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POLITICAL SCIENCE



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**Department of Political Science
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Gen-Ed Courses (2017)**

FIRST SEMESTER:

POLS 0131: Basics of Indian Constitution

POLS 0132: Japan: Emerging Power in the Asian Century

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POLS 0131: Basics of Indian Constitution

The course is intended to provide an elementary understanding of the basic structure and fundamental concerns enshrined in the Constitution of India. Students from Natural and Biological Sciences, Humanities and Social Sciences are encouraged to take up this paper in order to learn the basics of Indian Constitution.

1. The philosophy of the Constitution: the Preamble
2. Fundamental Rights, Fundamental Duties, Directive Principles of State Policy
3. The Executive of India: President, Prime Minister, and the Council of Ministers
4. The Legislature of India: Council of States and the House of the People
5. The Judiciary of India: Supreme Court and the High Courts

References:

A. G. Noorani, *Constitutional Questions and Citizens' Rights*.

Alladi Krishnaswami Aiyer, *Constitution and Fundamental Rights*.

Durga Das Basu, *Introduction to the Constitution of India*.

Durga Das Basu, *Shorter Constitution of India*.

Granville Austin, *The Indian Constitution: Cornerstone of a Nation*.

Granville Austin, *Working a Democratic Constitution: The Indian experience*.

J. C. Johari, *Indian Government and Politics*.

M. V. Pylee, *Constitutional Government in India*.

P. M. Bakshi, *The Constitution of India*.

POLS 0132: Japan: The Emerging Power in the Asian Century

The course is designed to make students familiar with Japan as an emerging global power and studying its historical and cultural aspects as well as its evolving relations with India.

1. History of Japan
2. Japan - India Relations
3. Japanese Cultures in Global Contexts:

References:

Shunsuke Tsurumi, *A Cultural History of Post War Japan: 1945-1980*, Routledge, October, 1986

Mukherjee Rohan and Yazaki Anthony (eds.) *Poised for Partnership: Deepening India-Japan Relations in the Asian Century* Oxford University Press, 2016

Horimoto Takenori and Verma Lalima, *India-Japan relations in Emerging Asia*, Manohar Books, New Delhi, January 2013

Sisodia N. S. and Naidu G.V.C. *India-Japan Relations: Partnership for Peace and Security in Asia*, IDSA, December 2007

Sansom, George B., *A History of Japan*, 3 Vols. Stanford University Press, 1958

Hane, Mikiso, *Japan*, New York, Scribners' Sons, 1972

Hall, John Whitney, *Japan - from Pre-history to Modern Times*, Tokyo, University of Michigan Center For Japanese Studies, 1970

Kennedy, Malcolm, *A History of Japan*, London, Weidenfield and Nicholson, 1963.
Reischauer, Edwin O, *Japan - Past and Present*, London, Duckworth, 1964.

Storry, Richard, *A History Of Modern Japan*, 1973

Pyle Kenneth B, *The Making of Modern Japan*, D C Heath & Co, Dallas, 1978

POLS 0133: Concepts and Theories in Political Science

The course is intended to enable the students of various disciplines to acquire and develop an understanding of the elementary concepts and theories of Political Science.

1. Nature and Scope of Political Science
2. Approaches to Political Science
3. Theories of State: Origin and Nature
4. Sovereignty: Meaning and Theories of Sovereignty
5. Liberty, Equality, Justice and Rights

References:

Alan R. Ball, *Modern Politics and Government*

Andrew Heywood, *Political Theory: An Introduction*

C.E.M. Joad, *Introduction to Modern Political Theory*

Chris Beasley, *What is Feminism?*

E. Barker, *Principles of Social and Political Theory*

N.P. Barry, *An Introduction to Modern Political Theory*

Ralph Miliband, *Marxism and Politics*

S. Ramaswamy, *Political Theory: Ideas and Concepts*

Stephen L. Wasby, *Political Science: The Discipline and Its Dimensions*

POLS 0231: Political Thinkers: Indian and Western

The course is designed to introduce selected aspects of political thought of some influential political thinkers.

1. Locke: the Glorious Revolution, contribution to Liberalism.
2. J. S. Mill: Liberty and the individual, concept of representative government.
3. Marx: critique of capitalism.
4. 4. Bankimchandra and Rabindranath: Ideas of Nationalism
5. M. K. Gandhi: ideas on State and Trusteeship.

References:

Amal K. Mukhopadhyay, *Western Political Thought: From Plato to Marx*.

Anthony Parel (ed.), *Gandhi: 'Hind Swaraj' and Other Writings*.

Buddhadeva Bhattacharyya, *Evolution of Political Philosophy of Gandhi*.

David McLellan, *The Thought of Karl Marx*.

