

## Category II

### **Political Science Courses for Undergraduate Programme of study with Political Science as one of the Core Disciplines (B.A. Programmes with Political Science as Major discipline)**

**DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE COURSE (DSC-4A): Comparative Government and Politics**

#### **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		
<b>Comparative Government and Politics MDSC-4A</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>

#### **Learning Objectives**

The purpose of this course is to equip students to understand government and politics through a comparative perspective. The course aims at familiarising students with the manner in which comparison is used as a method to understand the historical transformations in governmental forms, regime types, and political systems. It also hopes to make students understand the different modalities through which power circulates and resides in society and the distinct mechanisms through which consent is elicited from the people. The course is expected to bring to the students a thorough understanding of the historical contexts in which political systems and institutional structures take distinct forms and acquire features that distinguish them. The course hopes to bring out the specificities of these forms not just through historical signposts but also across different political cultures in the global North and South.

#### **Learning outcomes**

On successful completion of the course, students would demonstrate:

- An in-depth understanding of nature and scope of comparative politics.
- Knowledge of regime forms as distinct from classification of political systems
- Knowledge of various kinds of electoral systems and party systems across countries
- An understanding of the manner in which power exists in society
- Analytical capacity to engage with contemporary debates on welfare, populism, and authoritarianism.

#### **SYLLABUS OF MDSC-4A**

##### **UNIT – I (7 Hours)**

**The nature, scope and methods of comparative political analysis**

##### **UNIT – II (8 Hours)**

**Classifications of political systems**

- (a) Parliamentary and Presidential
- (b) Federal and Unitary

### **UNIT – III (7 Hours)**

#### **Electoral Systems**

First past the post, Proportional representation and Mixed systems

### **UNIT – IV (8 Hours)**

#### **Party Systems**

Single-party, bi-party and multi-party systems

### **UNIT – V (7 Hours)**

#### **Structures of Power in Society**

Classical elitist theory, power elites, pluralism and theory of ruling class

### **UNIT – VI (8 Hours)**

#### **Comparing Regimes**

Democratic, Authoritarian, Welfare, Populism and Security Regimes

### **Essential/recommended readings**

#### **The nature, scope and methods of comparative political analysis**

Bara, J. (2009) 'Methods for Comparative Analysis', in Bara, J. & Pennington, M. (eds.) *Comparative Politics*. New Delhi: Sage, pp. 40-65.

Blondel, J. (1996) 'Then and Now: Comparative Politics', *Political Studies*. Vol. 47, Issue 1, pp.152-160

Caramani, D. (2008) 'Introduction to Comparative Politics', in Caramani, D. (ed.) *Comparative Politics*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 1-23.

Mohanty, M. (1975) 'Comparative Political Theory and Third World Sensitivity', in *Teaching Politics*. Nos. 1 & 2, pp. 22-38.

Chandhoke, N. (1996) 'Limits of Comparative Political Analysis', *Economic and Political Weekly*. vol. 31, No. 4, (January 27), pp. PE 2-PE8.

#### **Classifications of political systems**

Hague, R. and Harrop, M. McCormick J. (2016) *Comparative Government and Politics: An Introduction*. (Tenth Edition). London: Palgrave MacMillan. Ch11. Sub-national government.

Newton, K. and Deth, Jan W. V. (2010) Presidential and Parliamentary Government (Ch 5) in *Foundations of Comparative Politics: Democracies of the Modern World*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Patrick H O'Neil, Karl J Fields and Don Share, (2018 Edition), Models of Democracy: Parliamentary, Presidential and Semi-Presidential System, *Essentials of Comparative Politics with Cases*, pp. 150-156.

Robbins, J. W. (2011) 'Presidentialism Verses Parliamentarism', in Ishiyama, J. T. and Marijke, *21st Century Political Science: A Reference Book*. Los Angeles: Sage.

Saxena, Rekha (2011). Introduction. In R. Saxena (Ed.), *Varieties of Federal Governance: Major Contemporary Models* (pp. xiii-xl), Foundations Book.

#### **Electoral Systems**

Evans, Jocelyn A.J. (2009) 'Electoral Systems', in Bara, J. and Pennington, M. (eds.) *Comparative Politics*. New Delhi: Sage, pp. 93-119.

Downs, W. M. (2011) 'Electoral Systems in Comparative Perspectives', in Ishiyama, J. T. And Breuning, M. (eds.) *21st Century Political Science: A Reference Book*. Los Angeles: Sage, pp.159-167.

### **Party Systems**

Caramani, D. (2020) 'Party Systems', in Caramani, D. (ed.) *Comparative Politics*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, Ch.13, pp. 231-251.

Choudhary, Sunil K. (2018), Theorizing Parties and Party Systems, in *The Changing Face of Parties and Party Systems, A Study of Israel and India*, Palgrave Macmillan.

