

Contemporary 4 3 1 Nil None None

Political Philosophy

DSE 8 A

Course Objectives

1. To make the students familiar with contemporary debates of political philosophy
2. To acquaint with various approaches to political philosophy and its significance
3. To revisit the theories of justice in the light of contemporary social and political struggles

Learning Outcomes

After taking this course the student will:

1. Understand the contemporary debates of social and political philosophy in the light of social justice
2. Develop a practical approach to political philosophy rather carrying with either ideal and non- ideal theories of politics
3. Learn the limitations of of liberal theory and the importance of other contemporary critical theories

Unit I. Just Society and Political Philosophy (3 weeks, 9 Hours)

1. The Concept of Justice
2. Liberalism

Essential/Recommended Readings

Arneson, Richard J (2008) "Justice after Rawls", John S Dryzek, Bonnie Honig and Anne Phillips (Eds.) *The Oxford Hand Book of Political Theory*, Oxford: OUP. pp.45-66

Sandel, Michael (Ed.), (1984) *Liberalism and Its Critics*, New York: New York University Press, (Introduction pp1-12)

Unit II. Critique of Liberalism (4 weeks, 12 Hours)

1. Radical Liberalism
2. Communitarianism

Essential/Recommended Readings

Sandel, Michael. (2003) 'Liberalism and Limits of Justice', and Amy Gutmann, 'Communitarian Critics of Liberalism', in Derek Maltravers and Jon Pike, *Debates in Contemporary Political Philosophy- An Anthology*, London: Routledge, pp182-194

Mill, Charles (2017) 'The Critique of Racial Liberalism', From *Black Rights and White Wrongs*, Oxford: OUP, (p.xiii-xxi)

Unit III. Multiculturalism, Politics of Recognition and Minority Rights (4 weeks, 12 Hours)

1. Multiculturalism
2. Politics of Difference

Essential/Recommended Readings

Kymlicka, Will (2007) "Community and Multiculturalism", *Companion to Contemporary Political Philosophy* Vol.2, Wiley Blackwell, pp 463-477,

Young, Iris M. (2009) "Structural Injustice and Politics of Difference", Thomas Christiano and John Christman (Eds) *Contemporary Debates in Political Philosophy*, Wiley- Blackwell , pp.362-384

Unit IV. Humiliation, Human Dignity and Self- Respect (4 weeks, 12 Hours)

1. Concept of Dignity
2. Conception of Self Respect
3. New Humanism

Essential/Recommended Readings

Gopal Guru (2011) 'Humiliation, Delhi: Oxford University Press, Introduction

Dillon, Robin, (1995) 'Towards a Feminist Conception of Self-Respect', Robin S Dillon (Ed.)

Dignity, Character and Self-respect, New York: Routledge, Pp 290-310

G. Aloysius, (2019) *Periyar and Modernity*, Delhi: Critical Quest. Pp 12-42

Roy, M. N. "Radical Democracy", in *New Humanism: A Manifesto*, New Delhi, Ajanta Publications. 1981, pp. 38-49

Suggestive Readings

Estlund, David. (2014) Utopophobia, *Philosophy and Public Affairs*, 42(2)

David Estlund, (2020) 'An Unrealistic Introduction', David Estlund, *Utopophobia- On the Limits (if any) of Political Philosophy*, Princeton: Princeton University Press, pp3-24,

Laurence, Ben. The Question of the Agents of Change, *Journal of Political Philosophy* 28(4): 355-377,2020, (Laurence, Ben. Agents of Change-Political Philosophy in Practice, Harvard: Harvard University Press,2021)

Parekh , Bhikhu. (2003) Contemporary liberal responses to diversity, Derek Maltravers and Jon Pike, (Eds.) *Debates in Contemporary Political Philosophy- An Anthology*, London: Routledge, pp. 239-247

Foucault, Michel. (1991) 'Governmentality', Graham Burchell, Colin Gordon and Peter Miller(Eds.), *The Foucault Effect -Studies in Governmentality*, Chicago: University of Chicago Press, pp.87-104,

Foucault, Michel. (2007) The Critique, Sylvère Lotringer and Lysa Hochroth (eds) *The Politics of Truth*, Semiotext(e)

Michael Walzer, (1990) Communitarian Critique of Liberalism, *Political Theory*, Vol. 18, No. 1 pp. 6-23

Mill, Charles (2017) 'Ideal Theory as Ideology', In *Black Rights and White Wrongs*, Oxford: OUP, pp.72-90.

Taylor, Charles. (1995) 'Politics of Recognition,' *Multiculturalism*, (Ed.Amy Gutmann) Princeton: Princeton University, Pp.25-73

Axel Honneth , (1996) *The Struggle for Recognition: The Moral Grammar of Social Conflicts*. MIT Press, Pp.160-180

Robin S Dillon (Ed.) (1995) *Dignity, Character and Self-respect*, New York: Routledge,

Kilmister, Suzy (2020) *Contours of Dignity*, Oxford: Oxford University Press., Pp.16-38

Jeff Malpas and Norelle Lickiss (Eds). (2007) *Perspectives on Human Dignity: A Conversation*, Springer

Margalit, Avishai. (2009) *Decent Society*, Cambridge: Harvard University Press,

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Justice, Liberalism, Communitarianism, Politics of Difference, Multiculturalism, Human Dignity, Self-Respect, Structural injustice, Recognition

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
Philosophy of Perception	3	1	Nil	None	None	

DSE 8 B

Course Objectives

1. To introduce students to the philosophical problems surrounding the notion of perception
2. To familiarize students with both Indian and western theories of perception
3. To make students appreciate the concepts surrounding the contents and epistemic justification of perceptual intake
4. To enable students to pursue the philosophy of perception at a higher level

Course Learning Outcomes:

1. Students will be able to understand the problems regarding perception