### Honours Course: Discipline Specific Core IV

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#### Course description/objective

Actual politics in India diverges quite significantly from constitutional legal rules. An understanding of the political process thus calls for a different mode of analysis - that offered by political sociology. This course maps the working of ‘modern’ institutions, premised on the existence of an individuated society, in a context marked by communitarian solidarities, and their mutual transformation thereby. It also familiarizes students with the working of the Indian state, paying attention to the contradictory dynamics of modern state power.

#### Syllabus

**MODULE 1 (40 Marks)**

**I. Political Parties and the Party System (12 lectures)**
  Trends in the Party System; From the Congress System to Multi-Party Coalitions

**II. Determinants of Voting Behaviour (9 lectures)**
  Caste, Class, Gender and Religion

**III. Regional Aspirations (9 lectures)**
  The Politics of Secession and Accommodation

**MODULE II (40 Marks)**

**IV. Religion and Politics (8 lectures)**
  Debates on Secularism; Minority and Majority Communalism

**V. Caste and Politics (8 lectures)**
  Caste in Politics and the Politicization of Caste

**VI. Affirmative Action Policies (8 lectures)**
  Women, Caste and Class

**VII. The Changing Nature of the Indian State (6 lectures)**

#### Texts

#### Reading/Reference Lists

**READING LIST**
### I. Political Parties and the Party System: Trends in the Party System; From the Congress System to Multi-Party Coalitions

**Essential Readings:**

**Additional Reading:**

### II. Determinants of Voting Behaviour: Caste, Class, Gender and Religion

**Essential Readings:**

### III. Regional Aspirations: The Politics of Secession and Accommodation

**Essential Readings:**


J. Mukherjee (2014), Conflict Resolution in Multicultural Societies: The Indian Experience, New Delhi, Sage

IV. Religion and Politics: Debates on Secularism: Minority and Majority Communalism

Essential Readings:


Additional Reading:

V. Caste and Politics: Caste in Politics and the Politicization of Caste

Essential Readings:


VI. Affirmative Action Policies: Women, Caste and Class

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Additional Readings:

Evaluation

| CIA: | 20 |
| End-Sem: | 80 |
| Short Notes: | 2 out of 3 of 5 marks each (2x5=10) |
| Essay Type: | 3 out of 4 (3x10= 30) (40 marks per module) |
| | 40+40 (Module I + Module II= 80) (80+20 CIA=100) |