

B.A.(Hons.) - Political Science
Discipline Specific Core Course

DSC-11 : CONCEPTS IN COMPARATIVE POLITICAL ANALYSIS

CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
Concepts in Comparative Political Analysis DSC-11	4	3	1	-	NA	NA

Learning Objectives

This paper offers critical perspectives into salient concepts in comparative politics. These concepts provide the tools for understanding political processes and institutions through comparisons across political systems and political regimes. The course aims to make students familiar with electoral systems and party system to make sense of the different ways in the representation is achieved. The experiences with constitutionalism and constitutional designs which facilitate federal sharing of power, the ideas of nationalism in anti-colonial movements, and development models that have driven nation and state building processes across the world comprise the core themes of this course. The course attempts to cover these themes

by deploying concepts which provide the lens for understanding different political systems and processes reinforced with examples and case studies.

Learning outcomes

After studying this course, the students would

- acquire an understanding of a range of concepts such as nationalism and constitutionalism
- learn how to distinguish between different kinds of political systems based on their electoral design and party systems
- demonstrate knowledge of federal designs and ideas of political community based on different notions of nationalism
- understand development models historically and empirically

SYLLABUS OF DSC- 11

UNIT – I

Socio-Economic Structures

Capitalism, Socialism, Colonialism and Neo-liberalism

UNIT – II

Discourses on Nationalism

Civic and Ethnic nationalisms, Ideological basis of anti-colonial nationalism
(Gandhi, Mao, Frantz Fanon and Amilcar Cabral)

UNIT – III

Constitutionalism

Evolution of the idea of constitutionalism, post-colonial constitutionalism

UNIT – IV

Federalism

Historical context

Federation and Confederation: debates around territorial division of power.

UNIT – V

State and Regime types

Capitalist, Welfare, Populist and Security state

UNIT – VI

Electoral System

Definition and procedures: Types of electoral systems (First Past the Post, Proportional Representation, Mixed Representation)

UNIT – VII

Party System

Historical contexts of emergence of political parties, types of parties and party systems.

Essential/recommended readings

1. Socio-Economic Structures

a. Capitalism

R. Suresh (2010) *Economy & Society -Evolution of Capitalism*, New Delhi, Sage Publications, pp.151-188; 235-268.

G. Ritzer (2002) 'Globalization and Related Process I: Imperialism, Colonialism, Development, Westernization, Easternization', in *Globalization: A Basic Text*. London: Wiley- Blackwell, pp. 63-84.

M. Dobb (1950) 'Capitalism', in *Studies in the Development of Capitalism*. London: Routledge and Kegan Paul Ltd, pp. 1-32.

E. Wood (2002) 'The Agrarian origin of Capitalism', in *Origin of Capitalism: A Long View*. London: Verso, pp. 91-95; 166-181.

A. Hoogvelt (2002) 'History of Capitalism Expansion', in *Globalization and Third World Politics* London: Palgrave, pp. 14-28.