



# **CLUSTER UNIVERSITY OF SRINAGAR**

**SYLLABUS (FYUP UNDER NEP 2020)**

**UG- Ist Semester**

**Subject: Political Science**

**Course Title: Understanding Political Theory (Major)**

**Course Code: UGPOL22J101**

**Contact Hrs: 60 (Theory: 45, Tutorial: 15)**

**Total Credits: 04 :( Theory: 03; Tutorial/Practical = 01)**

**Max. Marks: 100**

**Theory External: 75**

**Tutorial (Internal): 25 Marks**

**Objectives and Learning Outcomes:** The course is divided into three theoretical units and last unit is based on practical/tutorial. Every Unit has a specific learning outcomes which include:

- To make students able to develop the understanding about the basic concepts in Political theory.
- To develop the understanding of the students with the origin of state and different perspectives on it.
- To develop critical thinking among the students about the core concepts and contemporary political issues.

<b>Unit I</b>	<b>Introduction to Political Theory</b>
	a) Political Theory ; meaning ,nature and significance b) Approaches to Political Theory : Normative and Political c) Traditions in Political Theory : Liberal and Marxist d) Critical Perspectives in Political Theory : Feminism and Post-Modernism
<b>Unit II</b>	<b>Political Theory and Practice</b>
	a) Theories of origins of state : Evolutionary, Devine Origin, Social contract b) Theories of State: Liberal ,Libertarian, Marxist and Feminist c) Classical and contemporary theories on Democracy d) Models of Democracy : Representative, Participatory and Deliberative
<b>Unit III</b>	<b>Core Concepts</b>
	a) Liberty and Freedom : Positive and Negative Liberty b) Equality: Equality of Opportunity(Liberal)and Equality of Outcome(socialist c) Justice: Procedural , Distributive and Global Justice d) Rights : Concept of Human Rights, Types of Rights
<b>Tutorials</b>	
	<b>Assignment/Group Discussions/Presentation/Quiz/Book Review/Field Survey(Followed by Viva-Voce)</b>
<b>Unit IV</b>	a) Issues of Political obligation and civil disobedience b) Issues of Welfarism and Affirmative Action c) Issues of Multiculturalism and Tolerance d) Issues of Freedom of Speech and Censorship

## Suggested Readings:

- Introducing Political Theory Bhargava, R. (2008) 'What is Political Theory', in Bhargava, R and Acharya, A. (eds.) Political Theory: An Introduction. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 2-16.
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- Bhargava, R. 'Why Do We Need Political Theory', in Bhargava, R. and Acharya, A. (eds.) Political Theory: An Introduction. New Delhi: Pearson Longman, pp. 17-36.
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- Wolf, Jonathan. (2008) 'Social Justice', in McKinnon, Catriona. (ed.) Issues in Political Theory. New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 172-187.
- Swift, Adam. (2001) Political Philosophy: A Beginners Guide for Student 's and Politicians. Cambridge: Polity Press, pp. 9-48.
- Knowles, Dudley. (2001) Political Philosophy. London: Routledge, pp. 177-238.
- McKinnon, Catriona. (ed.) (2008) Issues in Political Theory. New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 289-305.
- Bedau, Hugo Adam. (2003) 'Capital Punishment', in LaFollette, Hugh (ed.). The Oxford Handbook of Practical Ethics. New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 705-733.
- The Universality of Rights Seglow, Jonathan. (2003) 'Multiculturalism' in Bellamy, Richard and Mason, Andrew (eds.). Political Concepts. Manchester: Manchester University Press, pp. 156-168.
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