

## Honours Course: Discipline Specific Core I

Semester	One
Paper Number	HPSCR1011T
Paper Title	Understanding Political Theory
No. of Credits	6
Theory/Composite	Theory
No. of periods assigned	Th: 5+1 Tutorial class Pr:
Name of Faculty member(s)	
Course description/objective	<b>Course Objective:</b> This course is divided into two modules. Module I introduces the students to the idea of political theory, its history and approaches, and an assessment of its critical and contemporary trends. Module II is designed to reconcile political theory and practice through reflections on the ideas and practices related to democracy.
Syllabus	<p><b>Module I (40 marks)</b> Introducing Political Theory (30 Lectures)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is Politics: Theorizing the 'Political: State, Power, Sovereignty'. ( 4 Lectures)</li> <li>2. Traditions of Political Theory: Liberal, Marxist, Anarchist and Conservative (10 Lectures)</li> <li>3. Approaches to Political Theory: Normative and Empirical (10 Lectures)</li> <li>4. Contemporary Perspectives in Political Theory: Feminist and Postmodern (6 Lectures)</li> </ol> <p><b>Module II (40 marks)</b> Political Theory and Practice (30 Lectures) The Grammar of Democracy</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Democracy: The history of an idea (6 Lectures)</li> <li>6. Procedural Democracy and its critique (8 Lectures)</li> <li>7. Deliberative Democracy (8 Lectures)</li> <li>8. Participation and Representation (8 Lectures)</li> </ol>
Texts	
Reading/Reference Lists	<p><b>Essential Readings</b> <b>I: Introducing Political Theory</b> Heywood, Andrew (2002) <i>Politics</i>. New York: Palgrave Foundations. Heywood, Andrew (2004) <i>Political Theory- An Introduction</i>. London: Palgrave Macmillan</p>

Held, David (1995) *Models of Democracy*. Oxford, UK: Polity Press.

Bhargava, R. (2008) 'What is Political Theory', in Bhargava, R and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction*. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 2-16.

Bellamy, R. (1993) 'Introduction: The Demise and Rise of Political Theory', in Bellamy, R. (ed.) *Theories and Concepts of Politics*. New York: Manchester University Press, pp. 1-14.

Glaser, D. (1995) 'Normative Theory', in Marsh, D. and Stoker, G. (eds.) *Theory and Methods in Political Science*. London: Macmillan, pp. 21-40.

Sanders, D. (1995) 'Behavioral Analysis', in Marsh, D. and Stoker, G. (eds.) *Theory and Methods in Political Science*. London: Macmillan, pp. 58-75.

Chapman, J. (1995) 'The Feminist Perspective', in Marsh, D. and Stoker, G. (eds.) *Theory and Methods in Political Science*. London: Macmillan, pp. 94-114.

Bhargava, R. 'Why Do We Need Political Theory', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction*. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 17-36.

Bannett, J. (2004) 'Postmodern Approach to Political Theory', in Kukathas, Ch. and Gaus, G. F. (eds.) *Handbook of Political Theory*. New Delhi: Sage, pp. 46-54.

Vincent, A. (2004) *The Nature of Political Theory*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2004, pp. 19-80.

**II: The Grammar of Democracy**

Srinivasan, J. (2008) 'Democracy', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction*. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 106-128.

Owen, D. (2003) 'Democracy', in Bellamy, R. and Mason, A. (eds.) *Political Concepts*. Manchester and New York: Manchester University Press, pp. 105-117.

Christiano, Th. (2008) 'Democracy', in Mckinnon, C. (ed.) *Issues in Political Theory*, New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 80-96.

Arblaster, A. (1994) *Democracy*. (2nd Edition). Buckingham: Open University Press.

Roy, A. 'Citizenship', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) *Political Theory: An Introduction*. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 130-146.

	Brighouse, H. (2008) 'Citizenship', in Mckinnon, C. (ed.) <i>Issues in Political Theory</i> , New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 241-258.
Evaluation	CIA: 20 End-Sem: 80 <b>Short Notes:</b> 2 out of 3 of 5marks each (2x5=10) <b>Essay Type:</b> 3 out of 4 (3X10= 30) (40 marks per module) 40+40 (Module I + Module II= 80) (80+20 CIA=100)