G. H. Sabine and T. I. Thorson, *A History of Political Theory*.

S. Mukherjee and S. Ramaswami, *A History of Political Thought: Plato to Marx*.

Sachin Sen, *The Political Thought of Rabindranath*.

Sudipta Kaviraj, *The Unhappy Consciousness: Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay and the Formation of Nationalist Discourse in India*.

Tom Bottomore (ed), *A Dictionary of Marxist Thought*.

POLS 0232: Caste and Politics in India

This course intends to provide the students with a basic understanding of caste politics in India and encourage them to think critically about the contemporary society and politics. It aims to introduce them to caste as sociological as well as political category. The theories explaining the origin of the caste system and its important features, the impact of colonialism on caste system, anti-caste movements, and politics of affirmative action in the post-independence India will be examined in the course.

1. What is Caste: Origin and Features
2. Caste and Colonialism
3. Caste in Post-independence Indian Politics
4. Anti-Caste Movements

References:

Bandyopadhyay, Sekhar (2011) *Caste, Protest and Identity in Colonial India: The Namasudras of Bengal, 1872-1947*, Delhi: Oxford University Press.

Bayly, Susan (1999) *Caste, Society and Politics in India from the Eighteenth Century to the Modern Age*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Dirks, Nicholas B. (2012) *Castes of Mind: Colonialism and the Making of Modern India*, Princeton: Princeton University Press (Delhi: Permanent Black).

Dumont, Louis (1980) *Homo Hierarchicus: The Caste System and Its Implications*, Chicago: The University of Chicago Press.

Geetha V. and S. V. Rajadurai (2011) *Towards a Non-Brahmin Millennium: From Iyothee Thass to Periyar*, Kolkata: Samya.

Ghurye, G. S. (2008) *Caste and Race in India*, Bombay: Popular Prakashan.

Jaffrelot, Christophe (2005) *Dr. Ambedkar and Untouchability: Analysing and Fighting Caste*, London: Hurst & Company.

Jaffrelot, Christophe (2011) *India's Silent Revolution: The Rise of the Low Castes in North Indian Politics*, Delhi: Permanent Black.

Kothari, Rajni, ed. (2004) *Caste in Indian Politics*, Hyderabad: Orient Longman

O'Hanlon Rosalind (2002) *Caste, Conflict and Ideology: Mahatma Jotirao Phule and Low Caste Protest in nineteenth-century western India*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Omvedt, Gail (2004) *Jotirao Phule and the Ideology of Social Revolution in India*, New Delhi: Critical Quest.

Omvedt, Gail (2014) *Dalits and the Democratic Revolution: Dr Ambedkar and the Dalit Movement in Colonial India*, New Delhi: Sage.

Pandian M. S. S. (2010) *Brahmin and Non-Brahmin: Genealogies of the Tamil Political Present*, Ranikhet: Permanent Black

Sarkar, Sumit and Tanika Sarkar, eds. (2015) *Caste in Modern India*, Ranikhet: Permanent Black.

Shah, Ghanshyam (2008) *Caste and Democratic Politics in India*, Delhi: Permanent Black.

Srinivas, M. N. (2005) *Social Change in Modern India*, Hyderabad: Orient Longman.

Zelliot, Eleanor (2013) *Ambedkar's World: The Making of Babasaheb and the Dalit Movement*, New Delhi: Navayana.

POLS 0331: India and the World

The course is designed to make students familiar with the emergence of a new India wishing to play a major role in global politics.

1. India after the Cold War: an emerging power
2. India and its neighbours
3. India and the U.S.A. since 1991
4. India and China since 1991
5. India and the U.N.O. since 1991

References:

Aneek Chatterjee (ed.), *World Politics*.

Bimal Jalan, *The Future of India: Politics, Economics and Governance*.

D. J. Whittaker, *United Nations in the Contemporary World*.

Gurcharan Das, *The Elephant Paradigm: India Wrestles with Change*.

Harsh V. Pant (ed.), *Indian Foreign Policy in a Unipolar World*.

Stephen P. Cohen, *India: Emerging Power*.

V. P. Dutt, *India's Foreign Policy in a Changing World*.

POLS 0332: City and Politics

This paper will introduce the political negotiations that take place at the level of a metropolitan city on questions of land, development of infrastructure, identity and culture. As an instance, some of the points that would be discussed will pertain to why cities develop the way they do, who has a right over urban space, what is the history of particular kind of architecture? The idea is to dig out the political economic logic of present form of urban development- flyovers, multi-storied gated neighbourhoods, beautification, shopping malls and so on. In the process, we hope to understand stakes of different groups in politics of the city, including labourers, refugees, women, religious communities, etc. The focus of the paper will be the metropolitan cities in India, however the first two units will set out a comparative framework of urbanization in America, Europe and Asia.

