

Centre for Canadian, US & Latin American Studies
School of International Studies
Jawaharlal Nehru University
M. Phil Course

Course No.	:	AW 651
Course Level	:	M. Phil
Course Title	:	<u>Political Economy of Canada</u>
Credits	:	3
Semester	:	Winter Semester
Course Instructors	:	Dr. Priti Singh
Instructional Method	:	Lectures/Seminars/Tutorials
Evaluation	:	Sessional & End-Semester Examination
Duration of the Course	:	One semester
Contact Hours	:	4 per week

Course Contents

- I. The Political Economy Tradition in Canada. The Staples Approach—old and new; Harold Innis and his ideas on development and under- development; post-Innis traditions in Canadian political economy and their critique.
- II. Nation-Building: national policy of tariffs and national unification. Political economy of resources—oil, forest staples and mining. Manufacturing in Canada’s political economy. Commercial and Industrial Unification. Early role of the state; Canadian welfare state.
- III. Structure and Organisation of Capital: Fragmentation or Consolidation? Flow and role of direct foreign investment; US MNCs in Canada—‘branch-plant’ and other characteristics. Linkage between Canadian and US corporate power.
- IV. State-Society Relations: Keynesian welfare state; post-welfarism or ‘neo- conservatism’; linkage between economic and political elites; labour and gender at work and their movements; political economy of indigenous peoples; race, ethnicity and migration in the process of development Political economy of regionalism—resource endowment and regional Imbalances. Canadian theories of regionalism.
- V. Canada in International Political Economy: ‘Periphery’ or ‘Perimeter’? Innis and post-Innis analyses; resource exports and ‘middle power’ status in international politics. Economic continentalism—constraints and choices: pre-NAFTA and NAFTA. Politics of foreign economic relations—bilateral and multilateral ties.