

PO-C8: Political Sociology

Objectives: This Course will introduce the overall scope of the sub-discipline of political sociology. The focus of the course will be on the political sociology of power. The emphasis is on the nature of power in modern societies—more in the form of organizations and social formations than as individual power. Students are also expected to understand different forms of justifications of power and the role of ideology in this regard. State will be studied as a repository of power in society while class and patriarchy are two instances of how the nature of power is shaped by social factors.

1. Meaning and intellectual foundations of political sociology:
 - a. Origins
 - b. Legacy of Marx and Weber
2. Power and Authority:
 - a. Meaning and nature of Power and Authority,
 - b. Sources of power and authority
3. Ideology and Hegemony:
 - a. Role of Ideology and End of Ideology debate
 - b. Meaning of hegemony
4. State, Military and bureaucracy:
 - a. State and Globalization
 - b. Military and Bureaucracy as apparatuses of state
5. Class:
 - a. Meaning and nature
 - b. Criticisms of Marx's class model
6. Patriarchy:
 - a. Meanings of the term
 - b. Caste, Race, Religion and patriarchy

Readings:

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