

# UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMME IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

				<b>Semester:</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Paper No:</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Paper Title:</b>	<b>POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS AND PROCESSES IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE</b>						

**Maximum Marks -100**

**Total Lectures and Student Presentations 60**

*(Note: There will be a compulsory question from topic one with internal choices)*

**Course objective:** In this course students will be trained in the application of comparative methods to the study of politics. The course is comparative in both what we study and how we study. In the process the course aims to introduce undergraduate students to some of the range of issues, literature, and methods that cover comparative political.

- I. Approaches to Studying Comparative Politics (8 lectures)**
  - a. Political Culture
  - b. New Institutionalism
- II. Electoral System (8 lectures)**

Definition and procedures: Types of election system (First Past the Post, Proportional Representation, Mixed Representation)
- III. Party System (8 lectures)**

Historical contexts of emergence of the party system and types of parties
- IV. Nation-state (8 lectures)**

What is nation–state?  
Historical evolution in Western Europe and postcolonial contexts  
‘Nation’ and ‘State’: debates
- V. Democratization (8 lectures)**

Process of democratization in postcolonial, post- authoritarian and post-communist countries
- VI. Federalism (8 lectures)**

Historical context  
Federation and Confederation: debates around territorial division of power.

## **I: Approaches to Studying Comparative Politics**

### Essential Readings:

M. Pennington, (2009) 'Theory, Institutional and Comparative Politics', in J. Bara and Pennington. (eds.) *Comparative Politics: Explaining Democratic System*. Sage Publications, New Delhi, pp. 13-40.

M. Howard, (2009) 'Culture in Comparative Political Analysis', in M. Lichback and A. Zuckerman, pp. 134- S. (eds.) *Comparative Political: Rationality, Culture, and Structure*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

B. Rosamond, (2005) 'Political Culture', in B. Axford, et al. *Politics*, London: Routledge, pp. 57-81.

### Additional Readings:

P. Hall, Taylor and C. Rosemary, (1996) 'Political Science and the Three New Institutionalism', *Political Studies*. XLIV, pp. 936-957.

L. Rakner, and R. Vicky, (2011) 'Institutional Perspectives', in P. Burnell, et al. (eds.) *Political in the Developing World*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 53-70.

## **II: Electoral System**

### Essential Readings:

A. Heywood, (2002) 'Representation, Electoral and Voting', in *Politics*. New York: Palgrave, pp. 223-245.

A. Evans, (2009) 'Elections Systems', in J. Bara and M. Pennington, (eds.) *Comparative politics*. New Delhi: Sage Publications, pp. 93-119.

### Additional Reading:

R. Moser, and S. Ethan, (2004) 'Mixed Electoral Systems and Electoral System Effects: Controlled Comparison and Cross-national Analysis', in *Electoral Studies*. 23, pp. 575-599.

## **III: Party System**

### Essential Readings:

A. Cole, (2011) 'Comparative Political Parties: Systems and Organizations', in J. Ishiyama, and M. Breuning, (eds) *21<sup>st</sup> Century Political Science: A Reference Book*. Los Angeles: Sage Publications, pp. 150-158.

A. Heywood, (2002) 'Parties and Party System', in *Politics*. New York : Palgrave, pp. 247-268.

### Additional Readings:

B. Criddle, (2003) 'Parties and Party System', in R. Axtmann, (ed.) *Understanding Democratic Politics: An Introduction*. London: Sage Publications, pp. 134-142.

## **IV: Nation-state**

### Essential Readings:

W. O'Conner, (1994) 'A Nation is a Nation, is a Sate, is a Ethnic Group, is a ...', in J. Hutchinson and A. Smith, (eds.) *Nationalism*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 36-46.

K. Newton, and J. Deth, (2010) 'The Development of the Modern State ', in *Foundations of Comparative Politics: Democracies of the Modern World*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 13-33.

### Additional Reading:

A. Heywood, (2002), 'The State', in *Politics*. New York: Palgrave, pp. 85-102

## **V. Democratization**

### Essential Readings:

T. Landman, (2003) 'Transition to Democracy', in *Issues and Methods of Comparative Methods: An Introduction*. London: Routledge, pp. 185-215.

K. Newton, and J. Deth, (2010) 'Democratic Change and Persistence', in *Foundations of Comparative Politics: Democracies of the Modern World*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 53-67.

J. Haynes, (1999) 'State and Society', in *The Democratization*. Oxford: Blackwell, pp. 20-38; 39-63.

### Additional Reading:

B. Smith, (2003) 'Democratization in the Third World', in *Understanding Third World Politics: Theories of Political Change and Development*. London: Palgrave Macmillan, pp.250-274.

## **VI: Federalism**

### Essential Readings:

M. Burgess, (2006) *Comparative Federalism: Theory and Practice*. London: Routledge, pp. 135-161.

R. Watts, (2008) 'Introduction', in *Comparing Federal Systems*. Montreal and Kingston: McGill Queen's University Press, pp. 1-27

### Additional Reading:

R. Saxena, (2011) 'Introduction', in Saxena, R (eds.) *Varieties of Federal Governance: Major Contemporary Models*. New Delhi: Cambridge University Press, pp. xii-x1.