Tripura University
A Central University

Curriculum
For
Master of Arts in
POLITICAL SCIENCE

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
SURYAMANINAGAR
2015
FIRST SEMESTER
Course – 701 (C): Ancient Indian Political Thought
Course – 702 (C): Modern Indian Political Thought
Course – 703 (C): Western Political Thought-I
Course – 704 (C): Western Political Thought-II
Course – 905 (E): North East Indian Politics

SECOND SEMESTER
Course – 801(C): Political Theory
Course – 802 (C): Comparative Politics
Course – 803 (C): Public Administration
Course – 804 (C): Theories of International Relations
Course – 805 (E): Constitution of India

THIRD SEMESTER
Course – 901 (C): Political Sociology
Course – 902(C): Research Methodology
Course – 903(E): Problems in International Relations
Course – 904(E): Post-Colonial Indian Politics
Course – 905(E): Administration and Politics in Tripura
Unit-I
A brief survey of the geo-political background
Impact of Vedic Values
Salient features of the Ancient Indian Political Thought

Unit-II
Political Philosophy:
Ramayan, Mahabharata, Bhagavad Gita, Vedanta

Unit-III
Codifications of Laws:
Manu-Smriti
Narada-Smriti
Vishnu-Smriti
Sukra-niti

Unit-IV
Theories about the origin of the king/kingship
Kautilya; Theory of State, Rajmandala
Manu; Social Laws, Raj Dharma, Varnashrama, Statecraft
Benevolent Monarchism: Mauryas and Guptas
Thoughts on Local administration in India
Suggested Readings

- Sing, M.P. am Roy Himanshu, Indian Political Thought Themes and Thinkers, person, 2011.
- ChakrabartyBidyot and Pandey Rajendra Kumar, Modern Indian Political Thought Text and Context, Sage Publication, 2009.
- Aiyanger and Rangaswami: Some aspects of ancient Indian Polity
- Alteker, A.S: State and Government in Ancient India
- Bandopadhyaya, N.C :Development of Hindu Polity and Political Theories
- Beni Prasad: Theory of Government and ancient India.
- BhandarKar, D. R: Some aspects of ancient Hindu polity.
- Bhatt, S.R: Welfarism and Classical Indian Thought
- Buhler (tr): The Laws of Manu
- Choudhury, R.K: Kautilya’s Political Ideas and Institutions
- Dikshitar and Ramchandra: The Mauryan polity
- Dutta, M. N.(tr): Vishnu Puranam
- Ghoshal, U.N: History of Hindu Political Theories
- Law, M.N: Aspects of ancient a India Polity
- Mukherjee, R.K: Chandragupta Maurya and his times
- Radhakrishnan, S.(tr): The Bhagavad Gita
- Radhakrishnan, S.: The Hindu of Life
- Rajagopalachari (tr): The Mahabharata
- Rso. M.V.K: Studies in Kautilya
- Salutore, B.A: Ancient Indian Political Thought and Institutions
- Sarkar, B.K. (tr) : The Sukra-niti
- Sen, A.K: Studies in ancient Indian Political Thought
- Sen, M.L.(tr): The Ramayana
- Sri Aurobindo : Essays on Gita.

(More References as and when required will be furnished by the Teachers in the Classes)
Modern Indian Political Thought
(Course Code-702C)

Unit-I
Salient features of Modern Indian Political Thought
Early Nationalist Responses: Rammohan to Jotiba Phule
Socio-Political Thought: Naoroji, Ranade and Tilak

Unit-II
Swami Vivekananda to Sri Aurobindo- A Critical analysis of Indian Nationalism
Gandhi, Subhas Bose, Neheru and Patel: An estimate of their views on national integration
Rabidranath Tagore: Political Ideas, Nationalism

Unit-III
Keshab Baliram Hedgewar: Concept of State (Rastra)
V.D. Savarkar: Cultural Nationalism
M.S. Golwalker: Hindu Nationalism: AS Critical Study
Deendayal Upadhyaya: Integral Humanism

Unit-IV
Syed Ahmed Khan: Socio-Political Thought
Mohammed Iqbal: Political Ideas
Mohammed Ali Jinnah: Two National Theory
Constitutionalism and Nationalism: Ambedkar and J.P. Narayan
Ram Manohar Lohia: Political Thought

