



Department of Political Science  
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Session 2024-25



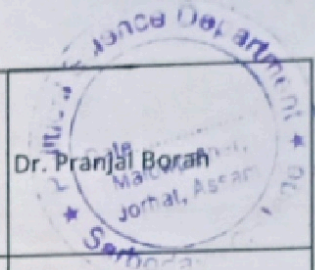
Sl. No	Semester	Name of the Paper	Paper Code	Credit	Unit	Topics	Name of the Faculty
1	First Semester	Understanding Pol. Theory	PSCC1	4	I	Political Theory: concepts, meaning and evolution What is Political Theory? Why do we need Political Theory? Evolution of political theory; Approaches to Political Theory Normative, Historical and Empirical; Behaviouralism and Post Behaviouralism; Decline and Resurgence	Robijit Dutta
					II	Traditions of Political Theory Liberal Tradition: Meaning, history of liberalism, Phases of liberalism and their features-Classical-contractarianism, individual autonomy and Utilitarianism, Modern-welfare state and distributive justice. Marxist tradition: Introducing Marxism, historical materialism, concept of class, dictatorship of the proletariat	Dr. Pranjal Borah
					III	Contemporary Perspectives in Political Theory: Feminism: Meaning, Types- Liberal, Marxist, Radical and Third World Feminisms Multiculturalism: Meaning and evolution, models of multiculturalism-hybridity, constitutional diversity, right to cultural membership Postmodernism- Meaning, Development, Difference between postmodernism and modernism	Mousumi Borah
					IV	Political Theory and Practice-I: Citizenship-meaning, types-active and passive, liberal and universal citizenship, feminism and citizenship, Marxist critique of citizenship; Types of State-Liberal and Marxist State and Civil Society	Raju Saikia

				V	Democracy-Direct, Liberal	Raju Saikia
				V	Procedural, Deliberative;	
				V	Debates- Democracy and Difference,	Mousumi Borah
				V	Representation and Participation,	Dr. Pranjal Borah
				V	Democracy and Development	Robijit Dutta
2	Concepts and Debates in Pol. Theory	MINPSC1	4	I	Political Theory Basics: What is Politics? What is Political? Relevance and Decline of Political Theory	Raju Saikia
				II	Concepts in Political Theory-I: Liberty- Negative and Positive Liberty, Liberty and Equality, Liberty and Rights Equality-Equality of Welfare, Equality of Opportunity, Equality of Resources Justice-Distributive Justice; Procedural Justice, Justice as Fairness; Capabilities and Freedom	Robijit Dutta
				III	Concepts in Political Theory -II: Rights-Negative and Positive Rights; Civil, Political and Social Rights; Legal Rights; Moral Rights; Human Rights; Communitarians and Rights; Multiculturalism and Rights Democracy- Direct Democracy, Liberal Democracy; Procedural Democracy -Elitist, Pluralist, Egalitarian, Communist, Participatory, Deliberative Democracy	Mousumi Borah
				IV	Concepts in Political Theory- III: Equal and Universal Citizenship, Globalization and Citizenship, Dilemma of Liberal Citizenship-Uniformity and Generality	Dr. Pranjal Borah
				V	-Marxist and Liberal;	Raju Saikia
				V	Challenges to State;	Robijit Dutta
				V	Evolution of Civil Society,	Mousumi Borah
				V	Relationship between State and Civil Society	Dr. Pranjal Borah
3	Human Rights	GECPC1	3	I	Meaning, nature, and scope of Human Rights: Universalism and Cultural Relativism, Generations of Human Rights	Robijit Dutta
				II	Institutional Frameworks:UDHR, ICCPR, ICESCR and Optional Protocols, CEDAW	Dr. Pranjal Borah

				III	Human Rights in Indian Context: Human Rights and the Indian Constitution Human Rights Laws and Institutions in India	Mousumi Borah
				IV	Human Rights Movements in India: Environmental movements, Dalit movement, Women's movement	Raju Saikia
4	Third Semester	Perspectives on International Relations and World History	PSCC3	4 I	Emergence of the International State System– Pre-Westphalia; Post-Westphalia Understanding International Relations: Levels of Analysis (Domestic, Regional and Systemic)	Mousumi Borah
				II	Theoretical Perspectives Classical Realism & Neo-Realism Liberalism & Neo-liberalism	Robijit Dutta
				III	Critical Perspectives Marxist Approaches Feminist Perspectives Perspectives from the Global South Green Theory in International Relations	Dr. Pranjal Borah
				IV	An Overview of Twentieth-Century IR History World War I: Causes and Consequences Significance of the Bolshevik Revolution, Rise of Fascism / Nazism World War II: Causes and Consequences	Raju Saikia
				V	Cold War: Different Phases	Robijit Dutta
				V	Decolonization and the Emergence of the Third World	Raju Saikia
				V	the End of the Cold War	Mousumi Borah
					Post-Cold War Developments and Emergence of Other Centers of power	Dr. Pranjal Borah
5		Classical Political Theory	PSCC4	4 I	Text and Interpretation – Approaches to the interpretation of text -Marxian, Totalitarian, Psychoanalytic, Feminist, Straussian, postmodernist interpretations	Raju Saikia
				II	Ancient Political Thought: Plato-Philosophy and Politics, Theory of Forms, Justice, Philosopher King/Queen, Communism; Aristotle- Citizenship, Justice, State and Revolution	Dr. Pranjal Borah
				III	Machiavelli- Virtue, Religion, Republicanism, morality and statecraft	Mousumi Borah

