

U.G. 2nd Semester

**Paper: PSC201C (Core)
Key Concepts in Politics**

Credits: 5 = 4 + 1 + 0 (64 Lectures)

Course outline—

Unit –I: Liberty, Equality & Justice

- a. Liberty: Negative and Positive Liberty and the contemporary debate
- b. Equality: Rational Grounds of discrimination
- c. Justice: Procedural and Substantive Justice

Unit – II: Sovereignty: Origin and Practice

- a. Historical Evolution of Sovereignty
- b. Theories of Sovereignty
- c. The Changing world and the concept of sovereignty

Unit – III: Power, Authority and Legitimacy

- a. Power: Decision Making, Agenda Setting and Thought Control
- b. Authority and Power
- c. Kinds of authority
- d. Legitimacy: Ideological hegemony, Legitimization Crisis

Unit – IV: Rights and Citizenship

- a. Theories of Rights : Conventional and Marxist Theory
- b. Theories of Citizenship: Liberal and Marxist Theory
- c. Critiques of Citizenship – Feminist and Subaltern

Recommended Readings:

1. O. P. Gauba, *An Introduction to Political Theory*, Macmillan India, 2003.
2. Andrew Heywood, *Political Theory: An introduction*, Palgrave/ Macmillan, 2004.
3. Andrew Heywood, *Politics*, Macmillan, 1997.

4. Sushila Ramaswamy, *Political Theory: Ideas of Concepts*, Macmillan India, 2003.
5. Johns Hoffman & Paul Graham, *Introduction to Political Theory*, Pearson Education.
6. Rajeev Bhargava & Ashok Acharya, *Political Theory: An Introduction*, Pearson/Longman, 2008.
7. B. Berry, *The Nature of Power*, Cambridge/Polity Press, 1988.
8. Anupama Roy, *Gendered Citizenship: Historical and Conceptual Explorations*, Orient Longman, 2005.

Paper: PSC202C (Core)

Dynamics of Indian Political System

Credits: 5 = 4+1+0 (64 Lectures)

Course outline—

Unit – I: Federalism in India

- a. The Federal structure and the Divisions of Power
- b. Centre –State Relations: Evolving Trends and Challenges
- c. Regional Aspirations: The Politics of Secession and Accommodation

Unit – II: Political Parties and the Party System

- a. Party System: Features
- b. Trends in Party System: From Congress System to Multi-Party Coalitions
- c. Major national political parties in India: Ideologies and programmes.

Unit – III: Political Processes and the Debates

- a. Religion and Politics: Debates on Secularism and Communalism
- b. Caste and Politics: Caste in Politics and the Politicization of Caste
- c. Affirmative Action: Debates on Reservation

Unit – IV: Social Movements in India

- a. Identity Movements
- b. Environmental movements
- c. Gender movements

Recommended Readings:

1. Ghanshyam Shah, *Social Movements in India*, Sage, 2004
2. Brass, P.R. (1999) 'Crisis of National Unity: Punjab, the Northeast and Kashmir', in *The Politics of India Since Independence*. New Delhi: Cambridge University Press and Foundation Books, pp.192-227.
3. Chadda, M. (2010) 'Integration Through Internal Reorganization: Containing Ethnic Conflict in India,' in Baruah, S. (ed.) *Ethnonationalism in India: A Reader*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp. 379-402.
4. King, R.D. (1997) 'Linguistic States and the National Language', in *Nehru and the Language Politics of India*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp. 52-96.
5. Rao, M.G. and Singh, N. (2005) 'A Historical Review of Indian Federalism', in *The Political Economy of Federalism in India*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp.41- 61.
6. Stepan, A. (2010) 'Federalism, Multinational Societies and Negotiating a Democratic "State Nation": A Theoretical Framework, the Indian Model and a Tamil Case Study', in Baruah, S. (ed.) *Ethnonationalism in India: A Reader*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp. 347-378.
7. Arora, B. (2000) 'Negotiating Differences: Federal Coalitions and National Cohesion', in Frankel, F. Hasan, Z. Bhargava, R. and Arora, B. (eds.) *Transforming India: Social and Political Dynamics of Democracy*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp. 176-206.
8. Jaffrelot, C. (2001) 'The Sangh Parivar Between Sanskritization and Social Engineering', in Hansen, T.B. and Jaffrelot, C. (eds.) *The BJP and the Compulsions of Politics in India*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp. 22-71.
9. Kothari, R. (2002) 'The Congress "System" in India', in Hasan, Z. (ed.) *Parties and Party Politics in India*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp. 39-55.
10. Manor, J. (1995) 'Regional Parties in Federal Systems', in Arora, B. and Verney, D.V. (eds.) *Multiple Identities in a Single State: Indian Federalism in Comparative Perspective*. Delhi: Konark, pp. 105-135.
11. Rodrigues, V. (2006) 'The Communist Parties in India', in deSouza, P.R. and Sridharan, E.(eds.) *India's Political Parties*. New Delhi: Sage, pp. 199-252.
12. Yadav, Y. and Palshikar, S. (2006) 'Party System and Electoral Politics in the Indian States, 1952-2002: From Hegemony to Convergence', in deSouza, P.R. and Sridharan, E. (eds.) *India's Political Parties*. New Delhi: Sage, pp. 73-115.
13. Bilgrami, A. (1999) 'Two Concepts of Secularism', in Kaviraj, S. (ed.) *Politics in India*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp. 349-361.
14. Brass, P.R. (2003) 'Introduction: Explaining Communal Violence', in *The Production of Hindu-Muslim Violence in Contemporary India*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp. 5-39.