Suggested Readings:
- Appadorai, A: Indial Political Thinking Through the Ages, Khama, Delhi, 1992.
- Appadorai, A: Political Thought in India, Khama, Delhi, 2002.
• Battacharyya, Buddadeva: Evolution of the Political Philosophy of Gandhi, Calcutta Book House, Calcutta, 1969
• Gandhi, M.K: Hind Swaraj, Navajevan, Ahmedabad, 1938.
• Kar, Jasubanta: Subhas Chandra Bose: The man and His Mind, (Minerva Association).
• Subhas Chandra Chatterjee- Subhas Chandra: The man and His Mission.
• Karunakaran, K.P: Indian Politics from Dadabhai Naurji to Gandhi, Asia, Delhi, 1967.
• Mehta, V.R: Indian Political Thought, Manohar Publications, New Delhi, 1996.
• Narvane, V.S: Modern Indian Thought, Orient Longman, New Delhi, 1978.
• Parekh, B: Colonialism, Tradition and reform, Sage Publications, Delhi, 1989.
• Dr. Hedgewar- the Epoch Maker, compiled by B.V. Deshpande and S.R. Ramaswamy, Edited by H.V Seshadri Published by: Sahitya SindhuPrakashona, Bangalore 19, Year 1981.
• Sri Guruji- Pioneer of a new era – by C.P. Bhishikar Published by Sahitya SindhuPrakashona, 14/3A Nripatunga Road, Bangalore 1. (1999).
• Sri Guruji (English)by H.V. Seshadri Published by :Suruchi Prakashon, Keshav Kunj, Jhandewalan, , New Delhi, 110055. Year 1999.
• Varma, V.P: Modern Indian Political Thought, Lakshmi Narayana Agarwal, Agra, 1974.
• Savarkar, V.D: Hindutya, Bharatio Sahitya Sadan, Delhi, 1989.
• Sinari, R.A: The Structure of Indian Thought,, OUP, Delhi, 1984.

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Western Political Thought-I
(Course Code-703C)

Unit-I
Plato: Theory of Knowledge, Concept of Communism, Theory of Education.
Aristotle: Philosophical Method, Constitution and Citizenship, Concept of Law and Justice.

Unit-II
St. Augustine: Augustine’s method- Theory of Two Swords
St. Thomas Aquinas: Nature and Society, Natural Law Doctrine, State and the Church
Marsilio De padua: State and Church, Law and Law makers

Unit-III
Machiavelli: Republicanism and Humanism, Human Nature, Nations of Liberty Views on State
Montesquieu: Sociology of Liberty, Separation of Powers. Argument of Liberty

Unit-IV
Locke: Theory of Natural Rights, Theory of Social Contract, Constitutionalism, right of revolution
Suggested Readings:

- Jha, Shefali : Western Political Thought- From Plato to Marx, Dorling Kindersley Pvt, Ltd, Delhi 2010.
- Gupta M.G. Western Political Thought, Chaitanya Publishing House. 2006
- Ebenstein, William: Modern Political Thought, Oxford and IBH, 1974

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## Western Political Thought-II

*(Course Code-704C)*

### Unit-I

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<td>Theory of Utilitarianism, Modern State, Notion of Liberty.</td>
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<td>Critique of Utilitarianism, Gender Equality, Democracy and Representative Government.</td>
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<td>Kant</td>
<td>Political Ideas, Philosophy of History, Notion of Perpetual Place and Cosmopolitanism.</td>
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<td>Hegel</td>
<td>State and Freedom, Dialectics.</td>
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<td>State, Political Obligation, Concept of Moral Freedom.</td>
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<td>Burke</td>
<td>Critique of French Revolution, Political Ideas,</td>
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<td>Marx</td>
<td>Theory of Alienation, Dialectics, State and Revolution.</td>
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<td>Lenia</td>
<td>State and Revolution, Party as Vanguard, Dictatorship of the Proletariat.</td>
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<td>Gramsci</td>
<td>Hegemony, State and Civil Society</td>
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<td>Socialism</td>
<td>Utopian Socialism, Anarchist Socialism, Fabian Socialism, Guild Socialism, Syndicalism</td>
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SUGGESTED READINGS:

- Strauss, Leo and Joseph Cropsey: *History of Political Philosophy*, Chicago, 1987
- Jha, Shefali: *Western Political Thought- From Plato to Marx*, Dorling Kindersley Pvt. Ltd, Delhi, 2010
- Gauba, O.P: *Western Political Thought*, Macmillan 2011

(More references as and when required will be furnished by the Teachers in the Classes.)
UNIT I

