radical Impression, Kolkata.
13. Pradip Basu, 2010. Uttar AdhunikRajniti (in Bengali), Sahityalok, Kolkata.
14. Rinita Majumdar, 2010. A Short Introduction to Feminist Theory, Anustup Publications
15. Robert JC Young, Postcolonialism: An Historical Introduction, Wiley Blackwell,2001.
16. Sarah Gamble(eds) The Routledge Companion to Feminism and Postfeminism. Routledge: London,2001.
17. SudiptaKaviraj&Sunil Khilnani eds., 2008. Civil Society, History and Possibilities, Cambridge University Press, New Delhi.
18. Ziauddin Sardar, Orientalism, Viva Books, 2002.

Course 209104
Research Methods in Social Sciences

Course Outcome: This course on research methodology is a both conceptual and skill-oriented. It is structured to teach the students the various methods (quantitative and qualitative) and tools (SPSS, STATA, Ppts) for conducting research in social science.

1. Nature of Scientific Knowledge – Use of Scientific Method in Social Sciences
2. Designing Social Research: Quantitative and Qualitative Dimensions
3. Techniques of Social Research: Measurement: Methods of Data Collection: Analysis of social data
4. Writing a research report / social research and theory building

Select Readings

1. C.A. Moser and G. Kalton, 1977. Survey Methods in Social Investigation, ELBS, New Delhi.
2. C.R. Kothari, Research Methodology, 1996, WishwaPrakashan, New Delhi.
3. Donijo, Robbins, Understanding Research Methods, CKC Press, Michigan 2009.
4. Gupta, Santosh, Research Methodology and Statistical Techniques, Deep and Deep, New Delhi, 2007.
5. Harrison, Lisa, Political Research: An Introduction, Routledge, London, 2004.
6. Jain, Gopal jLal, Research Methodology, Methods, Tools and Techniques, Mangal Deep, Jaipur, 2004

7. Kumar, Ranjit, Research Methodology: A Step by Step Guide for Beginners, Pearson Education, Delhi, 2005.
8. Manheim, J. B., and Rich, R.C., Empirical Political Analysis, Prentice-Hall, Englewood Cliffs, 2007.
9. Marcus E. Ethridge (ed). 2002. The Political Research Experience: Readings and Analysis. 3rd edition. M.E. Sharpe: Armonk, NY.
10. Miles, Matthew, A.M. Huberman, Qualitative data analysis: a sourcebook of new Methods, Sage Publications, 1984. 100
11. Narula, Sanjay, Research Methodology, MuraliLal, New Delhi, 2007.
12. Sharma, J. Narain, Research Methodology: The Discipline and its Dimensions, Deep and Deep, New Delhi, 2007.
13. W. Phillips Shively. 2002. The Craft of Political Research. 5th edition. Prentice- Hall: Upper Saddle River, NJ.

SEMESTER –II

Course 209201 Administrative Theories

Course Outcome: This course helps the students explore the various administrative theories and concepts. It is aimed towards imparting cognitive knowledge to the students about public/private administration.

1. Emergence of development of Public Administration as a discipline: classical and neo-classical theories -- NPA Development Administration
2. Neo-liberal theories: Public Choice approach, New Public Management, good governance paradigm
3. Bureaucracy: Marxist model – Max Weber – post-Weberian development
4. Decision-making: Herbert Simon
5. Organizational structures: approaches and models
6. Organizational culture: leadership and motivation

Select Readings

1. Albrow, Martin, Bureaucracy, London, Macmillan, 1978.
2. Arora, Ramesh K, Comparative Public Administration: An Ecological Perspective, New Delhi, Associated Publishing House, 1979.
3. Bhattacharya, Mohit, Restructuring Public Administration Essays in Rehabilitation, New Delhi, Jawahar, 1999.
4. C.P. Bhambri: Public Administration (Theory and Practice (Meerut: Educational Published 21th edition 2010)
5. Gant, George F., Development Administration: Concepts, Goals, Methods, Madison, University of Wisconsin Press, 1979.
6. Henry, Nicholas, Public Administration and Public Affairs, Delhi, Prentice-Hall of India, 1999.
7. Ken Morrison, 2008. Marx, Durkheim, Weber, Sage, New Delhi,

