

Yogoda Satsanga Palpara Mahavidyalaya
Department of Political Science
Teaching Plan Hons * Year 2022-2023

Semester	Paper	Unit/Module	Faculty	No. of Lectures	To be Completed by Month			
1	CC1, Understanding Political Theory	I: Introducing Political Theory	Dr. Md Anis Akhtar	12	2			
		1. What is Politics: Theorizing the 'Political'						
		2. Traditions of Political Theory: Liberal, Marxist, Anarchist and Conservative						
		3. Approaches to Political Theory: Normative, Historical and Empirical						
		4. Critical and Contemporary Perspectives in Political Theory: Feminist and Postmodern						
		II: Political Theory and Practice, The Grammar of Democracy	Mr. Sujit Kumar Sen	9	2			
		1. Democracy: The history of an idea		12	4			
		2. Procedural Democracy and its critique						
		3. Deliberative Democracy						
		4. Participation and Representation						
	1	CC2, Constitutional Government and Democracy in India	I. The Constituent Assembly and the Constitution	Mrs. Pramita Ganguly	12	3		
			a. Philosophy of the Constitution, the Preamble, and Features of the Constitution					
		b. Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles						
		II. Organs of Government	Mrs. Pramita Ganguly	11	3			
		a. The Legislature: Parliament						
		b. The Executive: President and Prime Minister						
		c. The Judiciary: Supreme Court						
		III. Federalism and Decentralization	Mrs. Pramita Ganguly	12	2			
		a. Federalism: Division of Powers, Emergency Provisions, Fifth and Sixth Schedules						
		b. Panchayati Raj and Municipalities						
GE1, Feminism: Theory and Practice		I. Approaches to understanding Patriarchy	Mrs. Pramita Ganguly	11	3			
		a. Feminist theorising of the sex/gender distinction. Biologism versus social constructivism						
	b. Understanding Patriarchy and Feminism							
	c. Liberal, Socialist, Marxist, Radical feminism, New Feminist Schools/Traditions							
	II. History of Feminism	Mrs. Pramita Ganguly	11	3				
	a. Origins of Feminism in the West: France, Britain and United States of America							
	b. Feminism in the Socialist Countries: China, Cuba and erstwhile USSR							
	c. Feminist issues and women's participation in anti-colonial and national liberation movements with special focus on India							
	III. The Indian Experience	Mr. Nanigopal Bhunia	8	2				
	a. Traditional Historiography and Feminist critiques. Social Reforms Movement and position of women in India. History of Women's struggle in India							
	b. Family in contemporary India - patrilineal and matrilineal practices. Gender Relations in the Family, Patterns of Consumption: Intra Household Divisions, entitlements and bargaining, Property Rights							
	c. Understanding Woman's Work and Labour – Sexual Division of Labour, Productive and Reproductive labour, Visible - invisible work – Unpaid (reproductive and care), Underpaid and Paid work, - Methods of computing women's work , Female headed households							
2	CC3, Political Theory-Concepts and Debates	Section A: Core Concepts	Mr. Nanigopal Bhunia					
		I. Importance of Freedom		11	3			
			a. Negative Freedom: Liberty					
			b. Positive Freedom: Freedom as Emancipation and Development					
			Important Issue: Freedom of belief, expression and dissent					
			II. Significance of Equality	Mr. Nani Gopal Bhunia	12	3		
			a. Formal Equality: Equality of opportunity					
			b. Political equality					
			c. Egalitarianism: Background inequalities and differential treatment, Important Issue: Affirmative action					
			III. Indispensability of Justice	Mr. Nani Gopal Bhunia	9	3		
			a. Procedural Justice					
			b. Distributive Justice					
	c. Global Justice, Important Issue: Capital punishment							
	IV. The Universality of Rights	Mr. Nani Gopal Bhunia	11	3				
	a. Natural Rights							
	b. Moral and Legal Rights							
	c. Three Generations of Rights							
	d. Rights and Obligations, Important Issue: Rights of the girl child							
	Section B: Major Debates							
	a. Why should we obey the state? Issues of political obligation and civil disobedience.							
	b. Are human rights universal? Issue of cultural relativism.							
	c. How do we accommodate diversity in plural society? Issues of multiculturalism and toleration.							
