

B.A. Political Science (Honours)

SEMESTER-V

POL-H-CC-T-11: Western Political Thought (Ancient & Medieval)

Core Course; Credit-6. Full Marks-75

Course Objectives:

- ❖ After completion of the course, the learners will be able to –
- ❖ Have an insightful knowledge of the ancient and medieval Western political thought.
- ❖ Understand the key ideas of Western political thinkers of the ancient and medieval period.

Unit 1: Background of Western Political Thought: A Brief Outline with special reference to Stoics and Sophists of ancient Greece. (AC)

Unit 2: Plato – Philosophy and Politics- Theory of Forms, Justice, Philosopher King/Queen, Communism- Women and Guardianship- Critique of Democracy - Censorship.(AC)

Unit 3: Aristotle – Theory of State – Classification of Governments- Man as a Zoon Politikon- Justice-Citizenship. (TB)

Unit 4: Medieval Theological Thought: Basic Features, Conflict between Church and State- Contribution of St. Augustine, St. Thomas Aquinas and Marsiglio of Padua. (KP)

Unit 5: Machiavelli: Virtue & Vice – Morality and Statecraft – Religion- Republicanism.(KP)

POL-H-CC-T-12: Western Political Thought (Modern)

Core Course; Credit-6. Full Marks-75

Course Objectives:

- ❖ 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(TM)

and Property- JJ Rousseau – Concept of General Will, Local or Direct Democracy, Origin of Inequality.(BM)

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

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

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

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

POL-H-DSE-T-1(B): Public Policy in India

Discipline Specific Elective Course; Credit-6. Full Marks-75

Course Objectives:

- ❖ Be familiar with different public policies in India.
- ❖ Understand various theories and methods of understanding public policy and governance
- ❖ Identify the different challenges to governance which has hampered the effective implementation of public policies

Unit 1: Public Policy: Meaning, Scope, and Importance – The emergence of Policy Sciences.(KP)

Unit 2: Models of Policy Decision-Making.(KP)

Unit 3: Policy making in India - Nehruvian Vision – Pre and Post Liberalization period in India – Determinants of Public Policy in India.(KP)

Unit 4: Major Public Policies in India: a) Public Health; b) Education and c) Environment.(BA)

Unit 5: Constraints and Challenges to Public Policy Implementation in India: Economic, Political, and Socio-Cultural.(TM)

POL-H-DSE-T-2(A): Development Process and Social Movements in Contemporary India

Discipline Specific Elective Course; Credit-6. Full Marks-75

Course Objectives:

- ❖ To understand the development process in India since Independence.
- ❖ Understand a variety of protest movements in the context of development in India.
- ❖ To analyze the conditions, contexts, and forms of political contestation over development paradigms.

Unit 1: Development Process in India since Independence: State and planning – Liberalization and reforms.(AC)

Unit 2: Industrial Development Strategy and its Impact on the Social Structure : Mixed economy, privatization, the impact on organized and unorganized labour - Emergence of the new Indian middle class.(TB)

Unit 3: Agrarian Development Strategy and its Impact on the Social Structure: Land Reforms, Green(BB)

Revolution, Agrarian crisis since the 1990s and its impact on farmers.(BB)

Unit 4: Social Movements in India: Tribal, Peasant, Dalit and Women's movements - Maoist challenge - Civil rights movements in India.(AC)

Faculty Details:

Name of the Faculty	Designation	Abbreviation of Name
Binoy Biswas	Assistant Professor	BB
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Arijit Chowdhury	Assistant Professor	AC
Tejen Mondal	SACT-II	TM
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