

Semester	VII
Course	UG
Paper Code	
Paper Title	Themes in Western Political Thought: From the Renaissance to Modernity (15th to 20th Centuries)
No. of Credits	4
Theory / Practical / Composite	Theory
Minimum No. of preparatory hours per week a student has to devote	
Number of Modules	2
Syllabus	<p>Module 1</p> <p>Unit 1: Renaissance Thought</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background: From Scholasticism to Renaissance Humanism • Machiavelli and strategies of statecraft • Bodin and Absolutism <p>Unit 2: England in the 17th century</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hobbes, the Leviathan and the Social Contract • Locke, the social contract and the emergence of early liberalism • Levellers and Diggers – egalitarian and revolutionary ideas <p>Unit 3: Enlightenment in Europe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The intellectual context of the Enlightenment, the primacy of Reason, the “philosopher king”. • Liberty and Revolution (Voltaire, Montesquieu, Rousseau). • Mary Wollstonecraft and the rights of women <p>Module 2</p> <p>Unit 4: Liberal Thought</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bentham and John Stuart Mill • French Liberalism from Benjamin Constant to Alexis de Tocqueville <p>Unit 5: German Thought</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hegel and the state <p>Unit 6: Anarchism, Utopian Socialism , Scientific Socialism and Feminism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Godwin to Kropotkin • Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels: the development and elaboration of scientific socialism • Feminist Thought

Learning Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The students will gain an overall idea of the varieties and developmental pattern of western political thought • The students will be able to critically analyze principal ideas and themes in political thought • The students will be able to relate themes in political thought with the general pattern of historical development 	
Reading/Reference Lists	<p>Essential Readings-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quentin Skinner, Machiavelli • JR Hale, Machiavelli and Renaissance • Daniel Lee, The Rights of Sovereignty • CB MacPherson, Possessive Individualism • Christopher Hill, The World Turned Upside Down • Robert Darnton, The Business of Enlightenment • Robert Darnton, The Great Cat Massacre • Cambridge History of Political Thought • JP Mayer, Political Thought - The European Tradition • Peter Marshall, Demanding the Impossible: A History of Anarchism <p>Suggested Readings-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frank Manuel, Utopian Thought in the Western World • E Wood, N Wood, Trumpet of Sedition: Political Theory and the Rise of Capitalism • Cambridge Companion to Liberalism • J.S. McClelland, A History of Western Political Thought 	
Evaluation	<p>Theory</p> <p>CIA:5+ Mid Sem:20+ Attendance: 5= 30 Semester Exam: 70</p>	
Paper Structure for Theory Semester Exam	<p>End Semester Exam: 70 Two modules of 35 marks each. (3 questions of 5 marks from 5 options: 3X5=15 2 questions of 10 marks from 3 options: 2X10=20)</p>	