

CENTRE FOR POLITICAL STUDIES

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

MA COMPULSORY COURSE

PO412N: Indian Politics III: Political Process

This course focuses on the significant political processes affecting Indian political system. These political processes shape political structures and institutions, and are in turn, shaped by them. While some of these processes have widened and deepened the scope and appeal of democracy they have not necessarily been sensitive to the claims of others. While the impact of some of these processes has remained deeply antagonistic to India's secular ethos many of them have provided voice to India's bewildering diversity. India's political space is often inundated with the assertive claims of caste, class, gender, religion and region. Some of these claims have been just, fair and inclusive while others have simply pandered to the sustenance of dominance and subordination of one kind or another. This course introduces the student to some of the most significant political processes that shape Indian polity.

METHOD OF EVALUATION

The evaluation for the course would involve a term paper, which involves writing a research paper of 2000 words. Followed by a mid-semester exam and an end-semester exam.

1. State in Independent India

- a. The Nehruvian Consensus
- b. Emergency and Deinstitutionalisation
- c. State under Globalisation and Liberalisation

Required Readings:

Brass Paul, *The Politics of India since Independence*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1994, Introduction.

Jenkins Rob, *Democratic politics and Economic Reform in India*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1999.

Kaviraj Sudipta, "A Critique of the Passive Revolution", *Economic and political Weekly*, Vol. 23, No. 45/47, Special Number, Nov. 1988.

Rudolph Lloyd and Susanne, *In Pursuit of Lakshmi: Political Economy of the State in India*, University of Chicago Press, Chicago, 1987.

Satyamurthy T.V., ed., *State and Nation in the Context of Social Change*, Vol. 1, Oxford University Press, Delhi, 1994.

2. Political Parties and Electoral Politics

- a. Ideology and Social Bases of Political Parties (National & Regional)
- b. Shift from 'Congress System' to Coalition Politics
- c. Party Politics and Nonparty Political Mobilisation

Required Readings:

Adeney Katherine and Saez Lawrence, eds., *Coalition Politics and Hindu Nationalism*, Routledge, London, 2005.

Brass Paul R. and Marcus F. Franda, (eds), *Radical Politics in South Asia*, MIT Press, Cambridge, 1973.

Hasan Zoya ed., *Parties and Party Politics in India*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2002.

Kothari Rajni, *State against Democracy: In Search of Humane Governance*, Ajanta, Delhi, 1988.

Weiner Myron, *Party Politics in India: The Development of a MultiParty System*, Princeton University Press, New Jersey, 1957.

3. Class, Caste, Tribe and Gender

- a. The changing Nature of Class Dominance in India
- b. Middle Class: Old and New
- c. Politics and Mobilisation of OBCs, Dalits, Caste Hindus and Adivasis
- d. The Gender Question: Issues of Equality and Representation

Required Readings:

Agarwal Bina, ed., *Structures of Patriarchy: State, Community and Household in Modernizing Asia*, Kali for Women, New Delhi, 1988.

Bardhan Pranab, *The Political Economy of Development in India*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 1998.

Fernandes Leela, *India's New Middle Class: Democratic Politics in an Era of Economic Reform*, University of Minnesota Press, 2006.

Jaffrelot Christophe, *The Hindu Nationalist Movement and Indian Politics, 1925 to the 1990s*, Penguin Books, New Delhi, 1996.

Menon Nivedita ed., *Gender and Politics in India*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2001.

Misra B.B., *The Indian Middle Class – Their Growth in Modern Times*, Oxford University Press, Delhi, 1978.

Mohanty Manoranjan ed., *Caste, Class and Gender*, Sage, Delhi, 2000.

Pai Sudha, *Dalit Assertion and the Unfinished Democratic Revolution: The Bahujan Samaj Party in Uttar Pradesh*, Sage, New Delhi, 2002.

Shah Ghanshyam ed., *Dalit Identity and Politics*, Sage, New Delhi, 2001.

4. Religion, Language, Region

- a. Religious Communities and Secular Politics
- b. Linguistic Mobilisation and Demands for Recognition/Autonomy
- c. Region and Nation: 'Sons of the Soil', Smaller States and Secession

Required Readings:

Baruah S., *India against Itself: Assam and the Politics of Nationality*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2003.

Bhargava Rajeev, ed., *Secularism and Its Critics*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 1998.

Brass Paul, *Language, Religion and Politics in North India*, Cambridge University Press, London, 1974.

Frankel Francine and M.S.A.Rao, eds., *Dominance and State Power in India: Decline of a Social Order*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 1989.

Hansen Thomas and Jaffrelot Christophe, eds., *The BJP and the Compulsions of Politics in India*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 1998.

Kanungo Pralay, *RSS's tryst with Politics: From Hedgewar to Sudarshan*, Manohar, Delhi, 2002

Prakash Amit, *Jharkhand: Politics of Development and Identity*, Orient Longman, Hyderabad, 2001.

Sathyamurthy T.V. ed., *Region, Religion, Caste, Gender and Culture in India*, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 1998.

Weiner Myron, *Sons of the Soil: Migration and Ethnic Conflict in India*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 1987.

5. Civil Society

a. Media and Politics

b. Social Movements

Required Readings:

Farmer Victoria, "Depicting the Nation: Media Politics in Independent India" in Francine Frankel, et al, eds., *Transforming India: Social and Political Dynamics of Democracy*,

Oxford University Press, Delhi, 2000.

Jayaraman, ed., *On Civil Society*, Sage, Delhi, 2005.

Kothari Smitu, "Social Movements and the Redefinition of Democracy" in Philip Oldenburg, ed., *India Briefing*, Westview Press, Boulder, 1993.

Mohanty Manoranjan, Partha Nath Mukherji and Törnquist Olle, eds., *People's Rights: Social Movements and the State in the Third World*, Sage, New Delhi, 1997.

Prasad Madhava, "The State in/of Cinema" in Partha Chatterjee, ed., *Wages of Freedom: Fifty Years of the Indian NationState*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi 1998.

Shah Ghanshyam, ed., *State and Social Movements*, Sage, Delhi, 1999.

Recommended Readings:

Chandra Bipan et al, eds., *India after Independence*, South Asia Books, 2nd edition, 2000.

Chandra Bipan, *In the Name of Democracy: JP Movement and the Emergency*, Penguin, New Delhi, 2003.

Chatterjee Partha, ed., *State and Politics in India*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 1997.

Chatterjee Partha, ed., *Wages of Freedom: Fifty Years of the Indian NationState*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi 1998.

Galanter Marc, *Competing Equalities: Law and the Backward Classes*, University of California Press, Berkeley, 1984.

Hasan Zoya, ed., *Politics and State in India*, Sage, New Delhi, 2001.

Kaviraj Sudipta, ed., *Politics in India*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 1997.

Khilnani S., *The Idea of India*, Penguin, London, 1997.

Kothari Rajni, *Politics in India*, Orient Longman, Hyderabad, 2003.