

CENTRE FOR POLITICAL STUDIES, SSS
MA OPTIONAL COURSE

STATE POLITICS IN INDIA
PO517

Credits: 4

Assessment: Mid Semester Exam, 1 Term Paper and End Semester Exam.

Course Outline:

1. A Theory of State Politics in India
2. Reorganization of States in Independent India and recent demands for smaller States
3. Language, Region and Politics
4. Agrarian Politics in the States: Green Revolution, Farmers' Movements, Suicides by Farmers.
5. Regionalization of Politics: Regional Parties, Electoral Politics and Ethnicity Movements
6. Politics of Economic Reform in the State

(In each of the topics after a general discussion, specific States will be selected for Case studies).

Select Readings

(A Detailed Reading List covering individual States will be supplied)

1. Asha Sarangi (ed) *Language and Politics in India* (New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2009).
2. Bhalla G.S. 1994 (ed.) *Economic Liberalisation and Indian Agriculture* Institute for Studies in Industrial Development, New Delhi: 61107.
3. Biplab Dasgupta *The New Agrarian Technology and India* Geneva UN, 1977.
4. Brass Paul R *Language Religion and Politics in North India* CUP 1974.
5. Christophe Jaffrelot *India's Silent Revolution the Rise of the Low Castes in North Indian Politics* Permanent Black New Delhi 2003.
6. Francine Frankel & M.S.A Rao (eds.) *Dominance and State Power in India* OUP, New Delhi 2 Vols. 1989, 1990
7. Geeta, V.& Rajdurai 1993 "Dalits and NonBrahmin Consciousness in Colonial Tamil Nadu" *Economic and Political Weekly* XXVIII, no 39, September 25:209198
8. H.C.Hart (ed.) *India a Political System Reappraised 1976* (see article on Indira Gandhi by Stanley Kochanek).
9. Iqbal Narain (ed.) *State Politics in India* Meerut, Meenakshi Prakashan, 1965.
10. Jeffrey Sachs, Ashutosh Varshney, and Nirupam Bajpai, (eds.): *India in the Era of Economic Reforms*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1999.

11. Joan V. Bondurant, *Nationalism versus Provincialism*, Berkeley, 1959.
12. John R. Wood (ed.) *State Politics in Contemporary India: Crisis or Continuity*, London, Westview Press, 1984.
13. John Robinson "Regionalising India: Uttarakhand and the politics of creating states" *South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies*, Volume 24, Issue 2 December 2001 , pages 189 212
14. Jos Mooij (ed) *The Politics of Economic Reforms in India*, New Delhi: Sage, 2005
15. K. Banerjee, *Regional Political parties in India*, Delhi, B. R. Publishing House, 1984
16. Kohli, Atul. 1991. *Democracy and Discontent: India's Growing Crisis of Governability* OUP, New Delhi.
17. Lloyd and Susanne Rudolph 1981 " Transformation of the Congress Party: Why 1980s was not a Restoration" *Economic and Political Weekly* May 2: 811820..
18. Myron Weiner (ed.) *State Politics in India*, Princeton University, 1968.
19. Myron Weiner and John Osgood Field (eds.), *Electoral Politics in the Indian States*, Vols. I– IV, New Delhi, Manohar, 1974, 75.
20. Paul Wallace (ed.) *Region and Nation in India* OUP 1985.
21. Ramashray Roy & Paul Wallace (eds.) *Diversity and Dominance in Indian Politics 2* Vols, 1990, 1992.
22. Rob Jenkins *Democratic Politics and Economic Reform in India*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1999.
23. Sudha Pai "Agrarian Mobilization and Farmers' Movements in India" in *Oxford Companion to Indian Politics* (eds.) Pratap Bhanu Mehta & Niraja Gopal Jayal. OUP, 2009.
24. Sudha Pai 1993 *Uttar Pradesh Agrarian Change Electoral Politics* Shipra Publications, New Delhi.
25. Sudha Pai *State Politics New Dimensions: Party System, Liberalization and Politics of Identity*. Shipra Publications, New Delhi. 1999.
26. Sudha Pai, 2002, *Dalit Assertion and the Unfinished Democratic Revolution: The BSP in Uttar Pradesh*, Sage Publications, New Delhi.
27. Vijay Joshi and I.M.D Little *India's Economic Reforms: 1991-2001*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1996.

Journals to be consulted

Economic and Political Weekly: individual articles and all special issues on State Assembly Elections from 1989 onwards

Seminar selected issues.

Reports and Special Issues:

Special Issue: *Political Parties and Elections in the Indian States 1990-2003*

Journal of Indian School of Political Economy Vol XV, Nos 1&2 Jan-June 2003.

Special issue: *Seminar no. 157, March 2007 "Battleground UP". Special issue: Scheduled Castes Changing Socio-Economic and Political Profile of Scheduled Castes in UttarPradesh July-December 2000.* Journal of the Indian School of Political Economy (Pune)

State Politics in India in the 1990s Political Mobilization and Political Competition
Jointly organized by Developing Countries Research Centre, University of Delhi and
London School of Economics Dec 2004 New Delhi (Papers available)