

Course Structure

IS 404 “Indian Political System”

Course Contents

1. The Multiple Legacies of History; Nationalism, Left Politics, and Partition The Constituent Assembly; The Indian Constitution: A Political Choice
2. The Framework: Constitutionalism, Fundamental rights, and Institutions of Governance
3. Indian Federalism; The Nature of Federalism in India
4. Regionalism in Indian Politics
5. The Political System in India could you elaborate on this, is it just parliamentary government or more
6. Parties and Political Tendencies; The Rise and decline of the Congress Party System; Coalition Politics
7. Communalism and Its Politics: The RSS and the Rise of the Jana Sangh, the Bhartiya Janata Party, Akali Dal and Muslim League; Communal Violence, and the Politics of Communal Mobilization.
8. Caste: The Importance of Caste in Indian Politics; The Rise of Caste Based Parties; Reservations and Caste
9. Rise of Social Movements: Trade Unions, Farmers Movements, Women’s Movements; New Social Movements -environmental and civil liberty movements
10. The Mixed Economy Model to Globalization
11. Periodisation of Indian Politics: From the Congress Party System to Coalitional Politics at the Centre

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Mode of Evaluation

Mid Semester Examinations (2) (50% of the total marks)

End Semester Examination (50% of the total marks)

Selected Readings

1. Paul Brass, The Politics of India since Independence, *Hyderabad: Orient Longman, 1990*
2. Lloyd Rudolph & Susanne Rudolph, In Pursuit of Lakshmi: The Political Economy of Indian State, *Hyderabad: Orient Longman, 1987*
3. Francine Frankel, India's Political Economy 1947-2004, *New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2005, Second Edition*
4. Robert Hardgrave & Stanley Kochanek, India: Government and Politics in a Developing Nation, *Fort Worth: Harcourt College Publishers, 2000*
5. Sobhanlal Dutta Gupta, Justice and the Political Order in India, *Calcutta: K.P Bagchi, 1979*
6. Granville Austin, The Indian Constitution: Cornerstone of a Nation, *Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1966*
7. Granville Austin, Working a Democratic Constitution: The Indian Experience, *New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1999*
8. Rajeev Bhargava (ed.), Politics and Ethics of the Indian Constitution, *New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2008*
9. Atul Kohli, Democracy and the Discontents: India's Growing Prices of Governability, *Cambridge: Cambridge University Press: 1991*
10. Nivedita Menon & Aditya Nigam, Power and Contestation: India Since 1989, *Hyderabad: Orient Longman, 2008*
11. Sumit Sarkar, Modern India: 1885-1947, *New Delhi: MacMillan, 1983*
12. Francine Frankel & M.S.A Rao, Dominance and State Power in Modern India: Decline of a Social Order, *Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1989 (2 Vols.)*
13. M.S.A Rao (ed.), Social Movements in India, *New Delhi: Manohar, 1984*
14. Balveer Arora & Douglas Verney (eds.), Multiple Identities in a Single State: Indian Federalism in a Comparative Perspective, *Delhi: Konark Publishers, 1995*
15. Dipankar Gupta (ed.), Social Stratification, *Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1991*
16. Sajal Basu, Regional Movements: Politics of Language, Ethnicity-Identity, *New Delhi: Manohar, 1992*
17. Rajeev Bhargava (ed.), Secularism and its Critics, *New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1998*
18. Christophe Jaffrelot, The Hindu Nationalist Movement and Indian Politics: 1925-1990's, *New Delhi: Penguin, 1999*
19. Achin Vanaik, The Furies of Indian Communalism: Religion, Modernity and Secularization, *London: Verso, 1997*
20. Thomas Hansen & Christophe Jaffrelot, The BJP and the Compulsions of Politics in India, *New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1998*
21. Christophe Jaffrelot, India's Silent Revolution: The Rise of Low Castes in North Indian Politics, *New Delhi: Permanent Black, 2003*
22. Marc Galanter, Competing Equalities: Law and the Backward Classes in India, *New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1984*
23. K. C. Yadav, India's Unequal Citizens: A Study of Other Backward Classes, *New Delhi: Manohar, 1994*
24. K. S. Singh, People of India: An Introduction, *Calcutta: Anthropological Survey of India, 1992*
25. Partha Chatterjee(ed.), State and Politics in India, *New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1997*
26. Anuradha M. Chenoy & Kamal A. Mitra Chenoy, Maoist and Other Armed Conflicts, *New Delhi: Penguin, 2010*

Further readings and articles are given in the classroom after every lecture