2	CC4, Political Process in India	I. Political Parties and the Party System, Trends in the Party System; From the Congress System to Multi-Party	Dr. Md Anis Akhtar					
		ii. Determinants of Voting Behaviour, Caste, Class, Gender and Religion		11	2			
		III. Regional Aspirations, The Politics of Secession and Accommodation	Mrs. Pramita Ganguly	11	2			
		IV. Religion and Politics, Debates on Secularism; Minority and Majority Communalism		11	3			
		V. Caste and Politics, Caste in Politics and the Politicization of Caste	Dr. Md Anis Akhtar	11	4			
		VI. Affirmative Action Policies, Women, Caste and Class		11	4			
		VII. The Changing Nature of the Indian State, Developmental, Welfare and Coercive Dimensions	Dr. Md Anis Akhtar	11	3			
		I. Approaches to Political Economy						
		2	GE2, Contemporary Political Economy	Classical Liberalism, Marxism, Welfareism, Neo-liberalism and Gandhian approach	Dr. Md Anis Akhtar	13	2	
				II. Capitalist Transformation				
					a. European Feudalism and Transition to Capitalism			
					b. Globalization: Transnational Corporations, World Trade Organization, Non-governmental Organizations (their role in development)			
	III. Issues in Development			Dr. Md Anis Akhtar	12	3		
	I. Culture: Media and Television							
	II. Big Dams and Environmental Concerns							
	III. Military: Global Arms Industry and Arms Trade							
	IV. Knowledge Systems			Dr. Md Anis Akhtar	10	2		
	IV. Globalization and Development Dilemmas							
	I. IT revolution and Debates on Sovereignty							
	II. Gender							
	III. Racial and Ethnic Problems							
	IV. Migration							
2	CC5, Introduction to Comparative Government and Politics	I. Understanding Comparative Politics	Mr. Sujit Kumar Sen	9	2			
		a. Nature and scope						
			b. Going beyond Eurocentrism					
			II. Historical context of modern government	Mrs. Pramita Ganguly	9	2		
			a. Capitalism: meaning and development: globalization					
			b. Socialism: meaning, growth and development					
			c. Colonialism and decolonization: meaning, context, forms of colonialism; anti-colonialism struggles and process of decolonization					
			III. Themes for comparative analysis, A comparative study of constitutional developments and political economy in the following countries: Britain, Brazil, Nigeria and China.	Dr. Md Anis Akhtar	11	3		
			I. Public administration as a discipline					
			Meaning, Dimensions and Significance of the Discipline	Mrs. Pramita Ganguly	11	4		
			Public and Private Administration					
			Evolution of Public Administration					
	II. Theoretical perspectives	Mr. Nanigopal Bhunia	13	2				
	Classical theories							
	Scientific management (F.W. Taylor)							
	Administrative Management (Gullick, Urwick and Fayol)							

3	CC6, Perspectives on Public Administration	Ideal-type bureaucracy (Max Weber)					
		Neo-classical theories					
		Human relations theory (Elton Mayo)					
Rational decision-making (Herbert Simon)							
Contemporary theories							
Ecological approach (Fred Riggs)							
Innovation and Entrepreneurship (Peter Drucker)							
III. Public policy		Mrs. Pramita Ganguly	11	3			
Concept, relevance and approaches							
Formulation, implementation and evaluation							
IV. Major approaches in public administration							
New Public Administration							
New Public Management							
New Public Service Approach							
Good Governance							
Feminist Perspectives	Mrs. Pramita Ganguly	9	3				
CC-7: Perspectives on International Relations and World History	A. Studying International Relations	Mrs. Pramita Ganguly	9	3			
	ii. History and IR: Emergence of the International State System	Dr. Md Anis Akhtar	9	3			
	iii. Pre-Westphalia and Westphalia	Dr. Md Anis Akhtar	9	3			
