

Department of Political Science, BBAU

Course name: Indian Political Thought

Course code: PS 203

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Semester: II

Class timings:

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Course Description

This course touches upon the most significant and emerging area of political science in India. This course is an attempt to introduce the evolution of political ideas in India. From the ancient period it includes political philosophy of kautilaya. Afterwards it deals with the modern India political thinkers who propounded their ideas in the 18th century. The course also deals with prominent political thinker Dr. B R Ambedkar who played a crucial role in giving a shape to his political ideas in the Indian constitution.

Course Objectives

The primary objective of the course is to make students familiar with the works and studies related to Indian Political Thought. The course has been framed, keeping in mind the evolution of ideas across different phases of Indian history. Accordingly, certain core ideas of Indian political thinkers will be discussed and analyzed to get an overarching view of subject. Considering the resurgence of scholarly interest in Indian political thought, this course has been structured to familiarize the students with some of the contemporary works on Indian political thinkers.

Method of Evaluation:

Class Presentation: 10% Weight age

Mid- Semester examination: 20% Weight age

End-Semester examination: 70% Weight age

Unit I Kautilya

- I. Saptang Theory
- II. Mandal Theory
- III. Kautilya on State

Essential Readings

Chakraborty Bidyut (ed.). *Social and Political Thought in Modern India*, (New Delhi, 2004), **Chapter one and two**

Appadorai A., *Documents on Political Thought in Modern India*, Vol. I & ii, Bombay, Oxford University Press, 1973 and 1976.

Unit II Raja Rammohan Roy

- I. Views on Individual Freedom
- II. Views on Religion
- III. Liberalism

Essential readings:

Chakraborty Bidyut (ed.). 2004. *Social and Political Thought in Modern India* (New Delhi, 2004), **Chapter two and three**

Appadorai A., *Documents on Political Thought in Modern India*, Vol. I & ii, Bombay, Oxford University Press, 1973 and 1976.

Unit III Tilak

- I. Cultural Revivalism
- II. Swaraj
- III. Swadeshi & Boycott
- IV. National Education

Essential readings:

Appadorai A., *Documents on Political Thought in Modern India*, Vol. I & ii, Bombay, Oxford University Press, 1973 and 1976.

Chakraborty, Bidyut and Rajendra Kumar Pandey, 2009, *Modern Indian Political Thought: Text and Context*, Sage Publications.

Unit IV Mahatma Gandhi

- I. Truth & Non- Violence
- II. Swaraj
- III. Trusteeship
- IV. Sarvodya
- V. Spiritualisation of Politics
- VI. On State

Essential readings:

Collection of Gandhi's writings, Published by Sarvodaya Press, Ahmedabad

B. R. Nanda, *Understanding Gandhi*

Unit V Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar

- I. Liberty, Equality, Fraternity
- II. **Views on** Religion as Protest and Emancipation
- III. On Caste and Untouchability
- IV. Social justice

Essential Readings:

Dr. Ambedkar, Essential writings, Published by Bhim Patrika Publications, Jalandhar

Rodrigues Valerian, ed., *Selected Writings of BR Ambedkar*, Oxford University Press, Delhi, 2002.

Suggested Readings:

Chakraborty Bidyut (ed.). 2004. *Social and Political Thought in Modern India*, New Delhi:

Mehta V.R. and Thomas Pantham, es., *Political Ideas in Modern India*, Sage, Delhi, 2006

Pantham Thomas and Kenneth Deutsch, *Social and Political Thought in India*, Sage, New Delhi, 1984.

Nehru Jawaharlal, *Discovery of India*, Asian Publishing House, Bombay, 1972.

Parekh Bhikhu, *Gandhi's Political Philosophy: A Critical Examination*, Ajanta Publication, Delhi, 1986.

Lokmanya Tilak, *Centenary Publication*, PPH, Delhi.

Ambedkar B. R. *Writings and Speeches*, Vol 1. 2. 3. 4. And 5, Education Department, Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai.

Iyer Raghavan, *Collected Works of Gandhi*, Three Vols, Oxford University Press, Oxford.

Nehru Jawaharlal Selected Writings, Orient Longman, Delhi, Vol. 2, 1975.

Raju Raghuram, Debating Gandhi, Oxford University Press, Delhi, 2006.

Rodrigues Valerian, ed., Selected Writings of BR Ambedkar, Oxford University Press, Delhi, 2002.

Appadorai A., Documents on Political Thought in Modern India, Vol. I & ii, Bombay, Oxford University Press, 1973 and 1976.

Mehta V. R. Foundation of Indian Thought, Delhi: Manohar Publisher, 1992.

Verma V. P., Modern Indian Political Thought, Laxmi Narayan Aggrawal, Agra, 1974.

Gandhi M. K., My Experiment With Truth, Navjeevan Trust

Singh Iqbal, Ram Mohan Roy- Volume 1, Bombay: Asia Publishing House, 1958.

Ambedkar B. R., What Congress and Gandhi Have Done To the Untouchables, Bombay, Thacker and Co., 1945.

Chakraborty, Bidyut and Rajendra Kumar Pandey, 2009, Modern Indian Political Thought: Text and Context, Sage Publications.