

University of Pune
S.Y.B.A Political Science
Special Paper-I
WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT

(80-20 Pattern to be implemented from 2014-2015)

Course Objectives:

This paper studies the classical tradition in political theory from Plato to Marx with the view to understand how the great Masters explained and analyzed political events and problems of their time and prescribed solutions. The texts are to be interpreted both in the historical and philosophical perspectives to understand the universality of the enterprise of political theorizing. The limitations of the classical tradition, namely its neglect of women's concerns and issues and the non-European world are critically examined. The legacy of the thinkers is explained with the view to establish the continuity and change within the Western political tradition.

| <u>Term-I</u> | Weight age |
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| <u>Unit: 1 - Plato</u> | 12 |
| a) Ideal State & Philosopher King | |
| b) Views on Education | |
| c) Views on Justice & Communism | |
| <u>Unit: 2 - Aristotle</u> | 12 |
| a) Views on State | |
| b) Views on Property, Views on Slavery | |
| c) Views on Revolution | |
| <u>Unit: 3 - Machiavelli</u> | 12 |
| a) Views on Human Nature | |
| b) Views on Religion & Morality | |
| c) Theory of Statecraft | |
| <u>Unit: 4 – J.S.Mil</u> | 12 |
| a) Views on Utilitarianism | |
| b) Views on Liberty | |
| c) Views on Representative Government & State | |
| <u>Term-II</u> | |
| <u>Unit: 5 – Karl Marx</u> | 12 |
| a) Historical Materialism | |
| b) Theory of Class & Struggle | |
| c) Theory of State & Revolution | |
| <u>Unit: 6 - Hobbes</u> | 12 |
| a) State of Nature | |
| b) Views on Human Nature | |
| c) Theory of Social Contract | |

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| <u>Unit: 7 – John Locke</u> | 12 |
| a) Theory of Social Contract | |
| b) Views on natural Rights | |
| c) Views on civil society & State | |
| <u>Unit: 8 - Rousseau</u> | 12 |
| a) State of Nature & Views on Human Nature | |
| b) Theory of General Will | |
| c) Theory of Social Contract | |

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