	iv. Post-Westphalia	Dr. Md Anis Akhtar	9	3			
	B. Theoretical Perspectives		9	3			
	i Classical Realism & Neo-Realism	Dr. Md Anis Akhtar	9	3			
	ii. Liberalism & Neoliberalism	Dr. Md Anis Akhtar	9	3			
	iii. Marxist Approaches	Dr. Md Anis Akhtar	9	3			
	iv. Feminist Perspectives	Dr. Md Anis Akhtar	9	3			
	v. Eurocentricism and Perspectives from the Global South	Dr. Md Anis Akhtar	9	3			
	C. An Overview of Twentieth Century IR History	Dr. Md Anis Akhtar	9	3			
	i. World War I: Causes and Consequences	Dr. Md Anis Akhtar	9	3			
	ii. Significance of the Bolshevik Revolution	Dr. Md Anis Akhtar	9	3			
	iii. Rise of Fascism / Nazism	Dr. Md Anis Akhtar	9	3			
	iv. World War II: Causes and Consequences	Dr. Md Anis Akhtar	9	3			
v. Cold War: Different Phases	Dr. Md Anis Akhtar	11	3				
vi. Emergence of the Third World	Dr. Md Anis Akhtar	11	3				
vii. Collapse of the USSR and the End of the Cold War	Dr. Md Anis Akhtar	11	3				
viii. Post Cold War Developments and Emergence of Other Power Centers of Power	Dr. Md Anis Akhtar	11	3				
SEC-1: Democratic Awareness with Legal Literacy	Unit I	Mr. Nanigopal Bhunia	11	3			
	Outline of the Legal system in India						
	System of courts/tribunals and their jurisdiction in India - criminal and civil courts, writ jurisdiction, specialized courts such as juvenile courts, Mahila courts and tribunals.						
	Role of the police and executive in criminal law administration.						
	Alternate dispute mechanisms such as lok adalats, non - formal mechanisms.						
	Unit II	Dr. Md Anis Akhtar	15	5			
	Brief understanding of the laws applicable in India						
	Constitution - fundamental rights, fundamental duties, other constitutional rights and their manner of enforcement, with emphasis on public interest litigation and the expansion of certain rights under Article 21 of the Constitution.						
	Laws relating to criminal jurisdiction - provision relating to filing an FIR, arrest, bail search and seizure and some understanding of the questions of evidence and procedure in Cr. P.C. and related laws, important offences under the Indian PenalCode, offences against women, juvenile justice, prevention of atrocities on Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.						
	Concepts like Burden of Proof, Presumption of Innocence, Principles of Natural Justice, Fair comment under Contempt laws.						
	Personal laws in India : Pluralism and Democracy						
	Laws relating to contract, property and tenancy laws.						
	Laws relating to dowry, sexual harassment and violence against women						
	Laws relating to consumer rights						
	Laws relating to cyber crimes						
Anti-terrorist laws: implications for security and human rights							
Practical application: Visit to either a (i) court or (ii) a legal aid centre set up by the Legal Services Authority or an NGO or (iii) a Lok Adalat, and to interview a litigant or person being counselled.							
Preparation of a case history.							
unit III	Mrs. Pramita Ganguly	15	4				
Access to courts and enforcement of rights							
Critical Understanding of the Functioning of the Legal System							
Legal Services Authorities Act and right to legal aid, ADR systems							
Practical application:							
What to do if you are arrested ; if you are a consumer with a grievance; if you are a victim of sexual harassment; domestic violence, child abuse, caste, ethnic and religious discrimination; filing a public interest litigation. How can you challenge administrative orders that violate rights, judicial and administrative remedies							
Using a hypothetical case of (for example) child abuse or sexual harassment or any other violation of a right, preparation of an FIR or writing a complaint addressed to the appropriate authority.							