8. Leftwich, A., 'Governance, in the State and the Politics of Development', Development and Change, Vol. 25r 1994.
9. Minogue, Martin, 'The Internationalization of New Public Management' in The Internationalization of Public Management: Reinventing the Third World State edited, McCourt W and M. Minogue. U.K., Edward, Elgar, 2001.
10. Self, Peter, Administrative Theories and Politics: An Inquiry into the Structure and process of Modern Government. New Delhi, S. Chand and Co, 1984.
11. Stivers, Camilla, 'Towards a Feminist Theory of Public Administration in Gender' in Images in Public Administration: Legitimacy and the Administrative Slate. New Delhi, Sage, 1993

Course 209202 **Indian Administration**

Course Outcome: This course is structured to teach the various functional aspects of Indian administration. Students are made to understand the way government, semi-government or even non-government institutions actually function.

1. Evolution of Indian bureaucracy: colonial legacy – Continuity and Change
2. Administration-politician relationship – issue of political neutrality vs. commitment
3. Accountability in administration: issue of administrative corruption – redressal machinery-administrative ethics
4. Administrative reforms in India: 1st ARC and 2nd ARC
5. Pursuit of administrative transparency – Right to Information
6. E-governance: problems and prospect

Select Readings:

1. Albrow, Martin, Bureaucracy, London, Macmillan, 1978.
2. Maheshwari, S.R, Indian Administration, New Delhi, Orient Black swan. Recent edition.
3. Indian Administration Evolution and Practice, Bidyut Chakraborty & Prakash Chand
4. Mohit Bhattacharya: Public Administration (Calcutta: World Press, 2000)
5. Indian Public Administration Institutions and Issues, Ramesh Arora and Rajni Goyal

Course 209203 **International Relations (IR): Theories and Issues**

Course Outcome: This course orients the students to the study of International Relations (IR) and World Politics. They are made to understand the significant IR theories and global issues that shape politics at the world level.

1. Contending theories and approaches to the study of Realism and Neo-realism, Liberalism and neo-liberalism, Constructivism, Feminism
2. Political economy of IR: Major debates – from international to transnational global
3. Arms and Wars: nature, causes and types of wars, wars/conflict including ethnic disputes; conventional, nuclear/biochemical war: deterrence, arms control, arms race and disarmament.

4. International conflicts and peace studies in the post cold war era: techniques of conflict resolution.

Select Readings:

