**Shyama Prasad Mukherji College**

**Teaching Plan (2022-23)**

**Course and Year: B.A (P) III YR**

**Semester: V**

**SECTION- C**

**Taught individually or shared: INDIVIDUAL**

**Paper: - THEMES IN COMPARATIVE POLITICAL THEORY**

**Faculty: DR. JAGPAL SINGH**

**No. of Classes** (per week)**: 5 LECTURES AND 2 TUTORIALS**

**Course Objective:**

This course aims to familiarize students with the need to recognize how conceptual resources in political theory draw from plural traditions. By chiefly exploring the Indian and Western traditions of political theory through some select themes, the overall objective of this course is to present before the students the value and distinctiveness of comparative political theory. **Unit 1**

Distinctive features of Indian and Western political thought (8 lectures)

**Unit 2**

Western Thought: Thinkers and Themes (26 lectures)

a. Aristotle on Citizenship

b. Locke on Rights

c. Rousseau on inequality

d. J. S. Mill on liberty and democracy

e. Marx and Bakunin on State

**Unit 3**

Indian Thought: Thinkers and Themes (26 lectures)

a. Kautilya on State

b. Tilak and Gandhi on Swaraj

c. Ambedkar and Lohia on Social Justice

d. Nehru and Jayaprakash Narayan on Democracy

e. Pandita Ramabai on Patriarchy

**TEACHING TIME**

12 Weeks approximately

**CLASSES**

The course is organized around daily lectures as per the time table. Students will be given reading assignments each week to help them follow the course content. These readings will be discussed in class in detail.

**UNIT WISE BREAK UP OF SYLLABUS**

**Unit 1**

Distinctive features of Indian and Western political thought (8 lectures)

After completing this course, the students will be able to understand how Political theory draws from and is shaped by both western and Indian traditions.

**Unit 2**

Western Thought: Thinkers and Themes (26 lectures)

a. Aristotle on Citizenship

b. Locke on Rights

c. Rousseau on inequality

d. J. S. Mill on liberty and democracy

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Students will be able to appreciate the value and distinctiveness of Comparative Political Theory. They will understand varies theories and concepts given by above thinkers. This unit will incorporate various theoretical values based on these principles in students.

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This unit will enrich students with Indian values and they will be able to differentiate between western and Indian themes for understanding political thought.

**ASSESSMENT**

Internal Assessment: 25 Marks

Students in this course will primarily have three modes of assessment:

1) Written assignment

2) Class Test

3) Attendance

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