

CENTRE FOR POLITICAL STUDIES
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M.PHIL COMPULSORY COURSE: PO 602

COURSE TITLE: **APPROACHES, CONCEPTS AND METHODS OF POLITICAL ANALYSIS**

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Credits 4

Scheme of Evaluation: Mid-term assignments and an End term examination.

Any engagement with social and political reality involves the use of concepts. Concepts mediate our understanding and representation of that reality but at the same time concepts get rearticulated in the process of this interaction with the external reality. This interaction with social reality is however informed by a theoretical paradigm. The meaning of concepts has therefore to be understood in relation to the theoretical framework in which they are placed. What the concept denotes often changes, or is nuanced and modified, as we move from one theoretical framework to another. This course is intended to introduce young researchers to this dialectical play between concepts, theoretical approaches and political analysis. The readings on each of the chosen concepts have been structured to reflect the different ways in which concepts get redefined and restructured across different theoretical frameworks. The engagement with a concept is thus conceived as an engagement with the larger theoretical framework and approach to the study of political reality. The students are expected to write their assignments keeping in mind this orientation.

Concepts

- 1.Nationalism
2. State
- 3.Power & Authority
- 4.Democracy
- 5.Cosmopolitanism
- 6.Citizenship

Reading List:

Nationalism:

Benedict Anderson, *Imagined Communities: Reflections on the Origins and Spread of Nationalism*, Verso, 1983

Eric Hobsbawm, *Nations and Nationalism Since 1780: Programme, Myth and Reality*, 1990.
Rogers Brubaker, *Nationalism Reframed: Nationhood and the National Question in the New Europe*. 1996.

Partha Chatterjee, *The Nation and its Fragments: Colonial and Postcolonial Histories*, OUP, 1993.

Yael Tamir, *Liberal Nationalism*, 1993.

Gopal Balakrishnan (ed.), *Mapping the Nation*, Verso, 1996.

Peter Spencer and Howard Wollman (eds.) *Nations and Nationalism: A Reader*, Edinburgh University Press, 2005.

Roger Scruton, 'In Defence of the Nation,' in Derek Matravers and John Pike (eds.) *Debates in Contemporary Political Philosophy: An Anthology*, Routledge, 2003.

State:

Hamza Alavi, 'The State in Post-colonial societies', *New Left Review*, 74, July/August 1972.

Karl Marx, *The Eighteenth Brumaire of Louis Bonaparte*, Progress Publishers, 1977.

Mahmood Mamdani *Citizen and Subject: Contemporary Africa and the Legacy of Colonialism*, 1996.

Mills, C. Wright (1956) *Power Elites*.

Nicos Poulantzas 'The Problem of the Capitalist State', in Robin Blackburn (ed.) *Ideology in Social Science*.

Nicos Poulantzas *State, Power, Socialism*, London, 1980.

Nicos Poulantzas, *Political Power and Social Classes*, London, 1973.

Peter B. Evans and Theda Skocpol, *Bringing the State Back In* (Cambridge, MA:Cambridge University Press, 1985).

Ralph Miliband, 'The Capitalist State - Reply to Poulantzas', in Robin Blackburn (ed.) *Ideology in Social Science*, London , 1972.

Ralph Miliband, *The State in Capitalist Society*, London, 1969.

V.I. Lenin, *State and Revolution*.

Power and authority:

Bent Flyvbjerg, 'Habermas and Foucault: Thinkers for Civil Society?' *British Journal of Sociology*, vol. 49, no.2, June 1998, pp. 208-233.

Joseph Raz, *The Morality of Freedom*. Chapters 3 and 4.

Michel Foucault, *Discipline and Punish*

Michel Foucault, *Power/Knowledge*

P. Bachrach and M. Baratz. *The Two Faces of Power*. 1962

Steven Lukes, *Power: A Radical View*. Macmillan, London

Cosmopolitanism:

Bruce Ackerman, "Rooted Competition", *Ethics*, 1994, 104/3.

Charles Beitz, "Cosmopolitan Ideals and National Sentiment", *The Journal of Philosophy*, 1983, 8/10.

Daniel Archibugi, "Cosmopolitan Democracy", 2000, *NLR*, 4.

Gelanty, David (2019) *Routledge Handbook of Cosmopolitanism*.

Held, David (2010) *Cosmopolitanism: Ideals and Realities*. Polity Press

Martha Nussbaum, "Patriotism and Cosmopolitanism", *Boston review*, 1994, 195.

Pratap Mehta, "Cosmopolitanism and the Circle of Reason", *Political Theory*, 2000, 28/5 .

Steven Vertovec and R. Cohen, (eds.), *Conceiving Cosmopolitanism: Theory, Context and Practice*.

Please note that the course content is intended for a regular one semester course (four and half months). If there are changes in the duration of the semester, corresponding modifications will be applied with reference to the topics, class lectures and readings