

**SYLLABUS DISTRIBUTION FOR THE SESSION OF 2023-24
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE**

HONOURS COURSE

ATAUR RAHMAN

POL HC 4016, Political Process and Institutions in Comparative Perspectives

Unit I. Approaches to Studying Comparative Politics (8 Lectures)

- a. Political Culture
- b. New Institutionalism

Unit II. Electoral System (8 Lectures)

Definition and Procedures: Types of Election system (First Past the Post and Proportional Representation)

Unit III. Party System (8 Lectures)

Historical Contexts of emergence of the party system and types of parties

Unit IV. Nation-State (8 Lectures)

- What is nation-state?
- Historical evolution in Western Europe and postcolonial contexts
- 'Nation' and 'State': debates

Unit V. Democratization (8 Lectures)

Process of democratization in postcolonial, post-authoritarian and post-communist Countries

Unit VI. Federalism (8 Lectures)

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

POL HE 6046 Select Constitutions – II

Unit I. Peoples Republic of China – I (14 Lectures)

- Revolutionary Legacy : Communist Revolution and the Cultural Revolution
- Structure of Government
 - National Peoples' Congress
 - The President and the State Council
 - Peoples courts and Peoples Procuratorates

Unit II. Peoples Republic of China - II (11 Lectures)

- Rights and Duties of Citizens
- Party system and Role of the Communist Party

Unit III. Switzerland - I (14 Lectures)

- SWISS Political Tradition
- Swiss Federalism
- Structure of Federal Government
 - Legislature
 - Executive
 - Judiciary

Unit IV. Switzerland – II (9 Lectures)

- Direct Democracy

- Political Parties and Interest Groups

POL-HC-6016 Modern Political Philosophy

III. Liberal socialist (8 lectures)

a. John Stuart Mill

Presentation themes: Liberty, suffrage and subjection of women, right of minorities; utility principle.

IV. Radicals (16 lectures)

b. Alexandra Kollontai (8 Lectures)

Presentation themes: Winged and wingless Eros; proletarian woman; socialization of housework; disagreement with Lenin.

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POL HC 4026, Public Policy and Administration in India

Unit I. Public Policy (10 Lectures)

- Definition , characteristics and models
- Public Policy Process in India with special reference to NITI Ayog

Unit II. Decentralization (10 Lectures)

- Meaning , significance approaches and types
- Local Self Governance : Rural and Urban

Unit III. Budget (10 Lectures)

- Concept and Significance of Budget
- Budget cycle in India
- Types of Budgeting
 - Performance budgeting
 - Zero based budgeting
 - Gender budgeting

Unit IV. Citizen and Administration Interface (15 Lectures)

- Public Service Delivery
- Redressal of Public Grievances: RTI, Lokpal and Citizens' Charter

Unit V. Social Welfare Administration (20 Lectures)

- Concept and Approaches of Social Welfare
- Social Welfare Policies : their objectives, debates and significance
 - ◆ **Education:** Right to Education,
 - ◆ **Health:** National Health Mission,
 - ◆ **Food:** Right to Food Security
 - ◆ **Employment:** MGNREGA

POL HE 6016 Human Rights in India

Unit I. Origin and Development of Human Rights in India (13 Lectures)

- Ancient, medieval and colonial period.
- Human rights and the Constitution of India.

- Protection of Human Rights Act 1993

Unit II. Institutional Mechanisms for Protection of Human Rights (12 Lectures)

- National Human Rights Commission and Assam Human Rights Commission
- National Commission for Women
- National Commission for S.C and National Commission for S.T

Unit III. Emerging Issues of Human Rights (13 Lectures)

- Terrorism in NE India
- Rights of Indigenous People
- Environmental issues – Narmada Bachao movement, Chipko movement

Unit IV. Human Rights of vulnerable groups (13 Lectures)

- Women
- Children
- Minority

POL-HC-6016 Modern Political Philosophy

II. Romantics (16 lectures)

a. Jean Jacques Rousseau (8 Lectures)

Presentation themes: General Will; local or direct democracy; self-government; origin of inequality.

b. Mary Wollstonecraft (8 Lectures)

Presentation themes: Women and paternalism; critique of Rousseau's idea of education; legal rights

NAZRUL HUSSAIN:

PAPER: POL HC 4036, Global Politics:

Unit I: Globalization: Conceptions and Perspectives (23 lectures)

- Understanding Globalization and its alternative Perspectives (6 Lectures)
- Political debates on Sovereignty and Territoriality (3 Lectures)
- Global Economy; Its significance and Anchors of Global Political Economy; IMF, World Bank. WTO, TNCs (8 Lectures)
- Cultural and Technological Dimension and Resistances with special reference to World Social Forum (3 Lectures)
- Global Resistances with special reference to World Social Forum (3 Lectures)

Unit II. Contemporary Global Issues and Resistances with special reference to World Social Forum (18 Lectures)

- Ecological Issues: Historical overview of International Environmental Agreements, Climate Change, Global Common Debate and Resistances with special reference to World Social Forum (7 Lectures)
- Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (3 Lectures)
- International Terrorism: Non-State Actors and State Terrorism ; Post 9/11 developments (5 Lectures)

d. Migration (3 Lectures)

Unit III. Global Shifts (7 Lectures)
European Union and ASEAN

POL-HC-6026 Indian Political Thought-II

- I. Introduction to Modern Indian Political Thought (4 lectures)**
- II. Rammohan Roy: Rights (4 lectures)**
- III. Pandita Ramabai: Gender (4 lectures)**
- IV. Vivekananda: Ideal Society (5 lectures)**
- V. Gandhi: Swaraj (5 lectures)**
- VI. Ambedkar: Social Justice (5 lectures)**
- VII. Tagore: Critique of Nationalism (4 lectures)**
- VIII. Iqbal: Community (5 lectures)**
- IX. Savarkar: Hindutva (4 lectures)**
- X. Nehru: Secularism (4 lectures)**
- XI. Lohia: Socialism (4 lectures)**

POL-HC-6016 Modern Political Philosophy

I. Modernity and its discourses (8 lectures)

This section will introduce students to the idea of modernity and the discourses around modernity. Two essential readings have been prescribed.

IV. Radicals (16 lectures)

a. Karl Marx (8 Lectures)

Presentation themes: Alienation; difference with other kinds of materialism; class struggle