

<b>Paper Title:</b>	<b>INTRODUCTION TO POLITICS</b>						

**Maximum Marks: 100**

**Total Lectures and Student Presentations: 60**

**Course objective:** The course is designed as an introduction to basic and key debates in politics. Two essential readings have been given for each unit. Effort has been made to limit each of these to 20 pages as required; this has often meant limiting the reading to the first twenty pages of the article. However, teachers must use their discretion to read and teach the entire chapter wherever applicable. Additional readings are given as well; these are mostly full books which we believe are essential background readings. They may be used by teachers as well as students for presentation and further discussion of the themes.

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| <b>I. What is Politics?</b>                            | <b>(12 lectures)</b> |
| a. Politics as the struggle for scarce resources       |                      |
| b. Politics as challenging power – Emancipation        |                      |
| c. Politics as the division between public and private |                      |
| <b>II. State and Nation</b>                            | <b>(4 lectures)</b>  |
| <b>III. Identity and Representation</b>                | <b>(4 lectures)</b>  |
| <b>IV. Democracy and Majoritarianism</b>               | <b>(4 lectures)</b>  |
| <b>V. Citizens and Subjects</b>                        | <b>(4 lectures)</b>  |
| <b>VI. The Politics of Media, Cinema</b>               | <b>(4 lectures)</b>  |
| <b>VII. Politics of the Market</b>                     | <b>(4 lectures)</b>  |
| <b>VIII. Urban Politics: Delhi</b>                     | <b>(4 lectures)</b>  |
| <b>IX. The Politics of Contested Spaces</b>            | <b>(8 lectures)</b>  |
| a. Land Acquisition and Tribal Areas                   |                      |
| b. Rural India   |                      |

## **I. What is Politics?**

### Essential Readings:

- A. Leftwich, (2004) 'Political Approach to Human Behavior: People, Resources and Power', in A. Leftwich (ed.) *What is Politics: The Activity and Its Study* Cambridge: Polity Press, pp. 100-118.
- A. Callinicos, (2004) 'Marxism and Politics', in A. Leftwich (ed.) *What is Politics: The Activity and Its Study* Cambridge: Polity Press, pp. 53-66
- S. Okin, (1991) 'Gender, the Public and Private', in David Held (ed) *Political Theory Today* Stanford: Stanford University Press, pp. 67-90.

## **II. State and Nation**

### Essential Readings:

- D. Held, (1984) 'Introduction', in David Held, *Political Theory and the Modern State* Milton Keynes: Open University Press, pp. 1-11.
- S. Kumar, (2008) 'Nationalism', in R. Bhargava and A. Acharya (ed.) *Political Theory: An Introduction* New Delhi: Pearson Publishing pp. 258-269.

## **III. Identity and Representation**

### Essential Readings:

- R. Kothari, (1970) 'Introduction' from *Caste in Indian Politics*, Hyderabad: Orient Longman, pp. 3-26.
- I. Young, (1989) 'Polity and Group Difference' *Ethics*, Vol. 99 (2), pp. 250-274, Available at [http://homepage.univie.ac.at/herbert.preiss/files/Young\\_Polity\\_and\\_Group\\_Difference\\_A\\_Critique\\_of\\_the\\_Ideal\\_of\\_Universal\\_Citizenship.pdf](http://homepage.univie.ac.at/herbert.preiss/files/Young_Polity_and_Group_Difference_A_Critique_of_the_Ideal_of_Universal_Citizenship.pdf), Accessed: 19.04.2013

## **IV. Democracy and Majoritarianism**

### Essential Readings:

- D. Held. (2006) 'Pluralism, Corporate Capitalism and the State', in *Models of Democracy*, pp. 158-172
- B. Chandra, M. Mukherjee, and A. Mukherjee, (2008) 'Chapter 35 and 36', in *India Since Independence*, New Delhi: Penguin,

## **V. Citizens and Subjects**

### Essential Readings:

- R. Bellamy, (2008) 'What is Citizenship, and Why Does it Matter?', in R. Bellamy, *Citizenship: A Very Short Introduction* Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 1-16
- U. Ramanathan (2010) 'A Unique Identity Bill', in *Economic and Political Weekly* Vol. XLV (30), pp. 10-14.

