



TRIPURA UNIVERSITY

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Suryamaninagar

SYLLABUS

OF

**Political Science
(General & Major)**

Semester-I

Year 2014



TRIPURA UNIVERSITY

BA Major/Honours
Semester-I
Political Theory

Unit – I

1. Meaning of Politics and Political Theory: Present state of Political Theory; Empirical System Analysis, Structural – Functionalism- Liberal and Marxist views
2. Different approaches to the study of Politics: Normative, Behavioural and Post behavioural, Marxist approach
3. Feminist views of Politics
4. Theories of State (Origin, Nature and Functions), Idealist, Liberal, Neo-liberal, Marxist and Gandhian

Unit – II

1. Concept of State Sovereignty: Monistic, Pluralistic and Popular: Changing concept of Sovereignty in the context of Globalization
2. Democratic Theories: David Held's Classification.
3. Liberty, Equality, Rights and Law – concepts and their interrelationship
4. Justice: Theory of Rawls: Justice, Distributive Justice; Multiculturalism and Social Justice

Unit – III

1. Dialectical Materialism and Historical Materialism – Concept of Class and class struggle – Theory of Surplus Value
2. Rise and development of Capitalism and its contributors
3. Gandhian concept of Sarvodaya and Satyagraha

Unit – IV

1. Theories of Social change- Fabien theory of evolution – Marxian theory of Revolution; Socialist and Non – Socialist Revolution – Violence and Revolution
2. Theories of Change: Lenin, Mao and Gandhi
3. Alternative views of development ; Sustainable Development , Human Development and Gandhian model of Development

Suggested Readings:

Barker, Earnest, Greek Political Theory: Plato and his Predecessors, Surjeet Publications, New Delhi

David Boucher & Paul Kelly (eds.), Political Thinkers: From Socrates to the Present, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2003.

J.S. Maclelland, Political Thought, Routledge, London, 1996

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Gauga, O P, 'Political Ideas and Ideologies', Macmillan Publishers India Ltd, New Delhi, 2010

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Heywood, Andrew, 'Political Theory: An Introduction', Macmillan Publishers, New York, 1999

Ghai, K K, 'Political Theory', Kalyani Publishers, New Delhi, 2007

BA General Course
Semester-I
Political Theory

Unit-I

1. Nature and Scope of Political Science: Approaches to the Study of Political Science- Traditional and Modern Approaches
2. Stages of Social Development: the Primitive, Slave, Feudal, Capitalist and the Socialist System
3. Theories of State: Social Contract Theory, Idealist Theory of State, Liberal and Neo-Liberal theory of State, Marxist Concept of State, Gandhian theory of State.

Unit-II

1. Sovereignty of the State: Kinds of Sovereignty-Monistic, Pluralistic Theories, Popular Sovereignty, Globalisation
2. Some representative Concepts: Meaning and Features- Democracy, Nationalism, Internationalism

Unit-III

1. Law, Liberty, Rights and Equality
2. Political Parties, Pressure Groups: Functions, Role in Modern State.

Unit-IV

1. Theories regarding State Functions: Individualism, Socialism, Welfare State and Democratic Socialism
2. Marxism: Dialectical Materialism, Historical Materialism, Class and Class Struggle, Revolution

Lenin: Concept of Imperialism, Contribution to Marxism

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Andrew Levine, *Engaging Political science: From Hobbes to Rawls*, Blackwell, Massachusetts, 2002.

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