Theoretical Framework for studying State Politics in India:

- Approaches to the study of State Politics
- Significance and importance of the study of State Politics
- Features and Determinants of State Politics
- North East Indian Theoretical Framework

UNIT II

The North East: An Overview:

- Geography, History: Colonial Legacy-Politics of Reorganisation of States
- Strategic Importance of North East India: Internal and External Dimension
- Emergence of North East as a Region

UNIT III

Development and North East India:

- Development Process in North East in the Post Independence Era
- Constrains and Prospects

UNIT IV

Discontent and North East India:

- Roots of discontent in the North East Indian States with special reference to Tripura
- Economic, Socio-Cultural Diversities, Ethnicity and Migration
SUGGESTED READINGS:

- Baruah, Sanjib, *India Against Itself* (New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1999)
- Elwin, Verrier, *A Philosophy of NEFA*; with a foreword by Prime Minister of India, 2nd revised edition, Shillong, Advisor to the Government of Assam, 1964
- Pakem, B, *Coalition Politics in North East India* (New Delhi: Regency Publications, 1999)

(more references as and when required will be furnished by the Teachers in the Classes)
SECOND SEMESTER

Political Theory
Course Code: 801 (C)

Unit – I

Different Interpretations of Political Theory:
- The Classical Tradition of Political Theory; Importance and Limitations of Classical Tradition
- Moves towards a Science of Politics – Positivism and Logical Positivism
- Behaviouralism and Post-Behaviouralism
- Debate on the ‘Decline’/ ‘Revival’ of Political Theory

Unit – II

Impact of Positivism on Political Science:
- Use of Rational Actors Models
- Public Choice Approach
- Influence of General Systems Theory: Input-Output Analysis (David Easton)
- Structural-Functionalism (Almond and Powell)
- Communication Model

Unit – III

Contemporary Liberalism:
- Libertarianism
- Communitarianism
- Multiculturalism
- Feminism

Unit – IV

Marxist View of Science and Approach:
- Analysis of Political Economy – Structuralist and Marxist
- Neo-Marxist Political Theory:
- Analysis of Mode of Production – Key Debates
- Nature of State – Theory of relative Autonomy and Authoritarian Statism
- Critical Theory
- Post-Colonial Political Theory
Selected Readings:


Comparative Politics
Course Code: 802 (C)

UNIT I

Approaches to the Study of Comparative Politics
- Systems theory and structural functionalism
- Institutionalism
- Political Economy approach

Organizing the state
- Constitutions and Constitutionalism
- Unitary State, Federations and Confederations
- Non-democratic systems

UNIT II

Governmental Structures
- Legislatures and Constitutionalism
- Bureaucracy and Military
- Judiciary

Parties and Groups
- Electoral Systems and Elections
- Parties and Party – Systems
- Political dynamics & Groups in Politics

UNIT III

Political Regimes: Democracy and Autocracy
- Types of Democracy
- Types of Dictatorship

Case Studies: South Africa, Nigeria, Iran

Institutions
- Institutions: Constitutions
- Institutions: Federalism and Decentralization
- Case-study discussions: UK, US, France and Germany

UNIT IV

Political Development
- Modernization and Political Development
- Underdevelopment
- Revolutions

Non-State Political Process
- Social Movements
• Non-Governmental Organizations

Readings:


Public Administration
Course Code: 803 (C)

UNIT I (Public Administration-Evolution, Concepts & Challenges)
  i) Public Administration-Approaches, New Public Administration-Goals and Anti-goals of NPA.
  ii) New Public Management.
  iii) Public Choice Approach
  iv) Challenges of Liberalisation, Privatisation and Globalization to Public Administration

UNIT II (Theories of Administration & Personnel Administration)
  i) Organization- Meaning, Characteristics and typology.
  ii) Public Corporation and Departmental System.
  iv) Development Administration-New directions in People’s Self Development and Empowerment.

UNIT III (Accountability & Control)
  i) Civil Society-Evolution, Characteristics, Importance and Challenges to Civil Society.
  ii) Role of Media, Interest Groups and Voluntary Organisations in Public Administration
  iii) Citizen’s Charter and Good Governance.
  iv) People’s Participation and Right to Information.

