

Course Work for Research in Politics and Public Administration

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1. The course work will be of 16 credits.
2. The duration of course work will be one semester of not less than three months inclusive of teaching and field work.
3. The course work will be treated as a prerequisite for the Ph D program.

Course 1: Research Methodology [4 credits]

A. Paradigms of Political Inquiry

- (i) Positivism
- (ii) Hermeneutics
- (iii) Feminism
- (iv) Post-colonialism

Readings:

Beckstein Martin and Ralph Weber, 2021, *Modeling Interpretation and the Practice of Political Theory*, New York, Routledge.

Gandhi Leela, 1998, *Postcolonial Theory: A Critical Introduction*, New York, Routledge.

Jaggar Alison, and Iris Young (ed.), 2000, *A Companion to Feminist Philosophy*, Massachusetts and Oxford, Blackwell.

Kaviraj Sudipta, Partha Chatterjee et.al., 1978, *The State of Political Theory*, Calcutta, Research India Publications.

Kulkarni Mangesh, 2012, *Text and Context: Methodological Debates in the Study of Political Thought*, CAS Occasional Paper Series: No. 5, Pune, Savitribai Phule Pune University.

McLellan David, 1998, *Marxism after Marx*, London, Macmillan.

Nigam Aditya, 2020, *Decolonising Theory*, New Delhi, Bloomsbury India.

Sim Stuart, 2000, *Post-Marxism: An Intellectual History*, New York, Routledge.

Walsh, Sean Noah, 2017, *Interpretation in Political Theory*, New York & London: Routledge.

B.Data Collection

- (v) Types of Data: Primary and Secondary
- (vi) Tools and Techniques: sampling, questionnaire, interview, participant observation, focus group discussion, writing fieldnotes
- (vii) Sources: field research, library, archives, web sources

Readings:

McNabb David, 2016, *Research Methods for Political Science*, London, Routledge.

Bryman Alan, 2012, *Social Research Methods*, Oxford, Oxford University Press.

Srivastava Vinay Kumar (ed), 2004, *Methodology and Fieldwork*, New Delhi, Oxford University Press.

C. Data analysis

1. Interpreting Library sources
2. Interpretation of Statistical Data: Aggregate and sample survey data
3. Content Analysis
4. Data analysis in ethnographic research

Readings:

Lawrence Newman W., 2014, *Social Research Methods: Quantitative and Qualitative Approaches*, New York, Pearson Publication.

Kumar Sanjay and Praveen Rai, 2013, *Measuring Voting Behaviour in India*, New Delhi, Sage.

D. Thesis Writing

1. Structure (Model) of Thesis
2. Strategies for writing
3. References and Referencing Styles

Readings:

Pierce Roger, 2008, *Research Methods in Politics*, Los Angeles, SAGE Publications Ltd (Chapter 20)

Neuman W. Lawrence, 2014, *Social Research Methods: Qualitative and Quantitative Approaches*, Essex, Pearson Education Ltd.

Course Two: Attending at least one seminar / conference : (one credit)

Course Three: Recent Advances in Political Science [8 credits- the Department may choose to run any two of the following five courses (A- E) as per the research areas of Ph D students of a particular batch]

A. Political Theory

4. Comparative Political Theory
5. Democratic Theory
6. Swaraj and Political Theory

Readings:

Behera, Anshuman, 2020, 'Swaraj and Democracy: Reflections on the Indian Experience', *Indian Philosophical Quarterly*, Special Issue: Critical Reflections on Indian Democracy (ed.) Mangesh Kulkarni, Jan-June, Vol. 47, No. 1-2, pp. 151-164.

बापट राम, २०१३, राज्यसंस्था, भांडवलशाही आणि पयावरि, मुंबई, लोकवाडमय गृह.

Dallmayr Fred (ed), 2010, *Comparative Political Theory: An Introduction*, New York, Palgrave Macmillan.

Dryzek John, Bonnie Honig and Anne Phillips (ed.), 2008, *The Oxford Handbook of Political Theory*, Oxford, Oxford University Press.

Dryzek John, and Jonathan Pickering, 2018, *The Politics of the Anthropocene*, Oxford, Oxford University Press.

Goodin Robert, Philip Pettit and Thomas Pogge, 2007, *A Companion to Contemporary Political Philosophy*, Oxford, Blackwell.

Rathore Aakash (ed.), 2016, *Indian Political Theory: Laying the Groundwork of Svaraj*. New York, Routledge.

B. Comparative Politics

7. Current issues and debates: construction and testing of causal theoretical models; scaling down – subnational research in comparative politics, use of mixed methods
8. Comparative studies of democratization: nationalism, citizenship and populism
9. Comparative state politics in India: federalism, patterns of party competition, politics of welfare

Readings:

Brass Paul R. (ed), 2010, *Routledge Handbook of South Asian Politics*, London, Routledge.

Boix Carles and Susan C. Stokes (ed), 2009, *The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Politics*,

New York, Oxford University Press.

Fitzi Gregor, Juergen Mackert and Bryan Turner (ed), 2017/ 2019, *Populism and the Crisis of Democracy* (Vol.1 & 2), New York, Routledge.

Giraudy Agustina, Eduardo Moncada and Richard Snyder (ed), 2019, *Inside Countries: Subnational Research in Comparative Politics*, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press.

Martinelli Alberto, 2018, *When Populism Meets Nationalism: Reflections on Parties in Power*, Milan, LSPI Publishing.

