

PG Course: Core Course II

Semester	One
Paper Number	MPLS4102
Paper Title	POLITICAL THEORY
No. of Credits	6
Theory/Composite	Theory
No. of periods assigned	Theory: 6 Practical ---
Name of Faculty member(s)	
Course description/objective	<p>The course familiarises students with central debates in political theory and permits them an overview of the works of some of the discipline's most sensitive minds. Students are exposed to their theoretical constructs as they grapple with some of the critical problems of contemporary times. In so doing, students will be encouraged to develop a critical and analytical vocabulary to address political questions and reflect on them. This may well prod them to fathom new ways to address emerging political problems and dilemmas.</p>
Syllabus	<p><u>Module I (40 marks)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Background of liberalism – transition from liberal to liberal democratic theory2. Theories of justice : Rawls, Nozick3. Theories of justice: Amartya Sen, Nussbaum4. Critiques of liberalism: Communitarianism, Multiculturalism, Deliberative Democracy <p><u>Module II (40 marks)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">5. Gramsci, Althusser and Poulantzas6. Post Marxism7. Post-Modernism8. Post-Colonialism9. Feminism: An Overview
Texts	

Reading/Reference Lists	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. John Locke, <i>Two Treatises of Government</i>, London: Awnsham Churchill, 1689. 2. John Rawls, <i>A Theory of Justice</i>, Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1971. 3. Robert Nozick, <i>Anarchy, State and Utopia</i>, New York: Basic Books, 1974. 4. Robert Bocock and Kenneth Thompson eds., <i>Social and Cultural Forces of Modernity</i>, Cambridge: Polity Press, 1992. 5. Stuart Hall and Bram Gieben eds., <i>Formations of Modernity</i>, Cambridge: Polity Press, 1992. 6. Stuart Hall, David Held and Tony McGrew eds., <i>Modernity and its Futures</i>, Cambridge: Polity Press, 1992. 7. Will Kymlicka, <i>Multicultural Citizenship: A Liberal Theory of Minority Rights</i>, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1995. 8. Amartya Sen, <i>Inequality Reexamined</i>, Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1992. 9. Edward Said, <i>Orientalism</i>, New York: Pantheon Books, 1978 10. Ania Loomba, <i>Colonialism/Post-Colonialism</i>, London: Routledge, 1998. 11. Wendy Brown, <i>Manhood and Politics: A Feminist Reading in Political Theory</i>, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, 1988.
Evaluation	<p>CIA: 20 End-Semester: 80</p>