

TEACHING PLAN- 2022-23

COURSE AND YEAR : B.A (PROG.) 2ndYEAR
SEMESTER : 3rd
TAUGHT : Shared with Dr Namita, Dr. Subrata
PAPER : Comparative Govt. and Politics
FACULTY : Dr. Meenakshi Mawi
NO OF CLASSES PER WEEK: 2
TUTORIALS : 1

Paper: Comparative Government and Politics

1. The nature, scope and methods of comparative political analysis (10 lectures)
2. Comparing Regimes: Authoritarian and Democratic (06 lectures)
3. Classifications of political systems:
 - a) Parliamentary and Presidential: UK and USA
 - b) Federal and Unitary: Canada and China (15 lectures)
4. Electoral Systems: First past the post, proportional representation, mixed systems (07lectures)
- 5 Party Systems: one-party, two-party and multi-party systems (09 lectures)
- 6 Contemporary debates on the nature of state: the security state and the changing nature of nation-state in the context of globalization. (13 lectures)

READING LIST

Essential Texts

Bara, J & Pennington, M. (eds.). (2009) Comparative Politics. New Delhi: Sage. Caramani, D. (ed.). (2008) Comparative Politics. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
Hague, R. and Harrop, M. (2010) Comparative Government and Politics: An Introduction. (Eight Edition). London: Palgrave McMillan.
Ishiyama, J.T. and Breuning, M. (eds.). (2011) 21st Century Political Science: A Reference Book. Los Angeles: Sage.
Newton, K. and Deth, Jan W. V. (2010) Foundations of Comparative Politics: Democracies of the Modern World. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
O'Neil, P. (2009) Essentials of Comparative Politics. (Third Edition). New York: WW. Norton & Company, Inc.
Palekar, S.A. (2009) Comparative Government and Politics. New Delhi: PHI Learning Pvt. Ltd.

Readings

Topic 1.

Caramani, D. (2008) 'Introduction to Comparative Politics', in Caramani, D. (ed.)

Politics. Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 1-23.

Mohanty, M. (1975) 'Comparative Political Theory and Third World Sensitivity', in Teaching Politics. Nos. 1 & 2, pp. 22-38.

Topic: 2.

Webb, E. (2011) 'Totalitarianism and Authoritarianism', in Ishiyama, J. T. and Breuning, M. (eds.) 21st Century Political Science: A Reference Book. Los Angeles: Sage, pp. 249-257.

Hague, R. and Harrop, M. (2004) Comparative Government and Politics: An Introduction. London: Palgrave MacMillan, pp. 36-50, 51-68.

Topic: 3.

Hague, R. and Harrop, M. (2004) 'The Political Executive', in Comparative Government and Politics: An Introduction. London: Palgrave MacMillan, pp. 268-290.

Topic: 4.

Cameron, D. R. (2002) 'Canada', in Ann L. G. (ed.) Handbook of Federal Countries. Montreal & Kingston: McGill-Queen's University Press, pp. 105-119.

Peter, H. (2002) 'Canada: A Federal Society-Despite Its Constitution', in Rekha Saxena. (ed.) Mapping Canadian Federalism for India. New Delhi: Konark Publisher, Pvt., pp. 115-129.

Dhillon, Michael. (2009), 'Government and Politics', in Contemporary China: An Introduction. London, New York: Routledge, 2009, pp. 137-160.

Topic: 5.

Evans, Jocelyn A.J. (2009) 'Electoral Systems', in Bara, J. and Pennington, M. (eds.) Comparative Politics. New Delhi: Sage, pp. 93-119.

Downs, W. M. (2011) 'Electoral Systems in Comparative Perspectives', in Ishiyama, J. T. and Breuning, M. (eds.) 21st Century Political Science: A Reference Book. Los Angeles: Sage, pp. 159-167.

Topic: 6.

Cole, A. (2011) 'Comparative Political Parties: Systems and Organizations', in Ishiyama, J.T. and Breuning, M. (eds.) 21st Century Political Science: A Reference Book. Los Angeles: Sage, pp. 150-158.

Caramani, D. (2008) 'Party Systems', in Caramani, D. (ed.) Comparative Politics. Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 293-317, 318-347.

Topic: 7.

Poggi, Gianfranco. (2008) 'The nation-state', in Caramani, D. (ed.) Comparative Politics. Oxford: Oxford University Press pp. 85-107.

Hague, R. and Harrop, M. (2004) 'The state in a global context', in Comparative Government and Politics: An Introduction. London: Palgrave MacMillan, pp. 17-34.

Further Readings:

Bara, J. (2009) 'Methods for Comparative Analysis', in Bara, J. & Pennington, M. (eds.) Comparative Politics. New Delhi: Sage, pp. 40-65.

Blondel, J. (1996) 'Then and Now: Comparative Politics', Political Studies. Vol. 47, Issue 1, pp. 152-160

Chandhoke, N. (1996) 'Limits of Comparative Political Analysis', Economic and Political Weekly. vol. 31, No. 4, (January 27), pp. PE 2-PE8.

Mair, P. (2008) 'Democracy', in Carmani, D. (ed.) Comparative Politics. Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 108-132.

Robbins, J. W. (2011) 'Presidentialism Verses Parliamentarism', in Ishiyama, J. T. and Marijke, B. (eds.) 21st Century Political Science: A Reference Book. Los Angeles: Sage, pp. 177- 185.

Watts, D. (2003) Understanding US/UK Government and Politics. Manchester: Manchester University Press, pp. 1-25; 66-105; 106-138.

Assessment:

Test - (10 marks)

Assignment - (10 marks)

Additional books -

1- Comparative study of government and politics, V.N. Khanna

2- Comparative government and politics by B.B.Chaudhary, S.B George, J.V. George

3- Comparative government and politics By Pushpa Singh and Chetna Sharma

4- Comparative politics By Tapan Biswal