

Semester VII

B.A. Political Science

SEMESTER-VII

(MAJOR)

POL-M-T-11: Introducing Political Sociology

Major; Credit-6; Full Marks-75

Course Objectives:

After completion of the course the learners will be able to:

- Understand the nature and scope of Political Sociology
- Understand the concept of Social Stratification and the role of caste, class and elite in politics.
- Comprehend the concepts of Power, authority and Influence and their inter-relationships.
- Understand the meaning, nature and type of Political Culture
- Identify the process of political socialization

Unit 1: Definition, scope and subject matter-social bases of politics.

Unit 2: Social Stratification and Politics: Caste, class and elite.

Unit 3: Power, Influence, and Authority.

Unit 4: Political Culture: Meaning, nature and types.

Unit 5: Political Socialization: Meaning and agencies.

Unit 6: Political Development and Political Modernization.

Suggested Readings:

1. Tom Bottomore , *Political Sociology* , Pluto Press, 1993.
2. Janoski, Thomas, Alford R., Hicks Alexander & Schwartz M.A. ed. , *The Handbook of Political Sociology: States, Civil Societies and Globalization*, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2005.

3. Ashraf, A. & Sharma, L.N., *Political Sociology: a New Grammar of Politics*, New Delhi, Orient Longman Pvt. Ltd., 2004.
4. Nash, K., *Contemporary Political Sociology: Globalization, Politics and Power*, Wiley-Blackwell, 2010.
5. Satyabrata Chakraborty (ed.), *Political Sociology*, New Delhi, Macmillan India, 2005.
6. Amal Kumar Mukhopadhyay, *Political Sociology: an introductory analysis*, K.P. Bagchi, 1977.
7. Guy Rocher, *A General introduction to sociology: A theoretical perspective*, Calcutta, Academic Publishers, 2004.
8. Gajanafar Alam, *Political Sociology*, New Delhi, Anmol Publications, 2011.

B.A. Political Science
SEMESTER-VII
(MAJOR)
POL-M-T-12: Western Political Thought (Modern)
Major; Credit-6; Full Marks-75

Course Objectives:

After completion of the course the learner will be able to:

- Have an insightful knowledge about the western political thought of modern times.
- Understand the key ideas of western political thinker's of modern period.

Unit 1: Thomas Hobbes – Materialism, Human Nature & Sovereignty- John Locke – Natural Rights and Property- JJ Rousseau – Concept of General Will, Local or Direct Democracy, Origin of Inequality.

Unit 2: Immanuel Kant –Enlightenment and Moral Freedom - Hegel – Dialectics, Civil Society and State.

Unit 3: J.S. Mill- Liberty, Suffrage, Subjection of Women, right of minorities, utility principles.

Unit 4: Mary Wollstonecraft: Women and Paternalism- Critique on Rousseau's idea on education- legal rights.

Unit 5: Alexandra Kollontai: Winged and Wingless Eros, Proletarian women, Socialization of housework, disagreement with Lenin.

Suggested Readings:

1. Sabine G.H. & T.L. Thorson, *A History of Political Theory*, New Delhi, Oxford and IBH Publishing Company Pvt. Ltd., 1993.
2. Mukhopadhyay, A. K., *Western Political Thought: From Plato to Marx*, Kolkata, K. P. Bagchi, 1980.
3. Mukherjee S and S. Ramaswamy, *A History of Political Thought: Plato to Marx*, New Delhi: Prentice Hall of India, 2004.
4. Jha S., *Western Political Thought: From Plato to Marx*, New Delhi, Pearson, 2010.
5. Germino, Dante, *Machiavelli to Marx: Modern Western Political Thought*, London, The University of Chicago Press, 1972.
6. Spellman W.M., *A Short History of Western Political Thought*, New York, Palgrave Macmillan, 2011.
7. Tannenbaum Donald, *Inventors of Ideas: Introduction to Western Political Philosophy*, Boston, USA, Wadsworth Cengage Learning, 2004.
8. Lamb, Peter, *Harold Laski: Problems of Democracy, the Sovereign State, and International Society*, New York, Palgrave Macmillan, 2004.
9. Kollontai, Alexandra, Translated by Alex Holt, *Selected Writings of Alexandra Kollontai*, Norton, 1980.
10. Farnsworth. Beatrice , *Alexandra Kollontai: Socialism, Feminism, and the Bolshevik Revolution*, Stanford University Press, 1980.

**B.A. Political Science
SEMESTER-VII
(MAJOR)**

POL-M-T-13: Foundations of Research Methodology

Major; Credit-6; Full Marks-75

Course Objectives:

After completion of the course the learners will be able to:

- Understand how to conduct research in Social Science.

- Develop a basic understanding of the various concepts and issues of Research methodology.
- Understand the basic concepts of Research in Social Science.
- Develop in them basic skills pertaining to the use of Quantitative and Qualitative methods of Social Science Research.