GE-3: Gandhi and the Contemporary World	I. Gandhi on Modern Civilization and Ethics of Development	Dr. Md Anis Akhtar	11	4			
	a. Conception of Modern Civilisation and Alternative Modernity						
	b. Critique of Development: Narmada Bachao Andolan						
	II. Gandhian Thought: Theory and Action	Mrs. Pramita Ganguly	11	4			
	a. Theory of Satyagraha						
	b. Satyagraha in Action						
	i. Peasant Satyagraha: Kheda and the Idea of Trusteeship						
	ii. Temple Entry and Critique of Caste						
	iii. Social Harmony: 1947and Communal Unity						
	III. Gandhi's Legacy	Mr. Nanigopal Bhunia	11	4			
	a) Tolerance: Anti - Racism Movements (Anti - Apartheid and Martin Luther King)						
	b) The Pacifist Movement						
	c) Women's Movements						
	d) Gandhigiri: Perceptions in Popular Culture						
	IV. Gandhi and the Idea of Political	Mr. Sujit Kumar Sen	9	4			
a) Swaraj							
b) Swadeshi							
CC-8: Political Processes and Institutions in Comparative Perspective	I. Approaches to Studying Comparative Politics	Mrs. Pramita Ganguly	11	4			
	a. Political Culture						
	b. New Institutionalism						
	II. Electoral System	Mrs. Pramita Ganguly	11	3			
	Definition and procedures: Types of election system (First Past the Post, Proportional Representation, Mixed Representation)						
	III. Party System	Mrs. Pramita Ganguly	11	3			
	Historical contexts of emergence of the party system and types of parties						
	IV. Nation-state	Mrs. Pramita Ganguly	11	3			
	What is nation-state? Historical evolution in Western Europe and postcolonial contexts						
	'Nation' and 'State': debates		8	3			
	V. Democratization	Mrs. Pramita Ganguly	7	3			
	Process of democratization in postcolonial, post- authoritarian and post-communist countries						
	VI. Federalism	Mrs. Pramita Ganguly	7	3			
	Historical context Federation and Confederation: debates around territorial division of power.						
	CC-9: Public Policy and Administration in India	I. Public Policy	Mrs. Pramita Ganguly	8	3		
a. Definition, characteristics and models							
b. Public Policy Process in India							
II. Decentralization		Mrs. Pramita Ganguly	7	2			
a. Meaning, significance and approaches and types							
b. Local Self Governance: Rural and Urban							
III. Budget		Mrs. Pramita Ganguly	9	2			
a. Concept and Significance of Budget							
b. Budget Cycle in India							
c. Various Approaches and Types Of Budgeting							
IV. Citizen and Administration Interface		Mrs. Pramita Ganguly	9	2			
a. Public Service Delivery							
b. Redressal of Public Grievances: RTI, Lokpal, Citizens' Charter and E-Governance							
V. Social Welfare Administration		Mrs. Pramita Ganguly	7	4			
a. Concept and Approaches of Social Welfare							
b. Social Welfare Policies:							
Education: Right To Education,							

4		Health: National Health Mission, Food: Right To Food Security Employment: MNREGA							
	CC-10: Global Politics	I. Globalization: Conceptions and Perspectives a. Understanding Globalization and its Alternative Perspectives b. Political: Debates on Sovereignty and Territoriality c. Global Economy: Its Significance and Anchors of Global Political Economy: IMF, d. World Bank, WTO, TNCs e. Cultural and Technological Dimension f. Global Resistances (Global Social Movements and NGOs)	Dr. Md Anis Akhtar	8	3				
		II. Contemporary Global Issues a. Ecological Issues: Historical Overview of International Environmental Agreements, Climate Change, Global Commons Debate b. Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons c. International Terrorism: Non-State Actors and State Terrorism; Post 9/11 developments d. Migration e. Human Security	Dr. Md Anis Akhtar	12	3				
		III. Global Shifts: Power and Governance	Dr. Md Anis Akhtar	11	2				
