

B.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE
SECOND YEAR
FOURTH SEMESTER
 (Under CBCS w.e.f 2020-21)

Course 5: WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT

Learning Outcomes:

On successful completion of the course the students will be able to:

- Understand the fundamental contours classical, western political philosophy, basic features of medieval political thought and shift from medieval to modern era.
- Understand the Social Contract Theory and appreciate its implications on the perception of State in terms of its purposes and role.
- Acquaint with the Liberal and Marxist philosophy and analyze some trends in Western Political Thought.
- Critically analyse the evolution of western political thought

UNIT-I :	ANCIENT GREEK POLITICAL THOUGHT
	1. Plato-Rule of Philosopher Kings-Theory of Justice-Ideal State and Education
	2. Aristotle-Theory of State-Classification of Governments-Citizenship, Slavery and Theory of Revolutions.

UNIT-II :	MEDIEVAL AND MODERN POLITICAL THOUGHT
	1. St. Augustine-Theory of Two Cities.
	2. Niccolo Machiavelli-State and Statecraft.

UNIT-III :	CONTRACTUAL POLITICAL THOUGHT
	1. Thomas Hobbes- Social Contract and Absolute Sovereignty.
	2. John Locke- Human Nature, State of Nature, Social Contract, Natural Rights and Limited Government

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| | 3. Jean Jacques Rousseau- Human Nature, State of Nature, Social Contract, General Will and Popular Sovereignty |
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UNIT-IV :

UTILITARIAN POLITICAL THOUGHT

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| 1. Jermy Bentham-Theory of Utility, Law and Reforms. |
| 2. J.S.Mill-Theory of Liberty and Representative Government. |

UNIT-V :

MARXIST POLITICAL THOUGHT

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| 1. Karl Marx-Dialectical Materialism, Theory of Surplus Value and Class Struggle. |
| 2. Antonio Gramsci-Hegemony and Civil Society. |