

POL110:INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL THEORY

L:3 T:1 P:0 Credits:4

Course Outcomes: Through this course students should be able to

- CO1 :: trace the origin, development and nature of political theory
- CO2 :: enumerate the key concepts of political theory
- CO3 :: evaluate the recent debates in political theory
- CO4 :: examine the conceptualization of rights and their relevance
- CO5 :: analyze the key contemporary issues and challenges in political theory
- CO6 :: construct critical thinking with respect to usage of major debates of politics

Unit I

Introduction to political theory : concept of political theory, nature and scope of political theory, decline of political theory, revival of political theory

Unit II

State, power and authority : concept of state, recent debates on state, concept of power and authority, recent trends and debates on power and authority

Unit III

Liberty, equality and gender : evolution of concept of liberty, classification of liberty, concept of equality, equality of what?, concept of gender, recent debates on sex and gender

Unit IV

Rights and justice : concept of justice, John Rawl's notion on justice, idea of rights, recent debates on rights

Unit V

Democracy, citizenship and civil society : concept of democracy, perspectives on democracy, concept of citizenship and its recent debates, notion of civil society, modernity and civil society

Unit VI

Major contemporary issues : changing dynamics of democracy and economic growth, minorities and the challenges, environment degradation, protective discrimination, reservation system in India

Text Books:

1. AN INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL THEORY by O.P. GAUBA, MAYUR PAPERBACKS

References:

1. CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL THEORY NEW DIMENSIONS, BASIC CONCEPTS & MAJOR by J. C. JOHARI, STERLING PUBLISHING