	GE-4: United Nations and Global Conflicts	I. The United Nations (a) An Historical Overview of the United Nations (b) Principles and Objectives (c) Structures and Functions: General Assembly; Security Council, and Economic and Social Council; the International Court of Justice and the specialised agencies (International Labour Organisation [ILO], United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation [UNESCO], World Health Organisation [WHO], and UN programmes and funds: United Nations Children's Fund [UNICEF], United Nations Development Programme [UNDP], United Nations Environment Programme [UNEP], United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [UNHCR]) (d) Peace Keeping, Peace Making and Enforcement, Peace Building and Responsibility to Protect (e) Millennium Development Goals	Dr. Md Anis Akhtar	11	2				
		II. Major Global Conflicts since the Second World War (a) Korean War (b) Vietnam War (c) Afghanistan Wars (d) Balkans: Serbia and Bosnia	Dr. Md Anis Akhtar	11	3				
		III. Assessment of the United Nations as an International Organisation: Imperatives of Reforms and the Process of Reforms	Dr. Md Anis Akhtar	11	3				
	SEC-2: Peace and Conflict Resolution	Unit-1 International Peace and Conflict Resolution: Sources of War: International and Domestic Issues and Trends	Dr. Md Anis Akhtar	11	3				
		Unit-2 What is Conflict: Introduction to International Conflict Resolution	Dr. Md Anis Akhtar	9	3				
		Unit-3 International Conflict Resolution Theory: Models developed by Johan Galtung, Joseph Montville, Morton Deutsch, William Zartman, Levy Jack	Dr. Md Anis Akhtar	11	2				
		Unit-4 Conflict resolution: Back ground of Various Peace Movements and Concepts, Principles used to resolve conflict	Dr. Md Anis Akhtar	7	2				
		Unit-5 Cross-boarder relationships between the world's peaceful and war-torn zones (migration and information flows, economic transactions, international rules and regulations, normative concepts and political decisions)	Dr. Md Anis Akhtar	7	2				
		Unit-6 Conflict Transformation: is Peace Possible? Resolve problems through conflict analyses and instrumentation of peace concepts	Dr. Md Anis Akhtar	7	2				
		Unit-7 Current perspective of peace and conflict resolution: Grass-roots level perspective on war and Peace	Dr. Md Anis Akhtar	7	2				
CC-11: Classical Political Philosophy	I. Text and Interpretation II. Antiquity Plato Philosophy and Politics, Theory of Forms, Justice, Philosopher King/Queen, Communism Presentation theme: Critique of Democracy; Women and Guardianship, Censorship Aristotle Forms, Virtue, Citizenship, Justice, State and Household Presentation themes: Classification of governments; man as zoon politikon	Dr. Md Anis Akhtar	7	2					
	III. Interlude: Machiavelli Virtu, Religion, Republicanism Presentation themes: morality and statecraft; vice and virtue	Dr. Md Anis Akhtar	11	2					
	IV. Possessive Individualism Hobbes Human nature, State of Nature, Social Contract, State Presentation themes: State of nature; social contract; Leviathan; atomistic individuals.	Dr. Md Anis Akhtar	9	2					
	Locke Laws of Nature, Natural Rights, Property, Presentation themes: Natural rights; right to dissent; justification of property	Dr. Md Anis Akhtar	6	3					
CC-12: Indian Political Thought-I	I. Traditions of Pre-colonial Indian Political Thought a. Brahmanic and Shramanic b. Islamic and Syncretic.	Mr. Nanigopal Bhunia	5	2					
	II. Ved Vyasa (Shantiparva): Rajadharma	Mr. Nanigopal Bhunia	2	2					
	III. Manu: Social Laws	Mr. Nanigopal Bhunia	5	2					
	IV. Kautilya: Theory of State	Mr. Nanigopal Bhunia	2	2					
	V. Aggannasutta (Digha Nikaya): Theory of kingship	Mr. Nanigopal Bhunia	5	2					
	VI. Barani: Ideal Polity	Mr. Nanigopal Bhunia	5	2					
	VII. Abul Fazal: Monarchy	Mr. Nanigopal Bhunia	5	2					
	VIII. Kabir: Syncretism	Mr. Nanigopal Bhunia	5	2					
DSE-1: India's Foreign Policy in a Globalizing World	I. India's Foreign Policy: From a Postcolonial State to an Aspiring Global Power	Mr. Nanigopal Bhunia	5	2					
