Course and Year: B.A (Hons) IIIrd YearTeaching plan 2021-22

Semester: 5th

Taught :  Individually

Paper:  Citizenship in a Globalizing World

Faculty: Dr. Urmil Vats

No. of Classes per week: 5

Tutorial: 2 per week

Course Objective

The idea of citizenship holds a prominent place in human history. It defines who belongs to a political community and who does not. Citizenship assigns a legal status, a set of rights, immunities and protections in the modern age. In many ways, the trajectory of the debates surrounding citizenship have delved into the heart of justice in a community, namely the relationship between the individual and the collective, the meaning of membership, and the distribution of benefits and burdens of that membership. Some concerns about these normative dimensions of citizenship have changed over time.

The contemporary revival of interest in the concept of citizenship is a response to developments such as the disintegration of the Soviet Bloc and the rise of independent status in its wake, the rise of new forms of virulent nationalism and sub-nationalism, and globalization and migration. In addition, demands for political recognition by minorities based on new sources and forms of identity have wrought significant changes in the way we conceive of citizenship. States are scrambling to deal with tensions created in increasingly complex and diverse societies and the idea of citizenship seeks to simultaneously cross national boundaries.

This course will explore theories of citizenship, the historical development of the concept and its practice of in an increasingly globalizing world.

1. Classical conceptions of citizenship

2. The Evolution of Citizenship and the Modern State

3. Citizenship and Diversity

4. Citizenship beyond the Nation-state: Globalization and global justice

5. The idea of cosmopolitan citizenship

Essential Readings

Acharya, Ashok (2012) Citizenship in a Globalising World, New Delhi : Pearson.

Beiner, R (1995) Citizenship, Albany: State University of New York Press.

Held, David (1995), Democracy and the Global Order: From the Modern State to Cosmopolitan Governance (Stanford: Stanford University Press)

Kymlicka, Will (1999), "Citizenship in an Era of Globalization: A Response to Held", in Ian Shapiro and Casiano Hacker-Cordon (eds.), Democracy's Edges (Cabridge, UK: Cambridge University Press).

Oliver, D and D. Heater (1994). The Foundations of Citizenship, London, Harvester Wheatsheaf.

Scholte, Jan Aart (2000), Globalization: A Critical Introduction (New York: St. Martin's).

Zolo, Danilo (1997) Cosmopolis: Prospects for World Government (Cambridge, UK: Polity Press).

Research Journals:

Political analysis

Perspective of politics

Quarterly journal of political science

Politics and society and others.

E-resources:

E-pathshala

Important articles etc.

ASSESSMENT

Dates of Assessment  -  2nd and 4th week of the session

Presentations in the Tutorial periods.

Two weeks time has given to submit the assignments.

Criteria of Assessment: An objective approach is taken to assess the tests ,assignment and debates on each topic.

Assignments on ground reality related to topics.

Course and Year:  BA (Hons) Political Science 3rd Year

Semester: 6th

Taught individually

Paper: Feminism : Theory and Practice

Faculty: Dr. Urmil Vats

No. of Classes (per week): 5 lectures &  2 tutorial

Course Objective: The aim of the course is to explain contemporary debates on feminism and the history of feminism struggles. The course begins with a discussion on construction of gender and an understanding of complexity of patriarchy and goes on to analyze theoretical debates within feminism. Part II of the paper covers history of feminism in the west,socialist societies and in anti-colonial struggles. Part III focuses a gendered analysis of Indian society, economy and polity with a view to understanding the structures of gender inequalities. And the last section aims to understand the issues with which contemporary indian women's movements are engaged with.

I. Approaches to understanding Patriarchy  (22 lectures)

Feminist theorising of the sex/gender distinction, Biologism versus social constructivism

Understanding Patriarchy and Feminism

Liberal, Socialist, Marxist, Radical feminism, New Feminist Schools/Tradition

II. History of Feminism                                     (22 lectures)

Origin of Feminism in the West: France, Britain and United States of America

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Feminism issues and women's participation in anti-colonial and national liberation movements with special focus on india

III. The Indian Experience                    (16 lectures)

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E-resources: E-pathshala, Articles.

Research Journals:

Biology of Sex Differences

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