

# Govt. Degree College Baramulla

Syllabus: Political Science 5<sup>th</sup> Semester (Major/Minor) under NEP 2020

Total Credits: 6 (4 Theory+2 Tutqrials) Contact Hours: Theory 64; Tutorials 32

## Course Title: Western Political Thought

### Course Objective

This course goes back to Greek antiquity and familiarizes the students with the manner in which the political questions were first posed and are being answered in normative ways. The aim is to introduce to the students the questions, ideas and values of political philosophy which are being addressed by the political philosophers as part of contemporary political thinking. In this manner students would be familiarized with the theoretical origins of key concepts in political science.

### Course Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course students would be able to:

- Understand how to read and decode the classics and use them to solve contemporary socio-political problems.
- Connect with historically written texts and can interpret it in familiar way (the way Philosophers think).
- Clearly present their own arguments and thoughts about contemporary issues and develop ideas to solve them through logical validation.

### Unit 1

- 1.1 Nature of Greek Society and the Socrates
- 1.2 Plato on Ideal State and its attributes
- 1.3 Aristotle: Critique of Plato, Citizenship, Classification of governments, Revolution

### Unit 2

- 2.1 St. Augustine: City of God; Theory of Two Swords during Middle Ages
- 2.2 Thomas Aquinas on Laws;
- 2.3 Machiavelli on Secularism, Ethics & Politics, Statecraft and Realism

### Unit 3

- 3.1 Hobbes: Scientific Materialism, State of Nature, Social Contract, Sovereignty,
- 3.2 Locke: State of Nature, Natural Rights, Classical Liberalism,
- 3.3 Rousseau: State of Nature, General Will, Inequality

### Unit 4

- 4.1 Bentham on Utilitarianism, Panopticon
- 4.2 J S Mill: On Representative Government, On Liberty, On Subjection of Women

#### 4.3 Karl Marx on: Dialectical & Historical Materialism, State and Class Struggle, Alienation

#### TUTORIALS:

##### TUTORIAL I

- a) Classroom reading of Plato's Republic (Selected Parts)
- b) Why Political Thought did not flourish in Medieval Times? Debate on it.


##### TUTORIAL II

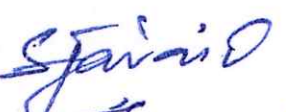
- c) "Every Political Thinker is the child of her time"- Classroom Presentation
- d) Discussion on the Impact of European Renaissance and the Enlightenment on Political Thought.


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## **Course Title: FOREIGN POLICY OF INDIA**

**Course objectives:** This course's objective to teach students the domestic sources and the structural constraints on the genesis, evolution and practice of India's foreign policy. The endeavour is to highlight integral linkages between the 'domestic' and the 'international' aspects of India's foreign policy by stressing on the shifts in its domestic identity and the corresponding changes at the international level. Students will be instructed on India's shifting identity as a postcolonial state to the contemporary dynamics of India attempting to carve its identity as an 'aspiring power'. India's evolving relations with the superpowers during the Cold War and after, bargaining strategy and positioning in international climate change negotiations, international economic governance, international terrorism and the United Nations facilitate an understanding of the changing positions and development of India's role as a global player since independence.

### **Course Learning Outcomes**

- Students will learn about India's diplomatic maneuvers in an essentially interest and power seeking global hierarchical relationship.
- Students will also learn about the challenges India faces in securing its interests as a postcolonial state.
- The study of India's ability to engage with powerful nations of the world like US, Russia and China will help students understand India's perspective on international relations.
- The course will enhance students' understanding of India's strategies in South Asia.
- Students will also learn about India's negotiation strategy in dealing with global trade, environment and security regime

### **Unit I (Indian Foreign Policy: Perspectives & Determinants)**

- 1.1. Continuity and change in India's Foreign Policy
- 1.2. Principles and determinants of Indian Foreign Policy
- 1.3. India and Non-Alignment movement: Relevance in Contemporary Times

### **Unit II (India & South Asia)**

- 2.1 India's Policy toward Pakistan: Outstanding Disputes, Evolving Dynamics & Opportunities

2.2 India's Policy towards Bangladesh: Border Issues, Resource Sharing, Migration & Citizenship

2.3. India's relations with the US: Civil Nuclear Deal and Beyond

2.4 People's Republic of China: Border Dispute and Areas of Cooperation

### **Unit III (India's Multilateral Engagements)**

3.1 India's relations with:

1. European Union,
2. BRICS
3. Shanghai Cooperation Organisation
4. G-20
5. SAARC

3.2 India Look East/Act East Policy: Gujral Doctrine

### **Unit IV (India's Position on Global Issues)**

4.1 India's position on Politico-Security Issues:

1. Arms Control & Disarmament
2. Terrorism
3. Environment
4. Human Rights and Humanitarian Intervention

4.2 India and the United Nations: Role in Peacekeeping

## **Tutorials**

### **TUTORIAL I**

- (a) Debate on 'Why SAARC failed as Regional Organization in comparison to EU'?
- (b) Role of Indian Diaspora in Foreign Policy

### **TUTORIAL 2**

- (a) India and QUAD: Prospects and Opportunities
- (b) Track II Diplomacy in India Pakistan Context: Challenges & Opportunities
- (c) Field Visit to Borderland Areas for understanding the impact of India-Pakistan conflict on Civilian populations

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