

**B.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE**  
**SECOND YEAR**  
**FOURTH SEMESTER**  
**(Under CBCS w.e.f 2020-21)**

**Course 5: WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT**

**Learning Outcomes:**

On successful completion of the course the students will be able to:

- Understand the fundamental contours classical, western political philosophy, basic features of medieval political thought and shift from medieval to modern era.
- Understand the Social Contract Theory and appreciate its implications on the perception of State in terms of its purposes and role.
- Acquaint with the Liberal and Marxist philosophy and analyze some trends in Western Political Thought.
- Critically analyse the evolution of western political thought

<b>UNIT-I :</b>	<b>ANCIENT GREEK POLITICAL THOUGHT</b>
	1. Plato-Rule of Philosopher Kings-Theory of Justice-Ideal State and Education
	2. Aristotle-Theory of State-Classification of Governments-Citizenship, Slavery and Theory of Revolutions.

<b>UNIT-II :</b>	<b>MEDIEVAL AND MODERN POLITICAL THOUGHT</b>
	1. St. Augustine-Theory of Two Cities.
	2. Niccolo Machiavelli-State and Statecraft.

<b>UNIT-III :</b>	<b>CONTRACTUAL POLITICAL THOUGHT</b>
	1. Thomas Hobbes- Social Contract and Absolute Sovereignty.
	2. John Locke- Human Nature, State of Nature, Social Contract, Natural Rights and Limited Government

	3. Jean Jacques Rousseau- Human Nature, State of Nature, Social Contract, General Will and Popular Sovereignty
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<b>UNIT-IV :</b>	<b>UTILITARIAN POLITICAL THOUGHT</b>
	1. Jermy Bentham-Theory of Utility, Law and Reforms.
	2. J.S.Mill-Theory of Liberty and Representative Government.

<b>UNIT-V :</b>	<b>MARXIST POLITICAL THOUGHT</b>
	1. Karl Marx-Dialectical Materialism, Theory of Surplus Value and Class Struggle.
	2. Antonio Gramsci-Hegemony and Civil Society.

**REFERENCE BOOKS:**

➤ O.P.Gauba	:	<i>Western Political Thought</i>
➤ G.H.Sabine	:	<i>A History of Political Theory</i>
➤ E.Baker	:	<i>Greek Political Theory : Plato and His Predecessors</i>
➤ Subrata Mukherjee & Sushila Ramaswamy	:	<i>A History of Political Thought-Plato to Marx</i>
➤ ShefaliJha	:	<i>Western Political Thought -From Plato to Marx</i>
➤ B.N.Ray	:	<i>Western Political Thought</i>
➤ RadheyShamChaurasia	:	<i>History of Western Political Thought</i>
➤ P.B.Rathod	:	<i>Ancient and Medieval Political Thinkers-From Plato to Padua</i>
➤ Andrew Hakes	:	<i>Political Theory :Philosophy, Ideology and Science</i>
➤ HaratiDwarakanath, Prof.G.Lalaiah, K.Saibaba, K.Ramachandra Murthy &V.Bhogendracharyulu, Prof.V.RavindraSastry (ed)	:	<i>Political Thought</i>
➤ Anil Kumar Mukopadhyay	:	<i>An Introduction to Political Theory, Western Political Thought</i>
➤ William Ebenstien	:	<i>Great Political Thinkers-Plato to the Present Modern Political Thought, The Great Issues</i>
➤ J.P.Sudha	:	<i>History of Political Thought</i>
➤ H.J.Laski	:	<i>Political Thought from Bentham to Locke</i>
➤ C.L.Wayper	:	<i>Political Thought</i>

***ANNEXURE***

**CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

➤ All Co-curricular activities recommended at Course – I & III
➤ Peers and self-assessment, out puts from individuals and collaborative work.
➤ Assignments that encourage the study of standard Reference Books available at library
➤ Assignments of the emerging trends after Marxian Philosophy in the era of globalisation