

BPS-E 502

Discipline Specific Elective Course (2)

1. Themes in Comparative Political Theory

Course Objective: This course aims to familiarize students with the need to recognize how conceptual resources in political theory draw from plural traditions. By chiefly exploring the Indian and Western traditions of political theory through some select themes, the overall objective is to appreciate the value and distinctiveness of comparative political theory.

1. Distinctive features of Indian and Western political thought (08 lectures)

2. Western Thought: Thinkers and Themes

- a. Aristotle on Citizenship
- b. Locke on Rights
- c. Rousseau on inequality
- d. J. S. Mill on liberty and democracy
- e. Marx and Bakunin on State (26 lectures)

3. Indian Thought: Thinkers and Themes

- a. Kautilya on State
- b. Tilak and Gandhi on Swaraj
- c. Ambedkar and Lohia on Social Justice
- d. Nehru and Jayaprakash Narayan on Democracy
- e. Pandita Ramabai on Patriarchy (26 lectures)

Readings:

Topic 1.

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Topic 2.

Burns, T. (2003) 'Aristotle', in Boucher, D and Kelly, P. (eds.) *Political Thinkers: From Socrates to the Present*. New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 73-91.

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Topic 3.

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Zelliot, E. (1986). 'The Social and Political Thought of B.R. Ambedkar', in Panthan, Th. & Deutsch, K. L.(eds.) *Political Thought in Modern India*. New Delhi: Sage, pp. 161-75.

Anand Kumar, 'Understanding Lohia's Political Sociology: Intersectionality of Caste, Class, Gender and Language Issue' *Economic and Political Weekly*. Vol. XLV: 40, October 2008, pp. 64-70.

Pillai, R.C. (1986) 'The Political thought of Jawaharlal Nehru', in Panthan, T. & Deutsch, K. L. (eds.) *Political Thought in Modern India*. New Delhi: Sage pp. 260-74.

Jha, M. (2001) 'Ramabai: Gender and Caste', in Singh, M.P. and Roy, H. (eds.) *Indian Political Thought: Themes and Thinkers*, New Delhi: Pearson.

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