

### Honours Course: Discipline Specific Core VIII

Semester	Four
Paper Number	HPSCR4081T
Paper Title	<b>Political Processes and Institutions in Comparative Perspective</b>
No. of Credits	6
Theory/Composite	Theory
No. of periods assigned	Th: 5+1 Tutorial Pr:
Name of Faculty member(s)	
Course description/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 studies.
Syllabus	<p><b>MODULE I (40 Marks)</b>  <b>I. Approaches to Studying Comparative Politics (12 lectures)</b>  <b>a.</b> Institutionalism, its critiques, New Institutionalism  <b>b.</b> Systems Analysis and Structural Functionalism  <b>c.</b> Political Culture: Developmentalism.  <b>II.</b> Electoral System (8 lectures)  Definition and procedures: Types of election system (First Past the Post, Proportional Representation, Mixed Representation)  <b>III.</b> Party System (8 lectures)  Historical contexts of emergence of the party system and types of parties.  <b>MODULE II (40 Marks)</b>  <b>IV.</b> Nation-state (12 lectures)  What is nation–state? Historical evolution in Western Europe and postcolonial contexts; ‘Nation’ and ‘State’: debates.  <b>V.</b> Democratization (10 lectures)  Process of democratization in postcolonial, post- authoritarian and post-communist countries.  <b>VI.</b> Federalism (10 lectures) Historical context Federation and Confederation: debates around territorial division of power.</p>
Texts	
Reading/Reference Lists	<p><b>READING LIST</b>  <b>I: Approaches to Studying Comparative Politics</b>  Essential Readings:  M. Pennington, (2009) ‘Theory, Institutional and Comparative Politics’, in J. Bara and Pennington. (eds.) <i>Comparative</i></p>

*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

Institutionalisms', *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) *21st Century Political Science: A Reference Book*. Los Angeles: Sage Publications, pp. 150-158.

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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, isa 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:*

	<p><i>Democracies of the Modern World</i>. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 13-33.</p> <p>Additional Reading: A. Heywood, (2002), 'The State', in <i>Politics</i>. New York: Palgrave, pp. 85-102</p> <p><b>V. Democratization</b></p> <p>Essential Readings: T. Landman, (2003) 'Transition to Democracy', in <i>Issues and Methods of Comparative Politics: An Introduction</i>. London: Routledge, pp. 185-215. K. Newton, and J. Deth, (2010) 'Democratic Change and Persistence', in <i>Foundations of Comparative Politics: Democracies of the Modern World</i>. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 53-67. J. Haynes, (1999) 'State and Society', in <i>The Democratization</i>. Oxford: Blackwell, pp. 20-38; 39-63.</p> <p>Additional Reading: B. Smith, (2003) 'Democratization in the Third World', in <i>Understanding Third World Politics: Theories of Political Change and Development</i>. London: Palgrave Macmillan, pp.250-274.</p> <p><b>VI: Federalism</b></p> <p>Essential Readings: M. Burgess, (2006) <i>Comparative Federalism: Theory and Practice</i>. London: Routledge, pp. 135-161. R. Watts, (2008) 'Introduction', in <i>Comparing Federal Systems</i>. Montreal and Kingston: McGill Queen's University Press, pp. 1-27</p> <p>38</p> <p>Additional Reading: R. Saxena, (2011) 'Introduction', in Saxena, R (eds.) <i>Varieties of Federal Governance: Major Contemporary Models</i>. New Delhi: Cambridge University Press, pp. xii-x1.</p>
Evaluation	<p>CIA: 20</p> <p>End-Sem: 80</p> <p><b>Short Notes:</b> 2 out of 3 of 5 marks each (2x5=10)</p> <p><b>Essay Type:</b> 3 out of 4 (3X10= 30) (40 marks per module)</p> <p>40+40 (Module I + Module II= 80) (80+20 CIA=100)</p>