1. Alexander Wendt, *Social Theory of International Politics*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1999.
2. Arlene B. Tickner and Ole Wever, (eds.), *International Relations Scholarship Around the World*, London: Routledge, 2009.
3. Chris Brown with Kirsten Ainley, *Understanding International Relations*, 3rd Ed., Palgrave Macmillan, 2005.
4. David A. Baldwin (ed.), *Neo-Realism and Neo-liberalism: The Contemporary Debate* (New York: Columbia University Press, 1993)
5. David McGrew & Anthony Held (eds.) *Second Edition (2003), The Global Transformations Reader* (Cambridge: Polity Press)
6. David N. Balaam and Michael Veseth, *Introduction to International Political Economy* (New Jersey: Prentice Hall, 2001.
7. George Crane and AblaAmawi, *The Theoretical Evolution of International Political Economy* (Oxford: OUP, 1997).
8. H. J. Morgenthau, *Politics Among Nations*, 6th edition, revised by K. W. Thompson, New York, Alfred Knopf, 1985.
9. Hedley Bull, *The Anarchical Society: A Study of Order in World Politics*, 3rd edn., Basingstoke: Palgrave. 2002.
10. John Baylis and Steve Smith (eds.), *The Globalization of World Politics* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2001)
11. John Ravinhill, *Second Edition (2008), Global Political Economy* (Oxford: Oxford University Press)
12. Kenneth Waltz, *Theory of International Politics* (London: Addison-Wesley Publishing, 1979).
13. Raymond Aron, *Peace and War: A Theory of International Relations*, New York, Anchor Books, 1973.
14. RBJ Walker, ed., *Culture, Ideology and World Order*, Boulder: Westview Press, 1984.
15. Richard Falk et.al., *Reframing the International: Law, Culture and Politics*, New York: Routledge, 2002
16. Richard Stubbs and Underhill, Geoffrey R. D, *Third Edition, Political Economy and the Changing Global Order* (Ontario: Oxford University Press)
17. Robert Gilpin, *The Political Economy of International Relations* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1987
18. Robert O'Brian and Williams, Marc, *Second Edition (2007), Global Political Economy* (Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan)
19. Scott Burchill et al, *Theories of International Relations 3rd ed*, Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2005.
20. Steve Smith, Ken Booth and MarysiaZalewski, (eds.), *International Theory: Positivism and Beyond*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1996.
21. Sun Tzu and Lionel Giles (translator), *The Art of War*, Ulysses Press, 2007.

22. Tim Dunne, M. Kurki Steve Smith, International Relations. Discipline and Diversity, Oxford University Press, 2007.
23. W. Carlsnaes, T. Risse & B. Simmons, (eds.), Handbook of International Relations. London, Sage, 2006.
24. Yosef Lapid and Friedrich Kratochwil, eds., The Return of Culture and Identity in IR Theory, (Boulder: Lynne Rienner, 1997)

Course 209204
India in World Politics

Course Outcome: This course makes the students aware of Indian Foreign Policy and her relations with major global/regional powers and the neighboring states. To make them conscious about global events and current affairs is the main objective of this course.

1. Indian Foreign Policy: continuity and change, basic determinants – relevance of Non-alignment
2. Major security concerns in India foreign policy:
Nuclear issue: NPT, CTBT and 123 agreement
Indian Ocean
Terrorism
3. India's relations with USA, China, Pakistan
4. India and the United Nations in the 21st century
5. India's approach to the regional organizations: SAARC, BRICS and ASEAN

Select Readings:

1. Ahmed, Imtiaz., State and Foreign Policy: India's Role in South Asia, Delhi, Vikas Publishing House Ltd, 1993.
2. Appadurai and M. S. Rajan, India's Foreign Policy and Relations (South Asian Publishers, 1988). Achin Vanaik, India in a Changing World (Orient Longman, 1995).
3. Bandyopadhyay, Jayantanuj, The Making of India's Foreign Policy. New Delhi, Allied, 1970.
4. Bidwai, P and Vanaik A., South Asia on a Short Fuse: Nuclear Politics and the Future of Global Disarmament, Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2001.
5. Bradnock, Robert. India's Foreign Policy Since 1971. London., Royal Institute for International Affairs, 1990.
6. Brands, H.W. India and the United States: The Cold Peace. Boston, Twayne Publishers, 1990.
7. C Raja Mohan, Crossing the Rubicon: The Shaping of India's Foreign Policy (Palgrave, Macmillan, 2004).
8. Cohen, Stephen, P., India: Emerging Power, Washington D.C, Brookings Institution Press, 2001.
9. David Malone, C. Raja Mohan, Srinath Raghavan (Eds.), The Oxford Handbook of Indian Foreign Policy (Oxford Handbooks 2015).
10. Hewitt, Vernon, The New International Politics of South Asia, Manchester, Manchester University Press, 1997.