Unit 1: What is Research?: Definition of Research, Characteristics of Research, Types of Research, Major Paradigms of Research – Positivism, Interpretivism and Critical Theory, Research Methodology vs Methods.

Unit 2: Literature Review: Importance of Review of Literature in Research, Procedure of Conducting a review of Literature, writing up the literature reviewed.

Unit 3: Formulating a Research Problem: What is a Research Problem? The importance of Formulating a Research Problem, Sources of Research Problems, Steps in Formulating a Research Problem, Formulation of Research Objectives, Establishing Operational Definitions.

Unit 4: Identifying Variables – The Definition of a Variable, Difference between Concept and Variable, Scope of Concept, Clarity of Concepts, Types of Variables, Types of Measuring Scales.

Unit 5: Hypothesis – Definition of Hypothesis, Types of Hypothesis, Functions of Hypothesis, Characteristics of Hypothesis, Constructing a Hypothesis, Testing a Hypothesis - t-test and z-test.

Unit 6: Conceptualising a Research Design – Definition of Research Design, Functions of Research Design, Difference between Research Design and Study Design, Types of Study Design – Cross-Sectional Study Design, Retrospective Study Design, Experimental Study Design.

Suggested Readings:

1. Michael Crotty. The Foundations of Social Research: Meaning and Perspectives in the Research, Thousand Oaks: Sage Publications Ltd. 1998.
2. Matt Henn, Mark Weinstein and Nick Foard, A short Introduction to Social Research, Sage Publications Ltd., 2006.

3. Therese L. Baker, Doing Social Research, McGraw-Hill, 1994.
4. Alexander M. Novikov, Dmitry A. Novikov. Research Methodology from Philosophy of Science to Research Design, CRC Press, London, 2013.
5. C.R. Kothari, Gaurav Garg. Research Methodology: Methods and Techniques. New Age International 4th Edition, 2018.
6. Kerry E. Howell, An Introduction to the Philosophy of Methodology, Sage, 2013.
7. Paul M. Kellstedt and Guy D. Whitten. The Fundamentals of Political Science Research. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, UK, 2nd edition, 2013.

B.A. Political Science
SEMESTER-VII
(MINOR)
POL-MI-T-4: Feminism: Theory and Practice
Minor; Credit-4; Full Marks-50

Course Objectives:

After completion of the course the learners will be able to –

- Understand the contemporary debates on feminism and the history of feminist struggles.
- Understand the complexity of patriarchy and the history of feminism.

Unit 1: Approaches to understanding Patriarchy: Feminist theorising of the sex/gender distinction. Biologism versus social constructivism - Understanding Patriarchy and Feminism - Liberal, Socialist, Marxist, Radical feminism, New Feminist Schools/Traditions.

Unit 2: History of Feminism: Origins of Feminism in the West: France, Britain and United States of America.

Unit 3: - Feminist issues and women's participation in anti-colonial and national liberation movements with special focus on India. The Indian Experience: Traditional Historiography and Feminist critiques. Social Reforms Movement and position of women in India. History of Women's struggle in India.

Unit 4: Family in contemporary India - patrilineal and matrilineal practices. Gender Relations in the Family, Patterns of Consumption: Intra Household Divisions, entitlements and bargaining, Property Rights of Women in India.

Unit 5: Understanding Woman's Work and Labour in India– Sexual Division of Labour, Productive and Reproductive labour, Visible - invisible work – Unpaid (reproductive and care), Underpaid and Paid work, - Methods of computing women's work , Female headed households.

Suggested Readings:

1. Geetha, V. (2007) *Patriarchy*. Calcutta: Stree.
2. Jagger, Alison. (1983) *Feminist Politics and Human Nature*. U.K.: Harvester Press.
3. Rowbotham, Shiela. (1993) *Women in Movements*. New York and London: Routledge.
4. Jayawardene, Kumari. (1986) *Feminism and Nationalism in the Third World*. London: Zed Books.
5. Forbes, Geraldine (1998) *Women in Modern India*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
6. Desai, Neera & Thakkar, Usha. (2001) *Women in Indian Society*. New Delhi: National Book Trust.

Semester VIII

Honours with Research

B.A. Political Science

SEMESTER-VIII

(MAJOR)

POL-M-T-14: Understanding South Asia

Major; Credit-4; Full Marks-50

Course Objectives:

After completion of the course the learner will be able to:

- Understand the Geo-politics of South Asia as a region.
- Understand the nature of state system in various countries of South Asia.
- Understand the process of regional integration in South Asia.
- Identify the major environmental issues in South Asia.

Unit 1: South Asia as a region: Historical and Colonial Legacies - Geopolitical dimensions.

Unit 2: Politics and Governance: a) Regime Types: Democracy, authoritarianism, monarchy;
b) Emerging Constitutional practices: Federal experiments in Pakistan, constitutional debate in Nepal and Bhutan; devolution debate in Sri Lanka.