

PO-C7: Political Thinking in Modern India

Objectives: The course introduces the student to the key ideas of political thinking in modern India as it shaped in the colonial context. The course is woven around ideas/ issues and **not around individual thinkers**. Students will be encouraged to understand and decipher the diverse and often contesting ways in which ideas of nationalism, democracy and social transformation were discussed by leading Indian thinkers.

1. Imagining the Modern: Rammohan Roy, Nehru
2. The idea of the nation : Tilak, Azad
3. Democracy: Ambedkar, Gandhi
4. Liberty, Equality, Justice: Lohia, Periyar
5. Economic Transformation and Development: M N Roy, Nehru
6. Swarajya and Sarvodaya: Gandhi, Jayprakash Narayan

Readings:

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3. Bholay Bhaskar Laxman, 2003 , *Aadhunik Bhartiya Rajkiya Vichar*, (Marathi), Nagpur, Pimplapure Publishers
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7. Mehta V R and Thomas Pantham (eds.), 2006, *Political Ideas in Modern India: Thematic Explorations*, New Delhi, Sage
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9. Parekh Bhikhu, 1999, *Gandhi*, OUP
10. Rodrigues Valerian (ed.), 2002, *The Essential Writings of B R Ambedkar*, New Delhi, OUP
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