11. Imtiaz Ahmed (ed.), Indian Foreign Policy (Delhi, Vikas Publishing House, 1993).
12. J. N. Dixit, Makers of Indian Foreign Policy: From Raja Ram Mohan Roy to Yashwant Sinha, 2003. (New Delhi: Harper Collins, 2003)
13. J.N. Dixit, Indian Foreign Policy, 1947-2003 (New Delhi, D. K. Publications, 2003).
14. Kanti Bajpai and Harish V. Pant (eds.), India's Foreign Policy: A Reader (Oxford University Press, 2013)
15. Mitra, S., edited, Sub-nationalism in South Asia, Boulder, West View, 1996.
16. Mody, Nawaz B and Mehrish B.N. (eds.), India's Role in the United Nations, Allied Publishers Ltd. 1995.
17. Muni, S.D., Understanding South Asia: Essays in the Memory of Late Prof. UrmiaaPhadnis. New Delhi, South Asian Publishers, 1994.
18. Nanda, B.R. (ed.), India's Foreign Policy in the Nehru Years. New Delhi, Vikas, 1976.
19. Raja Mohan, Modi's World: Expanding India's Sphere of Influence (Harper Collins, 2015).
20. SumitGanguly, Indian Defence Policy, in Nirja Gopal Jayal and Pratap Bhanu Mehta (eds.), The Oxford Companion to Politics in India, OUP, 2010.

SEMESTER –III

Course 209301

Modern Indian Political Thought

Course Outcome: This course aims to inform the students about the significant contributions of Indian political thinkers in the realm of politics. They are introduced to non-western discourses to the study of politics.

1. Early Modernizer: Ram Mohan Roy
2. Nationalism and Internationalism: Bankimchandra and Tagore
3. Contribution towards national regeneration: Vivekananda and Aurobindo
4. Gandhi: Critique of modern civilization – theory of Non-violence and Satyagraha
5. Socialist thinking: M.N. Roy, Jawaharlal Nehru, Subhas Chandra Bose and J.P. Narayan
6. Social democracy and Social Reform: B.R. Ambedkar

Select Readings:

1. Anthony Parel, From Political Thought in India to Indian Political Thought,” in Western Political Thought in Dialogue with Asia, edited by Takashi Shogimen and C.J. Nederman, Plymouth, UK, Lexington Books, 2009, pg 187-208
2. Anthony Parel, Gandhi's Philosophy and the Quest for Harmony, Cambridge University Press, 2006
3. Appadurai, A., Indian Political Thinking in the Twentieth Century: From Naoroji to Nehru (London, OUP,1971).
4. Bali, D.R., Modern Indian Thought (New Delhi, Sterling, 1980).
5. Brown, D.M., Nationalist Movement: Indian Political Thought from Ranade to Bhave (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1965).
6. Pantham, Thomas and K.L., Deutsch (eds.), Political Thought in Modern India (New Delhi, Sage, 1986).

7. Pantham, Thomas, "Gandhi's Theory of Non-Violence: His Reply to the Terrorist" in Noel O'Sullivan (ed.), *The Theory and Practice of Terrorism* (Sussex, 1986).
8. V.R. Mehta and Thomas Pantham, (ed.), *Political Ideas in Modern India: Thematic Explorations*, New Delhi, Sage, 2006, Introduction and other selected chapters.
9. V.R Mehta, *Foundations of Indian Political Thought* (New Delhi, Manohar, 1996)
10. Verma, V.P., *Modern Indian Political Thought* (Agra, Laxminarayan, 1996), Eleventh Revised Edition). Verma, V.P., *Ancient and Medieval Indian Political Thought* (Agra, 1996).

Course 209302

Social and Political Movements in Contemporary India

Course Outcome: This course delves into the various social, economic and political aspects and issues concerning contemporary India. It aims to impart necessary knowledge about society and politics in India.