Cole, A. (2011) 'Comparative Political Parties: Systems and Organizations', in Ishiyama, J.T. and Breuning, M. (eds.) *21st Century Political Science: A Reference Book*. Los Angeles: Sage, pp. 150-158.

Heywood, Andrew (2013) Parties and Party System, in Andrew Heywood, *Politics* (Fourth Edition), Palgrave.

### **Structures of Power in Society**

Parry, Geraint. (1986) *Political Elites*, George Allen & Unwin, London.

### **Comparing Regimes**

Hague, R. and Harrop, M. McCormick J. (2016) Ch 3- Democratic Rule and Ch.4- Authoritarian Rule. In *Comparative Government and Politics: An Introduction*. (Tenth Edition). London: Palgrave Macmillan.

Heywood, Andrew (2013) Governments, Systems and Regimes, in Andrew Heywood, *Politics* (Fourth Edition), Palgrave.

Anibal Perez Linan. (2020) 'Democracies', in Caramani, D. (ed.) *Comparative Politics*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, Ch.5, pp. 86-102.

Lindstaedt N. (2020) Authoritarian Regimes, in D Caramani (ed.), *Comparative Politics*, Oxford University Press, Ch 6. Pp.103-115

Mudde Cas and Kaltwasser Cristóbal Rovira (2017), What is Populism (Ch 1), Populism around the world (Ch 2) in *Populism: A Very Short Introduction*, OUP.

Webb, E. (2011) 'Totalitarianism and Authoritarianism', in Ishiyama, J. T. and Breuning, M. (eds.) *21st Century Political Science: A Reference Book*. Los Angeles: Sage, pp. 249-257.

Busch, Andreas (2015), The Changing Architecture of the National Security State', in Stephan Leibfried, Evelyn Huber, Matthew Large, Jonah D. Levy and John D. Stephens (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Transformations of State*, Oxford, Oxford University Press.

Garland, David (2016), Ch 1, 6, 7 in *The Welfare State: A Very Short Introduction*, OUP.

Kesselman, M. (2007) *The Politics of Globalization*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company, pp. 330- 339.

Aldrich, Richard J. (2009) The Security State, in Matthew Flinders, Andrew Gamble, Colin Hay, and Michael Kenny (Eds), *The Oxford Handbook of British Politics*, OUP.

Rosenzweig, Paul, (2016), Lecture 1- Security, Liberty, or Neither, and Lecture 4- Surveillance in America, in: *The Surveillance State, Big Data, Freedom, and You*, Course Guidebook, Teaching Company.

Mabee, B. (2009). The 'Security State' and the Evolution of Security Provision. in: *The Globalization of Security. New Security Challenges Series*. Palgrave Macmillan, London.

### Additional Readings:

- Bara, J & Pennington, M. (eds.). (2009) *Comparative Politics*. New Delhi: Sage.
- Caramani, D. (ed.). (2008) *Comparative Politics*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Hague, R. and Harrop, M. (2010) *Comparative Government and Politics: An Introduction*. (Eight Edition). London: Palgrave McMillan.
- Ishiyama, J.T. and Breuning, M. (eds.). (2011) *21st Century Political Science: A Reference Book*. Los Angeles: Sage.
- Newton, K. and Deth, Jan W. V. (2010) *Foundations of Comparative Politics: Democracies of the Modern World*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- O'Neil, P. (2009) *Essentials of Comparative Politics*. (Third Edition). New York: WW. Norton & Company, Inc.
- Roy Macridis: *The Study of Comparative Government*, Random House 1966/'*The modern Political Regimes: Patterns and Institutions*', 1986.

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## DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE COURSE (DSC-4B): Public Institutions in India

### 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		
Public Institutions in India MDSC-4B	4	3	1	-	NA	NA

### Learning Objectives

The aim of this course is to familiarize students with institutions that are significant in the functioning of Indian democracy. It is designed to help students get a thorough understanding of the different functions performed by public institutions including maintaining law and order, eliciting accountability from the state, regulating the institutional space, and enhancing state accountability and its capacity to frame and implement social and economic policies. The purpose is to make students aware of the complex functions performed by the institutions of the state in contemporary contexts.

### Learning outcomes

After completing this course, students will

- understand the design and performance of specific institutions
- become aware of the historical contexts in which institutions emerge
- develop the tools to understand the challenges faced by contemporary institutions
- acquire an understanding of what enhances institutional capacity of states

## SYLLABUS OF MDSC-4B

### UNIT – I (6 Hours)

Studying Public Institutions

### UNIT – II (6 Hours)

Framing Public Policy

Niti Aayog

### UNIT – III (6 Hours)

Conducting Elections

Election Commission of India (ECI)

### UNIT – IV (6 Hours)

Securing Citizens

The Police

### UNIT – V (7 Hours)

Ensuring Rights

National Human Rights Commission of India (NHRC)

### UNIT – VI (7 Hours)

Regulatory Institutions

Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

### UNIT – VII (7 Hours)

Transparency and Accountability

Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG)

Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC)

## Essential/recommended readings

### Unit wise reading list

#### 1. Studying Public Institutions

D. Kapur, P. B. Mehta and M. Vaishnav eds. (2017), *Rethinking Public Institutions in India*, Delhi, Oxford University Press, [Introduction, pp. 1-32].