1. Urban Planning Models
2. Cities in the Global South
3. City Planning in India
4. Land and Urban Housing
5. Architecture, History and Public Culture

References:

Abdoumalig Simone, *For the City yet to Come: Changing African Life in Four Cities*, Duke University Press, 2004

Ananya Roy and Aihwa Ong (eds.), *Worlding Cities: Asian Experiments and the Art of Being Global*, Blackwell, 2011

Arjun Appadurai, 'Spectre of Housing in Mumbai' in *The Future as a Cultural Fact: Essays on the Global Condition*, Verso, 2013

Asher Ghertner, *Rule by Aesthetics: World Class City Making in Delhi*, Oxford University Press, 2015

Gautam Bhan, *In the Public's Interest: evictions, Citizenship and Inequality in Contemporary Delhi*, Orient Blackswan, 2016

Gautam Bhatia, *Punjabi Baroque and other Memories of Architecture*, Penguin, 1994

James Holston, *The Modernist City: An Anthropological Critique of Brasilia*, University of Chicago Press, 1989

Janaki Nair, *Promise of the Metropolis: Bangalore's Twentieth Century*, Oxford University Press, 2005

Jane Jacobs, *The Life and Death of Great American Cities*, Vintage Books, 1961

K C Sivaramakrishnan, *The Urban Question*, Indian Institute of Advanced Study, 1978

Marshall Berman, *All that is Solid Melts into Air: The Experience of Modernity*, Verso, 1983

Nezar Al Sayyad and Ananya Roy (eds.), *Urban Informality: Transnational Perspectives from the Middle East, Latin America and South Asia*, Lexington Books, 2004

P Thankappan Nair, *A History of Calcutta's Streets*, Firma KLM, 1987

Partha Chatterjee, *The Politics of the Governed*, Columbia University Press, 2006

Partho Dutta, *Planning the City: Urbanization and Reform in Calcutta c. 1800-c.1940*, Columbia University Press, 2012

Pradip Sinha, *Calcutta in Urban History*, Firma KLM, 1978

Rajnarayan Chandavarkar, *History, Culture and the Indian City*, Cambridge University Press, 2009

Ranabir Samaddar, *Beyond Kolkata: Rajarhat and Dystopia of Urban Imagination*, Routledge, 2016

Richard Sennett, *Flesh and Stone: The Body and the City in Western Civilization*, Penguin Books, 2002

Sanjay Srivastava, *Entangled Urbanism: Slum, Gated Community and the Shopping Mall*, OUP, 2014

Tapati Guha Thakurta, *In the Name of the Goddess: The Durga Pujas of Contemporary Kolkata*, Primus, 2016

POLS 0431: Political Sociology

The course is designed to introduce Political Sociology, which has emerged as an important interdisciplinary subject in recent times, to U.G. students

1. What is Political Sociology?
2. Social stratification and politics: Elite. Caste in India
3. Concept of power: Marx, Weber, Elitist Theory
4. Political Culture and Political Socialization.
5. Political Participation– concept and types; Electoral Behaviour in India.

References:

Ali Asraf, L. N. Sharma, *Political Sociology*.

Almond and S. Verba, *Civic Culture*.

Amal Kumar Mukhopadhyay, *Political Sociology*.

Satyabrata Chakraborty (ed.), *Political Sociology*.

Tom Bottomore, *Political Sociology*.

POLS 0432: Introduction to Intellectual Property Rights

Intellectual Property Rights has assumed a great importance in recent times as a result of the recognition that “knowledge is property”. The syllabi encompassing all relevant aspects and areas of IPR with a view to understand and adjust with changing needs of the society because creative work is useful to society and law relating to innovation/creativity i.e. Intellectual Property is one of the fastest growing subjects all over the globe because of its significance and importance in the present era. The course is designed with a view to create IPR consciousness; and familiarize the learners about the documentation and administrative procedures relating to IPR in general and India in particular.

1. Overview of Intellectual Property
2. Patents
3. Copyright
4. Trademarks
5. Geographical Indications
6. India and Intellectual Property Rights

References:

- G. B. Reddy, *Intellectual Property Rights and the Law*, Gogia Law Agency, Hyderabad
- B. L. Badhera, *Law Relating To Intellectual Property*, Universal Law Publishing Co.
- P. Narayana, *Intellectual Property Law*, Eastern Law House, Kolkata
- M. K. Bhandari, *Law Relating to Intellectual Property Rights*, Central Law Publications, Allahabad
- M. M. S. Karki, *Intellectual Property Rights: Basic Concepts*, Atlantic, 2009
- Manthan D Janodia, *Basic Concepts of Intellectual Property Rights*, Manipal University Press, 2015
- S. R. A. Rosedar, *Intellectual Property Rights Paperback*, Lexis Nexis, 2016