

**Cluster University of Srinagar**  
**Syllabus for Integrated Five-Years**

**Subject: Political Science**

**Semester-II**

**Course Title: Modern Western Political Thought (Core)**

**Course Code: POSC 122**

**Credits: 06**

***Aim of the Course:**To introduce the student community with the philosophical basis of politics; expose them to the development of political thought in modern Europe; acquaint them with the development and creation of knowledge; explicate to them the processes in political thought for developing critical understanding; help the student community develop mental attitude for dissent to contribute in the development of the discipline.*

**Unit 01**

- 1.9** Salient Features of Modern Western Political Thought
- 1.10** Context of Machiavellian Thought: The Era of Crisis
- 1.11** Machiavellian Politics
- 1.12** Machiavellie's Theory of Secularism

**Unit 02**

- 2.1** State as a Social Contract
- 2.2** Thomas Hobbes: State of Nature; Creation of Absolute Sovereign; State of Freedom under Absolute Sovereign
- 2.3** John Locke: State of Nature; Theory of Natural Rights; Limited Government
- 2.4** Jean Jacquous Rousseau: Critique of Civilization; Theory of General Will

**Unit 03**

- 3.1** Philosophy of Utilitarianism
- 3.2** Jeremy Bentham's Contribution to the Philosophy of Utilitarianism
- 3.3** J.S. Mill's Critique of Bentham
- 3.4** J.S. Mill on Liberty

**Unit 04**

- 4.1** T.H. Green: Positive Liberty
- 4.2** Immanuel Kant: Pure Reason
- 4.3** GWH Hegel: Idealism; Theory of State
- 4.4** Karl Marx: Historical Materialism; Critique of State System; Theory of Communism