

Honours Course: Discipline Specific Core XIII

Semester	Six
Paper Number	HPSCR6131T
Paper Title	Modern Political Philosophy
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	Philosophy and politics are closely intertwined. We explore this convergence by identifying four main tendencies here. Students will be exposed to the manner in which the questions of politics have been posed in terms that have implications for larger questions of thought and existence.
Syllabus	<p>Module I (40 Marks)</p> <p>1.Modernity and its discourses: An overview (4 lectures) 2a. Jean Jacques Rousseau (10 Lectures) General Will; local or direct democracy; self-government; origin of inequality. 2b.Hegel (4 lectures) 3. Liberals (12 lectures) a. Jeremy Bentham: concept of utility b. John Stuart Mill: Liberty, suffrage and subjection of women, right of minorities; utility principle.</p> <p>Module II (40 Marks)</p> <p>4. Radicals a. Karl Marx (12 Lectures) Alienation, Dialectical and Historical materialism; class struggle; state and revolution. b. Lenin (6 Lectures) Concept of Party; Disagreement with Rosa on the role of the Party. Lenin’s concept of revolution. c. Antonio Gramsci (6 Lectures) Concept of hegemony d. Varieties of socialism : (6 Lectures) Democratic/Fabian Socialism, German Revisionism and Anarchism.</p>
Texts	
Reading/Reference Lists	Reading List Nelson,B.R. (1982) <i>Western Political Thought – From Socrates to</i>

the Age of Ideology. New Jersey: Prentice-Hall
Russell, Bertrand (1979) *A History of Western Philosophy*.
London: Allen & Unwin.
Curtis, Michael (1981) *The Great Political Theories-* Volumes 1 &
2. New York: Avon Books
Heywood, Andrew (2003) *Political Ideologies*. New York: Palgrave
Macmillan

Additional Readings

I. Modernity

I. Kant. (1784) 'What is Enlightenment?,' available at
<http://theliterarylink.com/kant.html>,
Accessed: 19.04.2013

S. Hall (1992) 'Introduction', in *Formations of Modernity* UK:
Polity Press pages 1-16

II. Romantics

B. Nelson, (2008) *Western Political Thought*. New York: Pearson
Longman, pp. 221-255.

M. Keens-Soper, (2003) 'Jean Jacques Rousseau: The Social
Contract', in M. Forsyth and M.

Keens-Soper, (eds) *A Guide to the Political Classics: Plato to
Rousseau*. New York: Oxford
University Press, pp. 171-202.

C. Jones, (2002) 'Mary Wollstonecraft's *Vindications* and their
Political Tradition' in C.

Johnson, (ed.) *The Cambridge Companion to Mary Wollstonecraft*,
Cambridge: Cambridge
University Press, pp. 42-58.

S. Ferguson, (1999) 'The Radical Ideas of Mary Wollstonecraft', in
*Canadian Journal of
Political Science* XXXII (3), pp. 427-50, Available at
<http://digitalcommons.ryerson.ca/politics>, Accessed: 19.04.2013.

III. Liberals

H. Magid, (1987) 'John Stuart Mill', in L. Strauss and J. Cropsey,
(eds), *History of Political
Philosophy*, 2nd edition. Chicago: Chicago University Press, pp.
784-801.

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P. Kelly, (2003) 'J.S. Mill on Liberty', in D. Boucher, and P. Kelly,
(eds.) *Political Thinkers:
From Socrates to the Present*. New York: Oxford University Press,
pp. 324-359.

IV. Radicals

J. Cropsey, (1987) 'Karl Marx', in L. Strauss and J. Cropsey, (eds)
*History of Political
Philosophy*, 2nd Edition. Chicago: Chicago University Press, pp.

	<p>802-828.</p> <p>L. Wilde, (2003) ‘Early Marx’, in D. Boucher and P. Kelly, P. (eds) <i>Political Thinkers: From Socrates to the Present</i>. New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 404-435.</p> <p>V. Bryson, (1992) ‘Marxist Feminism in Russia’ in <i>Feminist Political Theory</i>, London: Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 114-122</p> <p>C. Sypnowich, (1993) ‘Alexandra Kollontai and the Fate of Bolshevik Feminism’ <i>Labour/Le Travail</i> Vol. 32 (Fall 1992) pp. 287-295</p> <p>A. Kollontai (1909), <i>The Social Basis of the Woman Question</i>, Available at http://www.marxists.org/archive/kollonta/1909/social-basis.htm, Accessed: 19.04.2013</p> <p>Additional Readings:</p> <p>A. Bloom, (1987) ‘Jean-Jacques Rousseau’, in Strauss, L. and Cropsey, J. (eds.) <i>History of Political Philosophy</i>, 2nd edition. Chicago: Chicago University Press, pp. 559-580.</p> <p>Selections from <i>A Vindication of the Rights of Woman</i>, Available at http://oregonstate.edu/instruct/phl302/texts/wollstonecraft/womana.html#CHAPTER%20II, Accessed: 19.04.2013.</p> <p>A. Skoble and T. Machan, (2007) <i>Political Philosophy: Essential Selections</i>, New Delhi: Pearson Education, pp. 328-354.</p> <p>B. Ollman (1991) <i>Marxism: An Uncommon Introduction</i>, New Delhi: Sterling Publishers.</p> <p>G. Blakely and V. Bryson (2005) <i>Marx and Other Four Letter Words</i>, London: Pluto</p> <p>A. Skoble, and T. Machan, (2007) <i>Political Philosophy: Essential Selections</i>, New Delhi: Pearson Education, pp. 286-327.</p>
Evaluation	<p>CIA: 20</p> <p>End-Sem: 80</p> <p>Short Notes: 2 out of 3 of 5marks each (2x5=10)</p> <p>Essay Type: 3 out of 4 (3X10= 30) (40 marks per module)</p> <p>40+40 (Module I + Module II= 80) (80+20 CIA=100)</p>