UNIVERSITY OF DELHI

Bachelor of Arts (Programme) Political Science
PAPERS FOR SEMSTER - I

(Academic Year 2019-20)

Applicable for students registered with Regular Colleges, Non Collegiate Women’s Education Board and School of Open Learning
Paper for SEMESTER - I

A. Discipline Specific Core Course

1. Paper I - Introduction to Political Theory

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Courses for B.A. (Programme) Political Science SEMESTER - I

Paper I - Introduction to Political Theory
(62321101)
Core Course - (CC) Credit:6

Course Objective
This course aims to introduce certain key aspects of conceptual analysis in political theory and the skills required to engage in debates surrounding the application of the concepts.

Course Learning Outcomes
After completing this course students will be able to:

- Understand the nature and relevance of Political Theory
- Understand different concepts like liberty, equality, justice and rights.
- Reflect upon some of the important debates in Political Theory

Unit 1
What is Political Theory and what is its relevance?

Unit 2
Concepts: Liberty, Equality, Justice, Rights

Unit 3
Debates in Political Theory:
- Protective discrimination and principles of fairness?
- The Public vs private debate: Feminist Perspective Censorship and its limits

References

Unit 1

Unit 2

Unit 3

**Additional Resources:**
Berlin, I. “Two Concepts of Liberty”
Rawls, John, *A Theory of Justice*
Kukathas, Chandran, “The Demise and Rise of Political Theory”

**Hindi Reading**
भागव, र. और अशोक आचार्यार (एड.), राजनीतिक सिद्धांत: एक परिचय, दिल्ली: पिएर्सन, 2008.
कुमार, संजीव, “राजनीति क्या है: “राजनीतिक” का सिद्धांतकरण”, संजीव कुमार (एड.), राजनीति सिद्धांत की समझ, दिल्ली: ओरिएंट ब्लैकस्वान, 2019, pp. 1-26.
संजीव कुमार (एड.), राजनीति सिद्धांत की समझ, दिल्ली: ओरिएंट ब्लैकस्वान, 2019.

**Teaching Learning Process**
The teaching-learning process for this course would involve class lectures, class discussion, class presentation, debates on contemporary issues and relevant cases. Teaching would also involve methods like power point and film screening.

**Assessment Methods**
Students will be assessed at different stages during the course learning process. After completing every unit they will be asked to take part in group discussions on any one important event or issue relevant for that unit. They will also do one presentation and one assignment.

**Keywords**
Political Theory, Liberty, Equality, Justice, Rights, Protective Discrimination, Censorship