

PG Course: Core Course I

Semester	One
Paper Number	MPLS4101
Paper Title	TRADITIONS IN WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT
No. of Credits	6
Theory/Composite	Theory
No. of periods assigned	Theory: 6 Practical: ---
Name of Faculty member(s)	
Course description/objective	<p>Political thought explores questions of power, justice, rights, law and other issues pertaining to governance. While political science often assumes these concepts are static, political thought delves into their genesis and sensitizes the student to political problems and issues that have contemporary relevance. Political thought asks what form government should take and why; the duties a citizen owes their government, if any; and when citizens should overthrow an "illegitimate" government, if ever. In this course students get an insight into major texts in the history of Western political thought, where the authors often pose difficult questions about the political community, social order, and human nature, about human needs and goods, justice, democracy, and the ever-changing relationship between the citizen and the state.</p>
Syllabus	<p><u>Module I (40 marks)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Contractualist tradition: Hobbes, Locke 2. The Contractualist tradition: Rousseau 3. The Utilitarian tradition: Bentham and J S Mill 4. The Conservative tradition : Burke and Oakeshott <p><u>Module II(40 marks)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. The Idealist tradition: Kant and Hegel 6. The Anti-Enlightenment Tradition : Nietzsche 7. The Anarchist tradition : Bakunin and Kropotkin 8. Varieties of socialism: Cole and Webb
Texts	

Reading/Reference Lists	<p>1.J.Hoffman and P.Graham, <i>Introduction to Political Theory</i>,2nd edition, New York: Routledge,2013.</p> <p>2.M.Curtis, <i>The Great Political Theories – Volumes 1 and 2</i>, New York: Avon Books, 1981.</p> <p>3. Andrew Heywood, <i>Political Ideologies – An Introduction</i>,3rd edition, New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2003.</p> <p>4. Michael Rosen and Jonathan Wolff, <i>Political Thought</i>, New York: Oxford University Press, 1999.</p> <p>5.C.L.Wayper, <i>Political Thought</i>, London: English Universities Press, 1954.</p> <p>6.C.B. Macpherson, <i>The Political Theory of Possessive Individualism – Hobbes to Locke</i>, Canada: Oxford University Press, 2010.</p> <p>7.Bertrand Russell, <i>A History of Western Philosophy</i>, London: Allen and Unwin, 1988.</p> <p>8.David Muschamp ed., <i>Political Thinkers</i>, London: Macmillan Education Ltd, 1986.</p> <p>9.S Critchley and O Marcharteds., <i>Laclau---A Critical Reader</i>, London: Palgrave, 2004.</p> <p>10.Francis Coker, <i>Recent Political Thought</i>, New York and London: D Appleton Century Company, 1934.</p>
Evaluation	<p>CIA: 20</p> <p>End-Semester: 80</p>