

## Paper Psc.05 WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT

This paper studies the classical tradition in political theory from Plato to Marx with a view to understand how the great thinkers explained and analyzed political events and problems of their times and prescribed solutions. The texts are to be interpreted both in their historical and philosophical perspectives to understand the universality of the enterprise of political theorizing.

### Course Content:

Major Ideas, Theories and Contributions of the following Thinkers:

1. Greek Political Thought:  
Plato – Law, Justice & Communism  
Aristotle – Slavery, State on Revolution
2. Machiavelli: Human nature, State craft, Religion and Politics
3. Contractualists: Hobbes, Locke and Rousseau, State of nature, Social Contract
4. J.S. Mill: Liberty, Representative Government, Position of Women
5. Hegel: Dialectics, State, Freedom
6. Marx: Historical Materialism, State and Class Struggle.

### Readings:

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- , *The Politics of Aristotle, translated with introduction, notes and appendix*, Oxford, Oxford University Press, 1995.
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- Macpherson, C.B., *The Political Theory of Possessive Individualism: Hobbes to Locke*, Oxford, Clarendon Press, 1973.
- Mulgan, R., G., *Aristotle's Political Theory: An Introduction for Students of Political Theory*, Oxford, The Clarendon Press, 1977.
- Mukherjee, S and S. Ramaswamy, *A History of Political Thought: Plato to Marx*, New Delhi, Prentice Hall, 1999.
- Plamentaz, J., *Man and Society*, 2 Vols., London, Longman, 1963.
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## Paper PsO.06.1 MODERN INDIAN POLITICAL IDEAS

The paper seeks to highlight the contributions of Indian Political Thinkers during the phase of National Struggle for freedom and critically evaluate their ideas.

### Course Content:

1. Impact of Colonialism and the emergence of Social Reform movement - Ram Mohan Roy
2. Moderate – Gokhale, Tilak and Bhagat Singh  
Extremist and Revolutionary
3. Gandhi: Swaraj, Satyagraha and State
4. Religious and Secular Nationalism – M. A. Jinnah & Jawaharlal Nehru
5. Caste and Representation – B. R. Ambedkar and R. M. Lohia
6. Indian Socialism – Jawaharlal Nehru, M. N. Roy and Jayprakash Narain.

### Readings:

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- Bandhopadhyaya, J., *Social and Political Thought of Gandhi*, Bombay, Allied Publishers, 1969.
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- , *Modern India*, New Delhi, NCERT, 1971.
- , Amles Tripathi and Barun De, *Freedom Struggle*, New Delhi, National Book Trust, 1972.
- Desai, A.R., *Social Background of Indian Nationalism*, Bombay, Popular Prakashan, 1975.
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- Marx and Engles, *On Colonialism*, Moscow, Progress Publishers, 1969.
- Majumdar, R. C., *History of the Freedom Movement in India*, Calcutta, Firma, KLM, 1962.
- Mukherjee, Kiron, *India's Struggle of Freedom*, Bombay, Manakatala, 1966.
- Singh, L.P., *The Left Wing in India*, Mazaffarpur, New Publishers, 1965

Paper PsO.06.2

WOMEN AND THE POLITICAL PROCESS

Apart from different perspectives in Feminism the paper examines theoretical and empirical dimensions of issues concerning women's empowerment and the factors that contribute to women's inequality and their marginal role in the political process.

**Course Content:**

1. Women in classical political theory. Origins and evolution of modern feminism
2. Perspectives in feminism: liberal, socialist, Marxist, radical and postmodern
3. Women in the political process, suffrage and the role in electoral politics
4. Constitutional and Legal Rights of Women
5. Women and the Human Rights Question.
6. Feminization of Poverty: Women in Labour Market
7. Women and the Human rights question.

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- Asfah, H. (ed.), *Women and Politics in the Third World*, London, Routledge, 1996.
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- Nelson, B. and H. Chowdhary (eds.), *Women and Politics Worldwide*, Delhi, Oxford University Press, 1997.
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- Spender, D., (ed), *Feminist Theorists: Three Centuries of Key Women Thinkers*, New York, Pantheon, 1983.

## Paper PsO.06.3 PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

The paper is an introductory course in Public Administration with emphasis on theories, principles of administration.

1. Nature, Scope and Theories of Public Administration.
2. Structure and Bases of Organisation, Line and Staff, Chief Executive, Public Corporations and Delegated Legislation.
3. Personnel Administration: Methods of Recruitment, Civil Service Neutrality, Morale.
4. Citizen and Administration: Ombudsman, Lokpal and Lokayukta.
5. Financial Administration: Budget Formation and Performance Budgeting.
6. New Public Administration and its Dimensions.

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- , *Restructuring Public Administration: Essay in Rehabilitation*, New Delhi, Jawahar, 1999.
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- Dey, B. M., *Personnel Administration in India: Retrospective Issues. Prospective Thought*, New Delhi, Uppal, 1991.
- Dhubashi, P.R., *Recent Trends in Public Administration*, Delhi, Kaveri Books. 1995.
- Goel, S.L., *Advanced Public Administration*, New Delhi, Sterling, 1994.
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- Meheshwari, S. R., *Administrative Theory: An Introduction*, New Delhi, Macmillan, 1998.
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