**TEACHING PLAN- JULY/DEC. 2021**

**COURSE AND YEAR** : : B.A (Hons.) 3rd YEAR Sec. A

**SEMESTER :** 5th

**TAUGHT :** Individual

**PAPER :** Classical Political Philosophy

**FACULTY :** Neerja Dhawan

**NO OF CLASSES PER WEEK:** 5

**TUTORIALS :** 2

**Course objective:** This course goes back to Greek antiquity and familiarizes students with the manner in which the political questions were first posed. Machiavelli comes as an interlude inaugurating modern politics followed by Hobbes and Locke. This is a basic foundation course for students.

1. Text and Interpretation (2 weeks)
2. Antiquity Plato (2 weeks) Philosophy and Politics, Theory of Forms, Justice, Philosopher King/Queen, Communism Presentation theme: Critique of Democracy; Women and Guardianship, Censorship Aristotle (2 weeks) Forms, Virtue, Citizenship, Justice, State and Household Presentation themes: Classification of governments; man as zoon politikon
3. Interlude: Machiavelli (2 weeks) Virtu, Religion, Republicanism Presentation themes: morality and statecraft; vice and virtue
4. Possessive Individualism Hobbes (2 weeks) Human nature, State of Nature, Social Contract, State Presentation themes: State of nature; social contract; Leviathan; atomistic individuals. Locke (2 weeks) Laws of Nature, Natural Rights, Property, Presentation themes: Natural rights; right to dissent; justification of property

READING LIST

I. Text and Interpretation Essential Readings:

T. Ball, (2004) ‘History and Interpretation’ in C. Kukathas and G. Gaus, (eds.) Handbook of Political Theory, London: Sage Publications Ltd. pp. 18-30. B. Constant, (1833) ‘The Liberty of the Ancients Compared with that of the Moderns’, in D. Boaz, (ed), (1997) The Libertarian Reader, New York: The Free Press. Additional Readings: J. Coleman, (2000) ‘Introduction’, in A History of Political Thought: From Ancient Greece to Early Christianity, Oxford: Blackwell Publishers, pp. 1-20. Q. Skinner, (2010) ‘Preface’, in The Foundations of Modern Political Thought Volume I, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press pp. ix-xv. II. Antiquity: Plato Essential Readings: A. Skoble and T. Machan, (2007) Political Philosophy: Essential Selections. New Delhi: Pearson Education, pp. 9-32. R. Kraut, (1996) ‘Introduction to the study of Plato’, in R. Kraut (ed.) The Cambridge Companion to Plato. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 1-50. C. Reeve, (2009) ‘Plato’, in D. Boucher and P. Kelly, (eds) Political Thinkers: From Socrates to the Present, Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 62-80 Additional Readings: S. Okin, (1992) ‘Philosopher Queens and Private Wives’, in S. Okin Women in Western Political Thought, Princeton: Princeton University Press, pp. 28-50 R. Kraut, (1996) ‘The Defence of Justice in Plato's Republic’, in R. Kraut (ed.) The Cambridge Companion to Plato. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 311-337 T. Saunders, (1996) ‘Plato's Later Political Thought’, in R. Kraut (ed.) The Cambridge Companion to Plato. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 464-492. Aristotle Essential Readings: A. Skoble and T. Machan, (2007) Political Philosophy: Essential Selections. New Delhi: Pearson Education, pp. 53-64. T. Burns, (2009) ‘Aristotle’, in D. Boucher, and P. Kelly, (eds) Political Thinkers: From Socrates to the Present. Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp.81-99. C. Taylor, (1995) ‘Politics’, in J. Barnes (ed.), The Cambridge Companion to Aristotle. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 232-258

**Additional Readings**: J. Coleman, (2000) ‘Aristotle’, in J. Coleman A History of Political Thought: From Ancient Greece to Early Christianity, Oxford: Blackwell Publishers, pp.120-186 D. Hutchinson, (1995) ‘Ethics’, in J. Barnes, (ed.), The Cambridge Companion to Aristotle Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 195-232. III. Interlude: Machiavelli Essential Readings: A. Skoble and T. Machan, (2007) Political Philosophy: Essential Selections. New Delhi: Pearson Education, pp. 124-130 Q. Skinner, (2000) ‘The Adviser to Princes’, in Machiavelli: A Very Short Introduction, Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 23-53 J. Femia, (2009) ‘Machiavelli’, in D. Boucher, and P. Kelly, (eds) Political Thinkers: From Socrates to the Present. Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 163-184 Additional Reading: Q. Skinner, (2000) ‘The Theorist of Liberty’, in Machiavelli: A Very Short Introduction. Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 54-87. IV. Possessive Individualism Hobbes Essential Readings: A. Skoble and T. Machan, (2007) Political Philosophy: Essential Selections. New Delhi: Pearson Education pp. 131-157. D. Baumgold, (2009) ‘Hobbes’, in D. Boucher and P. Kelly (eds) Political Thinkers: From Socrates to the Present. Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 189-206. C. Macpherson (1962) The Political Theory of Possessive Individualism: Hobbes to Locke. Oxford University Press, Ontario, pp. 17-29. Additional Readings: I. Hampsher-Monk, (2001) ‘Thomas Hobbes’, in A History of Modern Political Thought: Major Political Thinkers from Hobbes to Marx, Oxford: Blackwell Publishers, pp. 1-67. A. Ryan, (1996) ‘Hobbes's political philosophy’, in T. Sorell, (ed.) Cambridge Companion to Hobbes. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 208-245. Locke 48 Essential Readings: A. Skoble and T. Machan, (2007) Political Philosophy: Essential Selections. New Delhi: Pearson Education, pp. 181-209. J. Waldron, (2009) ‘John Locke’, in D. Boucher and P. Kelly, (eds) Political Thinkers: From Socrates to the Present. Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 207-224 C. Macpherson, (1962) The Political Theory of Possessive Individualism: Hobbes to Locke. Oxford University Press, Ontario, pp. 194-214. Additional Readings: R. Ashcraft, (1999) ‘Locke's Political Philosophy’, in V. Chappell (ed.) The Cambridge Companion to Locke, Cambridge. Cambridge University Press, pp. 226-251. I. Hampsher-Monk, (2001) A History of Modern Political Thought: Major Political Thinkers from Hobbes to Marx, Oxford: Blackwell Publishers, pp. 69-116

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**TUTORIALS :** 2

Syllabus for 6th semester

1. Modernity and its discourses

2. Romantics:

Jean Jacques Rousseau

Mary Wollstonecraft

3. Liberal socialist

John Stuart mill

4. Radicals

Hegel

Karl Marx