1. 'New' Social Movements: An overview
2. Politics of the Backward Classes and Dalit movements
3. Ecology and Politics: Environmental Movements
4. Gender Justice: Women's movement
5. State autonomy movements in India

Select Readings:

1. Charles Tilly, 2004. *Social Movements, 1768-2004*, Paradigm Publishers, USA.
2. Ghanshyam Shah (ed.), *Social Movements and the State*, Sage, New Delhi, 2002.
3. Gail Omvedt, *Reinventing Revolution, New Social Movements and the Socialist Tradition in India*, Sharpe, 1993.
4. Raka Ray and Mary Fainsod Katzenstein (ed.), *Social Movements in India, Poverty, Power, and Politics*, OUP, New Delhi, 2006.
5. Sudha Pai, 2013. *Dalit Assertion*, Oxford, New Delhi.
6. Sujit Sen ed., 2013. *DalitoAndolon: Prashna o Prasanga* (in Bengali), Granthamitra, Kolkata.
7. Vandana Shiva, 1991. *Ecology and the Politics of Survival*, Sage, New Delhi.
8. Bina Agarwal (ed.), *Structures of Patriarchy: State, Community and Household in Modernizing Asia*, Kali for Women, New Delhi, 1988.
9. Manoranjan Mohanty ed., *Caste, Class and Gender*, Sage, New Delhi, 2000.
10. Nivedita Menon, (ed.), *Gender and Politics in India*, OUP, New Delhi, 2001.
11. T.V. Sathyamurthy ed., *Region, Religion, Caste, Gender and Culture in India*, OUP, New Delhi, 1998.
12. Gadgil, Madhav & Guha, Ramchandra, *This Fissured Land: An Ecological History of India*, Cambridge University Press, 1992.
13. B.B. Kumar, 1998. *Small States Syndrome in India*, Concept Publishing Company, New Delhi.
14. Aditya Nigam, "Secularism, Modernity, National: Epistemology of the Dalit Critique." *Economic and Political Weekly*, November 25, 2000. 3. Aryama and Sukhadeo Thorat (ed.), Ambedkar

15. Mala Khullar (eds), Women's Movement in India a Reader. Zubaan,2005
16. Mehta, Pratap Bhanu and Niraja Gopal Jayal, The Oxford Companion to Politics of India, New Delhi, Oxford University Press, 2010
17. Raka Ray (eds), Handbook of Gender.OUP,2012
18. Sharmila Rege, 'Dalit Women talk Differently: A Critique of 'Difference' and towards a Dalit Feminist Standpoint', EPW, Oct 31 1998

Course 209303
Indian Government and Politics

Course Outcome: The course imparts needful knowledge about the functioning of the Indian government. Students are made to understand the intricate politics that guides the functioning of the government and its institutions.

1. Federal process in India: tension areas and emerging issues
2. Political parties and Indian party system: current trends – politics of coalition
3. Changing character of the Indian state: from planning to neo-liberal reforms
4. Emerging issues: Caste, Tribe and religion
5. Politics of social justice: reservation politics and minority question

Select Readings

1. The Constitution of India, Government of India, Ministry of Law, Justice and Company Affairs, Central Government Publications, New Delhi
2. Paul R. Brass, Language, Religion and Politics in North India, CUP, London, 1974.
3. Paul R. Brass, The Politics in India since Independence, CUP, reprinted by Foundation Book, New Delhi, 1999.
4. Peter Ronald D'Souza and E. Sridharan (eds.), India's Political Parties, Sage, New Delhi, 2006.
5. Rajni Kothari, Politics in India, Orient Longman, Delhi, (1970), 1985.
6. Zoya Hasan (ed.), Politics and the State in India, Sage, New Delhi, 2000.
7. SudiptaKaviraj (ed.), Politics in India, OUP, New Delhi, 1997.
8. Partha Chatterjee (ed.), State and Politics in India, OUP, New Delhi, (1997), 2004.
9. Partha Chatterjee, The Politics of the Governed: Reflections on Popular Politics in Most of the World, Permanent Black, Delhi, 2004.
10. Andre Beteille, 1992. Society and Politics in India: Essays in a Comparative Perspective, Oxford. Kolkata.
11. B.D Dua and M.P Singh (eds.) Federalism in the New Millennium, Manohar, Delhi, 2003.
12. B. Shiva Rao, The Framing of India's Constitution, A Study and Select Documents, Tripathi, Bombay, 1968.
13. Balveer Arora and Douglas Verney, eds., Multiple Identities in a Single State: Indian Federalism in Comparative Perspective, Konark, New Delhi, 1995.
14. B.S. Baviskar and George Mathew (eds.), Inclusion and Exclusion in Local Governance: Field Studies from Rural India, New Delhi, Sage, 2009