15. Chandra, B. (1999) 'Communalism as False Consciousness', in Kaviraj, S. (ed.) *Politics in India*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp. 299-304.
16. Mehta, P.B. (2004) 'Introduction to the Omnibus', in Zavos, J. Hansen, T.B. and Jaffrelot, C. *Hindu Nationalism and Indian Politics: An Omnibus*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp. vii-xxiii.
17. Menon, N. and Nigam, A. (2007) 'Politics of Hindutva and the Minorities', in *Power and Contestation: India since 1989*. London: Fernwood Publishing, Halifax and Zed Books, pp.36-60.
18. Nandy, A. (1999) 'A Critique of Modernist Secularism', in Kaviraj, S. (ed.) *Politics in India*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp. 329-341.
19. Pandey, G. (1999) 'Communalism as Construction', in Kaviraj, S. (ed.) *Politics in India*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press. pp. 305-317.
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21. Galanter, M. (2002) 'The Long Half-Life of Reservations', in Hasan, Z. Sridharan, E. and Sudarshan, R (eds.) *India's Living Constitution: Ideas, Practices, Controversies*. New Delhi: Permanent Black, pp. 306-318.
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24. Kothari, R. (1970) 'Introduction,' in *Caste in Indian Politics*. Delhi: Orient Longman, pp.3-
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27. C. Jaffrelot, (2005) 'The Politics of the OBCs', in *Seminar*, Issue 549, pp. 41-45.
28. M. John, (2011) 'The Politics of Quotas and the Women's Reservation Bill in India', in M. Tsujimura and J. Steele (eds.) *Gender Equality in Asia*, Japan: Tohoku University Press, pp. 169-195.

Paper: PSC203G (General Elective)
Introduction to Indian Constitution
Credits: 4 = 3+1+0 (48 Lectures)

Course outline—

Unit- 1 Basic Features of Indian Constitution

- a. Preamble
- b. Fundamental Rights
- c. Directive Principles of State Policy
- d. Fundamental Duties

Unit- 2 Institutions of Government

- a. Union Government—President, Prime Minister, Parliament
- b. State Government—Governor, Chief Minister, State legislature
- c. Supreme Court of India
- d. High Court

Unit- 3 Indian Federalism

- a. Nature of Indian Federalism
- b. Distribution of Powers
- c. Centre- State Relations

Unit- 4 Electoral System

- a. Election Commission of India
- b. Electoral Reforms
- c. Party System in India

Recommended Readings:

1. D. D. Basu, *An Introduction to the Constitution of India*, New Delhi, Prentice Hall. 2008.
2. G. Austin, *Working a Democratic Constitution-The Experience*, Delhi, Oxford University Press, 2000.
3. C. P. Bhambri, *The Indian state: Fifty years*, New Delhi, Shipra, 1999.
4. P. R. Brass, *Politics of India since Independence*, Cambridge University Press 1992.

5. Brij Kishore Sharma, *Introduction to the Constitution of India*, Prentice Hall, New Delhi, 2005.
6. M. V. Pylee, *An Introduction to the Constitution of India*, New Delhi, Vikas, 1998.
7. S. Kashyap, *Our Constitution*, New Delhi, National Book Trust, 1992.
8. M. P. Singh, and R. Saxena, *Indian Politics: Contemporary Issues and concerns*, New Delhi, Prentice Hall, 2008.
9. P. M. Bakshi, *The Constitution of India*, Universal Law Publishing Co.2004