## **VI. The Politics of Media, Cinema**

### Essential Readings:

- M. Pandian, (1997) 'Culture and Subaltern Consciousness: An Aspect of the MGR Phenomenon', in P. Chatterjee, (ed.) *Politics and State in India*, pp. 367-389.
- E. Grimaud, (2012) 'To be or not to be filmy' in C. Jaffrelot (ed.) *India Since 1950*, New Delhi: Yatra Books, pp. 681-691.

## **VII. Politics of the Market**

### Essential Readings:

- D. Nayyar and A. Bhaduri, (1996) 'Liberalisation: The Said and The Unsaid' in D. Nayyar and A. Bhaduri, *An Intelligent Person's Guide to Globalisation* New Delhi: Penguin, pp. 1-19.

B. Einhorn, (1993) 'Right or Duty? Women and the Economy' in B. Einhorn, *Cinderella Goes to the Market* London: Verso.

### **VIII. Urban Politics: Delhi**

#### Essential Readings:

G. Bhan, (2009) 'This is no longer the city I once knew: Evictions, the urban poor and the right to the city in millennial Delhi', in *Environment and Urbanization* 21: 127, Available at <http://eau.sagepub.com/content/21/1/127.full.pdf>, Accessed: 18.04.2013.

U. Ramanathan, (2006) 'Illegality and the Urban Poor', in *Economic and Political Weekly* Vol. XLI (29), pp. 3193-3197.

### **IX. The Politics of Contested Spaces**

a. Land Acquisition and Tribal Areas

b. Rural India

#### Essential Readings:

A. Shrivastava and A. Kothari, (2012) 'Land Wars and Crony Capitalism', in A. Shrivastava and A. Kothari, *Churning the Earth* pp. 193-203 New Delhi, Penguin

J. Pouchepadass, (2012) 'Rural India', in C. Jaffrelot (ed.) *India Since 1950* New Delhi: Yatra Books, pp.391-211

A. Nigam and N. Menon, (2008) 'Globalisation I: Accumulation by Dispossession', in A. Nigam and N. Menon, *Power and Contestation: India since 1989* Hyderabad: Orient Longman, pp. 61-82.

#### Additional Readings:

B. Anderson, (1993) *Imagined Communities*, Available at <https://www2.bc.edu/marian-simion/th406/readings/0420anderson.pdf>, Accessed: 18.04.2013.

D. Harvey, (2005) *A Brief History of Neoliberalism* Oxford: Oxford University Press.

A. Nigam, (2011) *Desire Named Development*, New Delhi: Penguin

B. Ambedkar, 'Annihilation of Caste', Available at <http://ccnmtl.columbia.edu/projects/mmt/ambedkar/>, Accessed: 18.04.2013.

F. Fanon, (2008) *Black Skin, White Masks*, New York: Grove Press.

K. Krishnan, 'Patriarchy, Women's Freedom and Capitalism' in Kafiya.org, Available at <http://kafiya.org/2013/01/25/patriarchy-womens-freedom-and-capitalism-kavita-krishnan/>, Accessed: 18.04.2013.

U. Singh, (2003) 'Democratic Dilemmas: Can Democracy Do Without Extraordinary Laws?', *Economic and Political Weekly*. Vol. 38(5).

M. Carrin, (2012) 'The World of tribes: revolutionary movements and ethnic withdrawal', in C. Jaffrelot (ed), *India Since 1950*, New Delhi: Yatra press, pp. 488-509

A. Nigam and N. Menon, (2008). *Power and Contestation: India since 1989*, Hyderabad: Orient Longman,

*Talking Marriage, Caste and Community: Voices from Within* (Monograph published by Saheli Women's Resource Center, November 2007.