

Discipline Specific Core C11

Semester	5
Paper Number	HSOCR5111T
Paper Title	Political Sociology
No. of Credits	6
Theory/Composite	Theory
No. of periods assigned	Th: 5 + 1 Pr:
Name of Faculty member(s)	
Course description/objective	<p>This course introduces the students to some major theoretical debates and concepts in Political Sociology, while situating these within contemporary political issues :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The student will learn the basic concepts through which sociology approaches the political including power, citizenship and nationalism. The student will be acquainted with the varied theorizations on these concepts and the debates they engender. • Knowledge of the basic political systems and their evolution will be provided. • The course will demonstrate the significance of the local and the everyday in the operation of state power. • An understanding of political sociology enables the student to be sensitive to the oppression, exclusion and violence unleashed by the state. She will be able to appreciate and understand the vicissitudes of contemporary politics and develop a critical perspective on them.
Syllabus	<p>Group A</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Contextualizing the study of Politics (week 1) 2. Basic Concepts (6 weeks) <p style="padding-left: 40px;">2.1 Power and Authority 2.2 State, Governance and Citizenship 2.3 Elites and the Ruling Classes</p> <p>Group B</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Political Systems : Segmentary, Totalitarian and Democratic (2 week) 4. Everyday State and Local Structures of Power (3 weeks)
Texts	
Reading/Reference Lists	<p>Contextualizing the study of Politics</p> <p>Eisenstadt, S. N. '1971, 'General Introduction: The Scope and Development of Political Sociology' in <i>Political Sociology: A Reader</i> Basic Books, New Your Publication, pp 3-24.</p> <p>Lewellen, Ted. 2003, 'The Development of Political Anthropology' in <i>Political Anthropology: An Introduction (Third Edition)</i>, Praeger, pp. 1- 14.</p>

Basic Concepts (Weeks 2 – 7) Power and Authority

Weber, Max. 1978, *Economy and Society: An Outline of Interpretative Sociology*, Berkeley: University of California Press, pp. 53-54; 941-54; 212-30; 241-54.

Hindess, Barry & Chrisitine Helliwell. 1999. 'Power' in Steve Taylor (eds) *Sociology: Issues and Debates*. London: Macmillan. Pp – 208-230

State, Governance, Nation and Citizenship

Mitchell, Timothy. 'Society, Economy, and the State Effect', in A. Sharma and A. Gupta (Ed.), *The Anthropology of the State: A Reader*, Oxford: Blackwell, 2006, pp. 169-85

Burchell, Graham et al (Eds), 1991, *The Foucault Effect: Studies in Governmentality*, The University of Chicago Press, Chapter 1, pp. 1-51

Marshall, T.H. 1950, *Citizenship and Social Class and Other Essays*, Cambridge University Press, pp. 10-27

Tilly, Charles. 1999, 'Where Do Rights Come From?' in Theda Skocpol (Ed) *Democracy, Revolution and History*, Cornell University Press, pp 55-72

Anderson, Benedict. 'Imagined Communities' in <https://www2.bc.edu/marian-simion/th406/readings/0420anderson.pdf> accessed on 7/12/2014

Chatterjee, Partha. 2010. "Whose Imagined Community?" and "The Nationalist Resolution to the Woman's Question", *Selected Essay : Empire and Nation* Columbia University Press : New York

Elites and the Ruling Classes

Mills, C. Wright, 1956. *The Power Elite, New Edition*, OUP, pp. 269-297.

Political Systems : Segmentary, Totalitarian and Democratic

Fortes, M. and E.E. Evans Pritchard (Eds), 1940. *African Political Systems*. London: Oxford University Press, Chapter 8.

Tapper, Richard, 1990. 'Anthropologists, Historians, and Tribespeople' in Philip Shukry and Joseph Kostiner (Ed) *Tribes and State Formation in the Middle East*, University of California Press, pp. 48-71

Schapiro, L. 1972. *Totalitarianism*, The Pall Mall Press, Chaps 2,3

Macpherson, C. B. 1966. *The Real World of Democracy*, Oxford Clarendon Press, pp. 1-45

Chomsky, N. 1999. *Profit over People: Neoliberalism and Global Order*. Severn Stories Press, pp. 7-18, 43-64

Ray Larry. 2001. 'Civil Society and Public Sphere' in Kate Nash & Alan Scott (eds) *The Blackwell Companion to Political Sociology*.

	<p>River Street: Wiley- Blackwell Publications. Pp – 240-252.</p> <p>Everyday State and Local Structures of Power: State and Politics in India</p> <p>Fuller, C.J. and V. Benei (Eds.), 2000. <i>The Everyday State and Society in Modern India</i>. Social Science Press, pp. 1-30</p> <p>Tarlo, Emma, 2003 <i>Unsettling Memories: Narratives of the Emergency in Delhi</i>, University of California Press, pp. 62-93</p> <p>Swartz, M.J (Ed), 1968. <i>Local Level Politics: Social and Cultural Perspectives</i>, University of London Press, pp. 281-94</p> <p>Sarkar, T., 2000. A prehistory of rights: the age of consent debate in colonial Bengal. <i>Feminist Studies</i>, 26(3), pp.601-622.</p>
Evaluation	<p>CIA: 20 End-Sem: 80</p> <p>The end semester examination will have the following paper structure i) Long Answer type questions : 20 x 2 = 40 marks (out of 4) ii) Short answer type questions : 10 x 4 = 40 (out of 8)</p>