

Extended Topics Covered

Political Theory and Thought

- Dharamshastra, and Buddhist traditions, M.N. Roy
- Marx, Gramsci, and Hannah Arendt
- Gandhism and Feminism
- Alienation; Marxist perception of Alienation, Mass society and Alienation
- Gramsci and Hegemony; Idea of Organic Intellectual
- Political economy and political sociology perspectives
- Post-colonial and feminist state
- Marxist, 'Neo Marxist State' and 'Post Marxist and Social Pluralism'
- Concept of power, Hanna Arendt and Michel Foucault
- Authority and legitimacy dynamics, Joseph Raz on Political authority
- Contemporary theories of legitimacy with special reference to 'Habermass legitimation crisis' and David Beetham's views on Political legitimacy
- Concepts of Communitarianism, 'Conception of self; Encumbered Vs Unencumbered', 'Universalism Vs Particularism', 'Priority of Right over the Good' Vs 'Priority of Good over the Right', 'State Neutrality Vs Non-Neutrality of State'
- Rawls theory of justice, Justice as entitlement –Robert Nozick, Communitarian perspective on Justice- Michael Walzer, Susan moller Okin conception of justice
- Idea of Global Justice with special reference to Thomas Pogge
- Debates on equality with special reference to contemporary thinks (Scheffler, Derek parfit and others), Debates on liberty with special reference to Quentin skinner
- Contemporary theories of rights with special reference to Dworkin, Robert Nozik and HLA hart
- Multiculturalism and Cultural rights with special reference to will Kymlicka and Robert E Goodin, Group rights and Joseph Raz and critical evaluation of Amy Gutmann
- Impact of Globalization on Democracies and Democratic theories, Cosmopolitan Democratic Governance

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- Perspectives on Indian National Movement: Liberal, Socialist and Marxist; Radical humanist and Dalit.
- Caste, Religion and Ethnicity in Indian Politics, patterns of coalition politics
- Federalism: Constitutional provisions; changing nature of centre-state relations; integrationist tendencies and regional aspirations; inter-state disputes
- Social Movements: Civil liberties and human rights movements; women's movements; environmentalist movements.

IR Theories

- ◉ The four great debates in International relations
- ◉ The Globalization of Human Rights, “Globalization, Human rights and State”, “Globalization, transnational Corporations and Human Rights”
- ◉ Realist, Subaltern realism and Peripheral realism, Functionalist and Systems theory.
- ◉ Feminism in International relations, Feminist criticism of rationality, feminist understanding of ‘Power and State’
- ◉ Social Constructivism
- ◉ Marxism and post-positivism; Critical theories
- ◉ Security and Economic Regimes in International Relations
- ◉ Third World Security studies
- ◉ World capitalist economy and Globalisation: Responses from developed and developing societies
- ◉ Contemporary Global Concerns: Democracy, human rights, environment, gender justice, terrorism, nuclear proliferation.

India and World

- ◉ Indian Foreign Policy: Determinants of foreign policy; institutions of policy-making; continuity and change.
- ◉ UN reforms. India and the UN System: Role in UN Peace-keeping; demand for Permanent Seat in the Security Council.
- ◉ India and the Global South: Relations with Africa and Latin America; leadership role in the demand for NIEO and WTO negotiations.
- ◉ Impediments to regional co-operation: river water disputes; illegal cross-border migration; ethnic conflicts and insurgencies; border disputes.
- ◉ Recent developments in Indian Foreign policy: India’s position on the recent crises in Afghanistan, Iraq and West Asia