UNIT IV (Financial Administration)
  i) Meaning and Scope of Financial Administration.
  iii) Performance Budgeting.
  iv) Accounts and Audit.
References and Further Reading:

- Bhattacharya, Mohit.; *Social Theory and Development Administration*, Jawahar, New Delhi, 2002.
Theories of International Relations  
Course Code: 804 (C)

Unit 1
1. Evolution of the discipline: The Great Debates; Significance of theorizing International Relations
2. Classical Realism
3. Structural realism: Offensive and Defensive Realism; Subaltern critique of neo-realism

Unit 2
4. Liberalism: Democratic Peace Theory
5. Neo-liberalism: Neo-Liberal Institutionalism and Complex Interdependence Theory; the neo-neo debate
6. Game Theory

Unit 3
8. Marxist theories: Dependency and World System Theory; Critical theory

Unit 4
10. Feminist theory; Post structuralism and Post colonialism
11. Theories of Globalization
12. Peace studies
Readings:

UNIT-1
Framing of the Indian Constitution:
- Composition and role of the Constituent Assembly;
- Philosophy of the constitution, Preamble
- Fundamental Rights and Duties,
- Directive Principles

UNIT-II
Federalism- Union-State Relations; Recent Trend
Union Executive:
- Power and position of President.
- Power and position of Prime Minister,
- Power and position of Council of minister

Government of the States:
- Power and position of Chief Minister,
- Power and position of Council of Ministers
- State Legislature: Composition and Functions.

UNIT III
Union Legislature:
- LokSabha&RajyaSabha, Organisation, Functions,
- Law-making Procedure,
- Privileges, relationship of two houses,
- Committee system
- Role of Speaker
- RTI Act-2005

UNIT IV
The Judiciary:
- Supreme Court and High Courts: Composition and Functions
- Doctrine of Judicial Activism
- Constitutional Amendment
- Procedure of Constitutional Amendment
- 73rd & 74th Amendment
- 6th & 7th Schedule
References:

- D. D. Basu: An Introduction to the Constitution of India.
- B. K. Sharma: Introduction to the Constitution of India.
- S. Kaunshik (ed.): Indian Government and Politics.
- C.P.Bhambri: the Indian State: Fifty Years
- B.L.Fadia: State Politics in India (2 Vols)
THIRD SEMESTER

POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY

COURSE CODE: (901- C)

Unit I

1. Nature and Scope of Political Sociology:
   - Evolution of Political Sociology as a discipline
   - Approaches to the study of Political Sociology

2. Stratification and Power:
   - Social Stratification and Politics; Caste and Class
   - Conceptualization of Power, Authority and Legitimacy

Unit II

3. Political Socialisation and Culture
   - Political Socialisation
   - Political Participation and Communication
   - Cultural bases of Politics: From Modernism to Post Modernism
   - Media and Politics
   - Gender and Politics - Women Empowerment

Unit III

4. Some Basic Concepts:
   - Elitism: Definition, Rise of Elitism, Elite Theories
   - Bureaucracy: Marx, Weber and Merton
   - Social Ethics and Politics: The Domain of Social Ethics
     a) Social Discrimination
     b) Poverty and Hunger
     c) Values of Secularism
     d) Fundamentalism

Unit IV

5. State and Society in India
   - State and Society under Capitalism; Citizenship and Welfare State
   - State and Society under Socialism; State Control and Institutional Autonomy

6. Contemporary trends in Political Sociology in India
   - Ethnic Conflicts in India.
• Social Inequality and Exclusion
• Political participation

**Reference Books:**

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY
COURSE CODE- (902-C)

UNIT I
Basics of Research:
- Meaning and aims
- Steps in Research Process
- Research Design
- Methods and Types of Research

Survey and Research:
- Kinds of Survey
- Stages in Survey Method

Hypothesis:
- Meaning
- Criteria for Hypothesis Construction
- Nature of Hypothesis
- Difference between a Proposition, a Hypothesis and a Theory

UNIT II
Sampling:
- Probability and Non Probability Sampling
- Their Applications

Data Collection:
- Types of Data- Primary and Secondary Data, Qualitative and Quantitative Data
- Talcott Parsons (on Social system and Pattern Variables)

GROUP B
UNIT III
- Measures of Central Tendency
- Measures of Dispersion
- Correlation

UNIT IV
- Regression and Prediction
- Testing Hypothesis
- Basic Concepts of Computer
SUGGESTED READINGS:

- Bernstein, Robert and James A. Dyer: *An Introduction to Political Science Methods*, Prentice Hall, New Jersey, 1984


- Goel, MadanLal and VB Singh: *Social and Political Science Research Methods*, Ajanta Publications, New Delhi, 1996


- Young PV: *Scientific Social Survey and Research*, Prentice Hall, New Delhi, 1975


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This course envisages introducing students to the current challenges and contentions in International politics. In the process it also deals with the questions of the changing nature and frontiers of the primary categories of war, peace, state, sovereignty and security used for understanding international relations. The course is designed taking into consideration the contemporary problems in world politics and is designed to be executed in lectures and interactive sessions.

