



# **TRIPURA UNIVERSITY**

(A Central University)  
Suryamaninagar-799022

**Syllabus**

**OF**

**Political Science**

**Major & General – Semester – I**  
**(Rectified)**

**2017**

## BA Major/ Honours

### Semester- I: Political Theory (Paper- I)

#### Unit - I

- Meaning of Politics and Political Theory: Present state of Political Theory; Empirical-Systems Analysis, Structural-Functionalism, Liberal.
- Different approaches to the study of Politics: Normative, Behavioural and Post Behavioural, Marxist Approach.
- Feminist views of Politics.
- Theories of State (Origin, Nature and Functions), Idealist, Liberal, Neo-liberal, Marxist and Gandhian.

#### Unit – II

- Concept of State Sovereignty: Monistic, Pluralistic and Popular: Changing Concept of Sovereignty in the context of Globalisation.
- Democratic Theories: David Held's classification.
- Liberty, Equality, Rights and Law – Concepts and their interrelationship.
- Justice: Theory of Rawls, Distributive Justice; Multiculturalism and Social Justice.

#### Unit – III

- Dialectical Materialism and Historical Materialism – Concept of Class and Class Struggle – Theory of Surplus Value.
- Rise and development of Capitalism and its contradictions.
- Gandhian concept of Sarvodaya and Satyagraha.

#### Unit – IV

- Theories of Social change - Fabian theory of Evolution – Marxian theory of Revolution; Socialist and Non - Socialist Revolution- Violence and Revolution.
- Theories of Change: Lenin, Mao and Gandhi.

#### Suggested Readings:

- Barker, Earnest, *Greek Political Theory: Plato and his Predecessors*, Surjeet Publications, New Delhi. 2006
- David Boucher & Paul Kelly (eds.), *Political Thinkers: From Socrates to the Present*, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2003.

- Maclelland, J.S, *Political Thought*, Routledge, London, 1996.
- Mukhopadhaya, Amal, *Western Political Thought from Plato to Marx*, K.P Bagchi, Calcutta. 1988
- Machiavelli, Niccolò, *The Prince* (translated and edited by Robert M. Adams) Norton and Company, New York, 1992.
- Norberto, Bobbio, *Thomas Hobbes and the Natural Law Tradition*, The University of Chicago Press, Chicago, 1993.
- Ramaswamy, S. & Mukherjee, S, *Western Political Thought*, Prentice Hall, New Delhi, 1999.
- Sabine, G.H., *A History of Political Theories*, Oxford IBH Publishing House, New Delhi, 1973.
- Wolf, Jonathan, *Why Read Marx Today?* Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2002.
- Rajeev, Bhargava & Acharya, Ashok, *Political Theory : An Introduction*, Pearson Longman, Delhi 2008.
- Bhagwan, Vishnoo and Bhushan, Vidya, 'Principles and Concepts of Political Theory', Kalyani Publishers, New Delhi, 2009.
- Roy, Amalendu, Bhattacharya, Mohit, *Political Theory: Ideas and Institutions*, World Press, Kolkata, 2005.
- Gauba, O.P., *Political Ideas and Ideologies*, Macmillan Publishers India Ltd, New Delhi, 2010.
- Gauba, O.P., *Introduction to Political Theory*, Macmillan Publishers India Ltd, New Delhi, 2010.
- Heywood, Andrew, *Political Theory: An Introduction*, Macmillan Publishers, New York, 1999.
- Ghai, K.K, *Political Theory*, Kalyani Publishers, New Delhi, 2007.

## BA General Course

### Semester- I: Political Theory (Paper- I)

#### UNIT- I

1. Nature and Scope of Political Science; Approaches to the study of Political Science- Traditional and Modern Approaches.
2. Theories of State: Social Contract Theory, Idealist Theory of State, Liberal and Neo-Liberal Theory of State, Marxist Theory of State, Gandhian Theory of State.

#### UNIT- II

1. Sovereignty of the State: Kinds of Sovereignty- Monistic, Pluralistic Theories; Popular, Sovereignty in the age of Globalisation.
2. Some Representative Concepts: Meaning and Features- Democracy, Nationalism, Internationalism.

#### UNIT- III

1. Law, Liberty, Rights and Equality
2. Political Parties, Pressure Groups: Functions, Role in Modern State.

#### UNIT- IV

1. Theories regarding State Functions: Individualism, Socialism, Welfare State and Democratic Socialism.
2. Marxism: Dialectical Materialism, Historical Materialism, Class and Class Struggle, Revolution.
3. Lenin: Concept of Imperialism, Contribution to Marxism.



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