Moller Jorgen and Svend-Erik Skaaning, 2013, *Democracy and Democratization in Comparative Perspective*, New York, Routledge.

Tillin Louise, Rajeshwari Deshpande, K.K. Kailash (ed), 2015, *Politics of Welfare: Comparisons across Indian States*, New Delhi, Oxford University Press.

Wiarda Howard J., 2019, *New Directions in Comparative Politics*, New York, Routledge.

C.Public Administration / Public Policy

10. New Public Management and Post-New Public Management, Public Value Approach

11. Challenges of Public Administration – Liberalization and Privatization

12. Governance – Conceptualization and Theoretical Perspectives; Participatory Governance

13. Public Policy Studies: (a) Approaches - policy networks approach, participatory approach, evidence based policy-making; (b) Public Policy Evaluation – approaches and models

Readings:

Bevir Mark (ed), 2011, *The SAGE Handbook of Governance*, Los Angeles, SAGE Publications Ltd.

Chakrabarty Bidyut and Mohit Bhattacharya (ed), 2008, *The Governance Discourse: A Reader*, New Delhi, Oxford University Press.

Dwivedi Onkar P., R. B. Jain and Dharendra K. Vajpeyi (ed), 1998, *Governing India: Issues Concerning Public Policy, Institutions and Administration*, Delhi, B. R. Publishing Corporation.

Hill Michael and Frederic Varone, 2021, *The Public Policy Process*, New York, Routledge.

Hood Christopher and Ruth Dixon, 2015, *A Government that Worked Better and Cost Less?: Evaluating Three Decades of Reform and Change in UK Central Government*, Oxford, Oxford University Press

Kjer Anne Mette, 2004, *Governance*, Cambridge, Polity Press.

Mathur Kuldeep, 2013, *Public Policy and Politics in India*, New Delhi, Oxford University Press.

Moran Michael, Martin Rein and Robert E. Goodin (ed), 2008, *The Oxford Handbook of Public Policy*, Oxford, Oxford University Press.

Osborne David and Ted Gaebler, 1992, *Reinventing Government: How the Entrepreneurial Spirit Is Transforming the Public Sector*, New York, Penguin Group.

Peters B Guy and Jon Pierre (ed), 2006, *The Handbook of Public Policy*, London, SAGE Publications Ltd.

D.International Relations

14. The Post-Covid world Order.
15. Big Tech, TNCs and Democracy- State versus Markets Revisited
16. Rise of China and Unipolar/ Multipolar Asia

Readings:

Burgis Tom, 2020, *Kleptopia: How Dirty Money is Conquering the World*, London, Collins.
Jaishankar S., 2020, *The India Way: Strategies for an Uncertain World*, Noida, Harper Collins.

Kobrin Stephen, 2001, "Territoriality and the Governance of Cyberspace," *Journal of International Business Studies*, vol. 32(4), December, pp. 687-704.

Latham, Robert (ed.), 2003, *Bombs and Bandwidth: The Emerging Relationship Between Information Technology and Security*, New York, The New Press.

Menon Shivshankar, 2021, *India and Asian Geopolitics*, Gurugram, Penguin Random House India.

Hollis Duncan B., Jens David Ohlin, 2021, *Defending Democracies: Combating Foreign Election Interference in a Digital Age*, New York, Oxford University Press.

O'Neil Kate, 2020, *The Environment and International Relations*, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press.

Rana Foroohar, 2019, *Don't Be Evil: How Big Tech Betrayed its Founding Principles*, New York, Currency.

Strange Susan, 2019, *States and Markets*, London, Bloomsbury Academic.

E.Indian Politics

17. Post-Independence Indian State
18. Identity Politics
19. Second Dominant Party System

Readings:

Chatterjee Angana, Thomas Blom Hansen and Christophe Jaffrelot (eds), 2019, *Majoritarian State*, Noida, Harper Collins.

Das Samir Kumar (ed.), 2013, *ICSSR Research Surveys and Explorations on Political Science—Volume I, Indian State*, New Delhi, OUP.

Deshpande Rajeshwari, 2005, *State and Democracy in India: Strategies of Accommodation and Manipulation*, Occasional Paper Series III: 4, Pune, Department of Politics and Public Administration, University of Pune.

Gudavarthy Ajay, 2013, *Politics of Post-civil Society: Contemporary History of Political Movements in India*, New Delhi, Sage.

Jayal Nirja Gopal and Pratap Bahnu Mehta (eds), 2010, *The Oxford Companion to Politics in India*, New Delhi, OUP.

Palshikar Suhas, 2017, *Indian Democracy*, New Delhi, OUP.

Studies in Indian Politics, Special Issue on 2019 Elections, Volume 7, Issue 2, December, 2019.

Suri K. C. 2013 (ed), *ICSSR Research Surveys and Explorations on Political Science—Volume II, Indian Democracy*, New Delhi: OUP.

Venkatesh Ghosh Shoba, 2020, 'Nation/State and Resurgent Brahmanical Patriarchy', *Indian Philosophical Quarterly*, Special Issue: Critical Reflections on Indian Democracy (ed.) Mangesh Kulkarni, Jan-June, Vol. 47, No. 1-2, pp. 98-115.

Yadav Yogendra, 2020, *Making Sense of Indian Democracy*, Ranikhet, Permanent Black.

Course Four: Research and Publication Ethics (Two Credits)**Course Five: Pedagogical Training/ Industrial Visit Report/ Assessment Statements (One Credit)**