15. Devesh Kapur and Pratap B. Mehta, eds., Public Institutions in India: Performance and Design, OUP, New Delhi, 2007.
16. D.D. Basu, Introduction to the Constitution of India, Prentice Hall, New Delhi, 1992.
17. Granville Austin, The Indian Constitution: Cornerstone of a Nation, OUP, New Delhi, 1966.
18. Hasan, Zoya (ed.). Parties and Party Politics in India, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2001
19. Maurice Duverger, Political Parties: Their Origin and Activities in Modern State, John Wiley, London, 1954
20. Mukherji, Rahul, India's Economic Transition: The Politics of Reforms, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2014.
21. Niraja GopalJoyal, Representing India: Ethnic Diversity and governance of Public Institutions, Palgrave Macmillan, 2006
22. Zoya Hasan (ed.), Politics and the State in India, Sage, New Delhi, 2000.
23. Varshney, Ashutosh, Battles Half Won: India's Improbable Democracy. Penguin, New Delhi, 2014.

Course 209304 **Local Governance in India**

Course Outcome: This course introduces the students to the gamut of socio-economic and political factors that shape local governance in India. While giving due importance to the study of grassroots politics it aims to highlight the scope of micro-level studies.

1. Evolution of local self-government – milestones and debates in the Constituent Assembly
2. Constitutional basis of local self-government: rural and urban
3. Participatory local governance: working of Gram Sabhas and Ward Committees
4. Inclusive local governance: gender dimension
5. Decentralized planning: District Planning committees and Metropolitan Planning Committees
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SEMESTER – IV

Course 209401 Politics in West Bengal

Course Outcome: This course is specifically structured to impart specialized knowledge about politics in West Bengal. It is a state specific course modelled to make the students consciously aware of and learn about the politics of their state.

1. Studying State politics in India: the conceptual framework
2. The Congress rule: features and Implications
3. Left radicalism in West Bengal
4. Sub-state politics in West Bengal: the Gorkhaland agitation

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Course 209402

Local Governance in West Bengal: Rural

Course Outcome: This course deals with local governance in West Bengal. It aims to impart knowledge about politics at the rural and grassroots level.

1. Village self-government in West Bengal: A Historical Outline
2. Participatory Rural Governance: Function of Gram Sansads
3. Women in Panchayati Raj in West Bengal
4. Decentralized participatory planning – Role of Panchayats
5. SHGs in West Bengal: Role in governance and development

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8. Marina R. Pinto, 2000. Metropolitan City Governance in India, Sage Publication India Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi,
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Course 209403

Local Governance in West Bengal: Urban

Course Outcome: This course deals with urban governance in West Bengal. It aims to impart knowledge about politics at the urban and semi-urban level.

1. Urbanization in West Bengal: traits and trends
2. Institutional reforms in municipal governance
3. Gender paradigm in urban governance
4. Urban development: Public-private participation

Select Readings:

1. The West Bengal Municipal Law (As Amended up to Date), Tax & Law, Kolkata (Latest Edition)

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Course 209404
Long Essay and Presentation

Course Outcome: This course aims to provide the students the scope to use their practical skills to write critical essays, research papers or make academic presentations related to the courses taught.