D. Kapur and P. B. Mehta eds. (2005), *Public Institutions in India*, Delhi, Oxford University Press [Introduction, pp. 1-27].

#### 2. Framing Public Policy: Niti Aayog

A. Rajan, (2016), 'The Institutional Identity of India's Niti Aayog', *Indian Journal of Public Administration*, Vol.LXII, No.1, January-March 2016, pp.111-117.

S. Mehrotra and S. Guichard eds. (2020), *Planning in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century and Beyond: India's Planning Commission and the Niti Aayog*, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, [S. Guichard and S. Mehrotra, 'Planning for a 21<sup>st</sup> Century India' (Chapter One: pp. 1-22); P. Sen, 'Plan, but Do Not Over-plan: Lessons for Niti Aayog' (Chapter 13: pp. 264-282); S. Mehrotra,

'Why Does India Need a Central Planning Institution in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century' (Chapter 14: pp.283-217)

### **3. Conducting Elections: Election Commission of India**

E. Sridharan and M. Vaishnav (2017), 'Election Commission of India', in D. Kapur, P.B. Mehta and M. Vaishnav (eds.) *Rethinking Public Institutions in India*, New Delhi, Oxford University Press, pp. 417-463.

U.K. Singh and A. Roy (2018), 'Regulating the Electoral Domain: The Election Commission of India', *Indian Journal of Public Administration*, 17 August 2018.

S. Kumar (2022), *Elections in India: An Overview*, Routledge, London and New York.

U. Singh and A. Roy (2019), *Election Commission of India: Institutionalising Democratic Uncertainties*, Oxford University Press, Delhi.

### **4. Securing Citizens: The Police**

A. Verma, (2005), 'The Police in India', in D. Kapur and P. B. Mehta eds., *Public Institutions in India*, Delhi, Oxford University Press, pp. 194-257.

A. Verma, (2007), 'Police Agencies and Coercive Power', in S. Ganguli, L. Diamond and M. F. Plattner eds., *The State of India's Democracy*, Baltimore, Johns Hopkins University Press, pp.121-142.

R. K. Raghavan (2000), 'The India Police: Expectations of a Democratic Polity', in F. R. Frankel, Z. Hasan, R. Bhargava and B. Arora eds., *Transforming India: Social and Political Dynamics of Democracy*, Delhi, Oxford University Press, pp. 288-313.

B. Jauregui, (2017), *Provisional Authority: Public, Order, and Security in India*, Ranikhet, Permanent Black.

Second Administration Reforms Commission, (2007), 'Public Order' (Fifth Report), Delhi, ARC, Government of India.

### **5. Ensuring Rights: NHRC**

S. Sen, (2018) *National Human Rights Commission*, Delhi, Aakaar Books.

U. K. Singh, (2018) 'The 'Inside-Outside' Body: National Human Rights Commission of India', *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. LIII, No. 5, 2018.

S. Cardenas (2014), *Chains of Justice*, Philadelphia, University of Pennsylvania Press.

Asian NGO Network on National Human Rights Institutions, (2019), Mission Report on the Performance of National Human Rights Commission of India, Bangkok and Geneva, Forum-Asia.

### **6. Regulatory Institutions: RBI**

E. D'Souza, (2005), 'Reserve Bank of India: The Way Forward', in Devesh Kapur, Pratap Bhanu Mehta and Milan Vaishnav eds., *Rethinking Public Institutions in India*, Delhi, Oxford University Press, pp. 139-179.

D. Khatkhate, (2005), 'Reserve Bank of India: A Study in the Separation and Attrition of Powers', in Devesh Kapur and Pratap Bhanu Mehta eds., *Public Institutions in India*, Delhi, Oxford University Press, pp.320-350.

### **7. Public Accountability: CAG, CVC**

E. Sridharan (2017), 'Institutions of Internal Accountability', in D. Kapur, P.B. Mehta and M. Vaishnav eds., *Rethinking Public Institutions in India*, Delhi, Oxford University Press, pp.269-296.

A. Mukhopadhyay, (2017) 'Foregrounding Financial Accountability in Governance', in D. Kapur, P. B. Mehta and M. Vaishnav eds., *Rethinking Public Institutions in India*, Delhi, Oxford University Press, pp.297-338.

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