**Unit 1**

Post Cold War Challenges in International Relations – its effect on interstate and state – non-state relations.

Global and Regional Distribution of Power

**Unit 2**

Global inequality: World economic system and the hegemony of finance capital; limits of the free market, gendered nature of labour in globalization.

Global Militarization: nuclear proliferation and the Arms control debate; the changing nature of war

**Unit 3**

International terrorism: resurgence of religious violence, state sponsored terrorism.

Challenges to sustainable development: climate change, environment development debate;

**Unit 4**

Human security: Refugee crisis; politics of humanitarian intervention.

Globalization and state sovereignty: increasing relevance of non-state actors, role of social media, media networks, Wiki leaks and whistleblowers.
Readings:

- Carr M (2016), *US Power and the Internet in International Relations: The Irony of the Information Age*, New York: Palgrave Macmillan
POST COLONIAL INDIAN POLITICS
COURSE CODE: (POL 904E)

This course will focus on the trajectory of the Indian state after 1947 leading up to the present epoch. The readings will focus on the social, cultural, and economic aspects of Indian politics and examine the major debates and contributions pertaining to the aspects. The course will delineate the contours of nationalism, democracy, and citizenship as major themes. The underlying intention is to explain the contradictions and convergences – in the fabric of the body politic – that are critical to understand the present state of Indian democracy and its historical genealogy.

Schedule and topics of reading:

Unit I

- Lineages of the Post Colonial State
- Modernity and the Indian State
- Questions of Politics

Unit II

- Nationalism and its discontents
- The Democratic Paradox
- The Citizenship Debate

Unit III

- Political Participation in India
- The Resilience of Caste
- Religion and Politics

Unit IV

- The Developmental State in Context
- The Politics of Liberalization
- Scaling Up: Developments in Political Science Research
Readings:


Administration and Politics in Tripura
(COURSE CODE: POLS 905-E)

Unit-I
1. Tripura- The Land-The People- Religion and Language.
2. State formation in ancient Tripura.
   Rise, Reform & Recline of the Raj: Tripura’s ties with Tagore.
4. Tripura’s merge with the Indian Union.

Unit-II
1. Political Institutions in Princely Tripura.
2. General Administration.
3. Revenue Administrations.

Unit-III
1. Transformation of Political Status of Tripura.
2. Electoral Politics- Political parties-Regional Politics.
3. Pressure Groups.
4. Movements- Movements by GMP, Naxalite Movements, Peasant Movements, Labour Movement etc.

Unit-IV
1. Process of Decentralization- Subdivision, Districts, Block, Panchayat, ADC.
2. Socio- Cultural Dynamics in Tripura.
References:

- Thakurata S N Guha: India: The Land and the People of Tripura, National Book Trust, India, New Delhi, 1986
- Chaudhuri J. Gan: A Constitutional History of Tripura, Parul Prakashani, Kolkata, 2004
- Chaudhuri J. Gan: A Political History of Tripura: Inter-India Publications, New Delhi, 1985
- Sur A K, British Relations with the state of Tripura (1760-1947), Nabachandra Prakashani, Agartala, 2010
- Singh K.S, People of India: Tripura, Vol. XLI, Seagul Books Cal-17
- Saigal Omesh: Tripura, Concept Publishing House, Delhi-05, 1st Published 1978.
- Chaudhury Bikach, Rabindranath in the perspective of Tripura, Tripura Darpan, 2014.
- Chaudhuri J. Gan: Tripura Historical Documents: Farma K.L, Kolkata, 1993
- Chaudhuri J. Gan: A Cultural History of Tripura, Vasudev Pal, Kolkata, 2006
- Chaudhuri J. Gan: The Tale of Three Cities, Nagpur, 2010
- Sharma SK Susha: Discovery of North East-India (vol.11), New Delhi, 2005.
- Gassah, L.S, Regional Political Parties in North East India, New Delhi, 1992
- Chube, S.K, Electoral Politics North East India