	II. India's Relations with the USA and USSR/Russia	Mr. Nanigopal Bhunia	5	2					
	III. India's Engagements with China	Mr. Nanigopal Bhunia	5	2					
	IV. India in South Asia: Debating Regional Strategies	Mr. Nanigopal Bhunia	5	2					
	V. India's Negotiating Style and Strategies: Trade, Environment and Security Regimes	Mr. Nanigopal Bhunia	3	2					
	VI. India in the Contemporary Multipolar World	Mr. Nanigopal Bhunia	3	2					
DSE-2: United Nations and Global Conflicts	I. The United Nations (a) An Historical Overview of the United Nations (b) Principles and Objectives (c) Structures and Functions: General Assembly; Security Council, and Economic and Social Council; the International Court of Justice and the specialised agencies (International Labour Organisation [ILO], United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation [UNESCO], World Health Organisation [WHO], and UN programmes and funds: United Nations Children's Fund [UNICEF], United Nations Development Programme [UNDP], United Nations Environment Programme [UNEP], United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [UNHCR]) (d) Peace Keeping, Peace Making and Enforcement, Peace Building and Responsibility to Protect (e) Millennium Development Goals	Dr. Md Anis Akhtar	9	3					
	II. Major Global Conflicts since the Second World War (a) Korean War (b) Vietnam War (c) Afghanistan Wars (d) Balkans: Serbia and Bosnia	Dr. Md Anis Akhtar	9	3					
	III. Assessment of the United Nations as an International Organisation: Imperatives of Reforms and the Process of Reforms	Dr. Md Anis Akhtar	9	3					
CC-13: Modern Political Philosophy	I. Modernity and its discourses This section will introduce students to the idea of modernity and the discourses around modernity. Two essential readings have been prescribed.	Dr. Md Anis Akhtar	9	3					
	II. Romantics a) Jean Jacques Rousseau Presentation themes: General Will; local or direct democracy; self-government; origin of inequality.	Dr. Md Anis Akhtar	9	3					
	b) Mary Wollstonecraft Presentation themes: Women and paternalism; critique of Rousseau's idea of education; legal rights	Dr. Md Anis Akhtar	11	3					
	III. Liberal socialist John Stuart Mill Presentation themes: Liberty, suffrage and subjection of women, right of minorities; utility principle.	Dr. Md Anis Akhtar	11	3					
	IV. Radicals	Dr. Md Anis Akhtar	11	3					

6		a) Karl Marx Presentation themes: Alienation; difference with other kinds of materialism; class struggle						
		b) Alexandra Kollontai Presentation themes: Winged and wingless Eros; proletarian woman; socialization of housework; disagreement with Lenin						
	CC-14: Indian Political Thought-II	I. Introduction to Modern Indian Political Thought	Mr. Nanigopal Bhunia	5	2			
		II. Rammohan Roy: Rights	Mr. Nanigopal Bhunia	5	2			
		III. Pandita Ramabai: Gender	Mr. Nanigopal Bhunia	5	2			
		IV. Vivekananda: Ideal Society	Mr. Nanigopal Bhunia	5	2			
		V. Gandhi: Swaraj	Mr. Nanigopal Bhunia	5	2			
		VI. Ambedkar: Social Justice	Mr. Nanigopal Bhunia	5	2			
		VII. Tagore: Critique of Nationalism	Mr. Nanigopal Bhunia	5	2			
		VIII. Iqbal: Community	Mr. Nanigopal Bhunia	5	2			
		IX. Savarkar: Hindutva	Mr. Nanigopal Bhunia	5	2			
		X. Nehru: Secularism	Mr. Nanigopal Bhunia	5	2			
		XI. Lohia: Socialism	Mr. Nanigopal Bhunia	5	2			
	DSE-3 : Women, Power and Politics	I. Groundings	Mrs. Pramita Ganguly	5	2			
		1. Patriarchy						
		a. Sex-Gender Debates						
		b. Public and Private						
		c. Power						
		2. Feminism						
		3. Family, Community, State						
a. Family								
b. Community								
c. State								
II. Movements and Issues								
1. History of the Women's Movement in India								
2. Violence against women	Mrs. Pramita Ganguly	12	4					
3. Work and Labour								
a. Visible and Invisible work								
b. Reproductive and care work								
c. Sex work								
DSE-4: Project Work		Mr.Nani Gopal Bhunia	12	4				