				IV	Hobbes: Human nature, State of Nature, Social Contract, State; atomistic individuals	Robijit Dutta
				V	Locke- Introduction Speech	Robijit Dutta
					Laws of Nature	Dr. Pranjal Borah
					Natural Rights	Mousumi Borah
					Property	Raju Saikia
6	Development Processes and Social movement in contemporary India	MINPSC3	4	I	Development Process Since Independence a. State and planning b. Liberalization and reforms	Mousumi Borah
				II	Industrial Development Strategy and its Impact on the Social Structure a. Mixed economy, privatization, the impact on organized and unorganized labour b. Emergence of the new middle class	Robijit Dutta
				III	Agrarian Development Strategy and its Impact on the Social Structure a. Land Reforms, Green Revolution b. Agrarian crisis since the 1990s and its impact on farmers	Raju Saikia
				IV	Social Movements-I a. Tribal, Peasant, Dalit b. Maoist challenge	Dr. Pranjal Borah
				V	Civil rights movements	Mousumi Borah
				V	Women's movements	Robijit Dutta
				V	Environmental and Ecological Movements	Raju Saikia
7	Public Policy in India	GECPSC3	3	I	Public Policy and Analysis: Meaning and Concept, Models and Approaches	Mousumi Borah
				II	State and Public Policy in India: Nature of State and Public Policy, State-Directed Policy in India: Pre and Post Economic Reform (1991) periods	Raju Saikia
				III	Political Economy and Public Policy in India- Interest Groups and Social Movements: Global Financial Institutions and Public Policy; Interest Groups, Peoples' Movements and Public Policy	Robijit Dutta

				IV	Policy Making Process in India: Legislative and Executive Processes; Issues and Challenges in Policy Making; Nehruvian Vision; Economic Liberalisation; Recent Developments: UPA and NDA Regimes	Dr. Pranjal Borah
8	Fifth Semester	Classical Pol. Philosophy	C5.1	I	Text and Interpretation – Approaches to the interpretation of text -Marxian, Totalitarian, Psychoanalytic, Feminist, Straussian, postmodernist interpretations and pluralistic and problem driven interpretations	Raju Saikia
				II	Ancient Political Thought: Plato-Philosophy and Politics, Theory of Forms, Justice, Philosopher King/Queen, Communism; Aristotle- Citizenship, Justice, State and Revolution	Robijit Dutta
				III	Machiavelli- Virtue, Religion, Republicanism, morality and statecraft	Mousumi Borah
				IV	Possessive Individualism-Hobbes: Human nature, State of Nature, Social Contract, State; atomistic individuals.	Dr. Pranjal Borah
				V	Lock -Laws of Nature	Dr. Pranjal Borah
				V	Natural Rights	Raju Saikia
				V	Property	Mousumi Borah
				9		Indian Political Thought_I
II	Rajadharma- Origin, Relation between Kinship and the State, Duties of the King; Kautilya- views on Statecraft, Elements of the State (The Saptanga Theory)	Mousumi Borah				
III	Manu: Social Laws –Sources, Dharma of the four Classes and governance, Rules relating to Law, Rules of Action in Terms of Adversity.	Robijit Dutta				



				IV	Aggannasutta (Digha Nikaya)- Theory of kingship- Origin, Social Classes, Notion of Sovereignty, Views on State and Ideal State.	Raju Saikia
				V	Barani: Ideal Polity	Raju Saikia
				V	Abul Fazal: Monarchy	Robijit Dutta
				V	Kabir: Syncretism	Dr. Pranjal Borah
10	Contemporary Politics in Assam	DSC-1A		I	Composite state of Assam and its Dismemberment- Geo-political features, Colonial Legacy, Social Heterogeneity, Assamese Nationality Question	Mousumi Borah
				II	Politics of Autonomy in Assam: Regionalism and sub-regionalism – Demand for Autonomous state, Demand for Separate State, Demand for Sixth Schedule	Raju Saikia
				III	Politics of Ethnicity in Assam: Politics of migration and its impact on identity Movements – Language movements - Foreign national movement – Insurgency ...	Dr. Pranjal Borah
				IV	Inter-State border disputes (Assam-Nagaland, Assam-Meghalaya, Assam-Arunachal Pradesh)	Robijit Dutta
				V	Politics of Development-	Dr. Pranjal Borah
				V	Development induced Displacement	Robijit Dutta
				V	Environment-Large dams	Mousumi Borah
11	Human Rights in Comparative Perspective	DSC-2A		I	Human Rights: Theory and Institutionalization: Understanding Human Rights, Philosophical Foundations of Human Rights- Utilitarian Rights, Natural Rights, Positivist School, Asian Values, Three Generations of Rights	Robijit Dutta
				II	Institutional Arrangements-United Nations, Universal Declaration of Human Rights, International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), International Covenant on Economic Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR), Optional Protocols	Mousumi Borah
				III	Rights in National Constitutions: South Africa and India	Dr. Pranjal Borah

				IV	Issues of Human Rights: Torture: USA and India, Surveillance and Censorship: China and India, Terrorism and Insecurity of Minorities: USA and India	Raju Saikia
				V	Structural Violence: Caste and Race	Raju Saikia
				V	South Africa and India,	Robijit Dutta
				V	Gender and Violence: India and Pakistan, Adivasis,	Mousumi Borah
				V	the Land Question: Australia and India	Dr. Pranjal Borah

