

POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY

Course Code: SOC–552

Type: Elective Course

Semester: Spring

L-T-P-C (3-1-0-4)

Objectives of the Course:

The paper introduces major concepts, perspectives and theories of political sociology with a special focus on recent debates and deliberations in the discipline in South Asia like ethnicity, nation-building and citizenship.

UNIT I **Basic Concepts**

Interrelationship between polity and society; Political socialization; Political culture; Political efficacy; Political Modernization; Elites and leaders; factions; Interest groups; Civil society

UNIT II **Theories of Political Sociology**

Classical – Durkheim, Max Weber, Karl Marx
Elitist– Mosca, Pareto, Mitchels, Mills
Pluralist – Tocqueville & Dahl

UNIT III **Political Parties and Political processes in India:**

Political Parties: Types, characteristics, social composition and recruitment; participation, Interest aggregation; mobilization and articulation; Voting Behaviour; Coalition politics

Role of social milieu in Indian polity

UNIT IV **Ethnicity and Nation-building in South-Asia**

Citizenship, ethnicity and Nation-building in South Asia; Role of Mass-media and ICT in polity; Policy analysis

Essential Readings:

Brass, Paul. 1990. *The politics of India since Independence*, Cambridge University Press, New Delhi.

Eisenstadt, S. N. 1971. *Political Sociology: A Reader* New York: Basic Books

Deutsch K.W. 1961. 'Social Mobilization and Political Development' *American Political Science Review* Vol. LV No. 3. September

Michels, Roberto 1967: *Political Parties*, New York, Free Press

Kothari, Rajani. 1979. *Politics in India* New Delhi: Orient Longman Ltd.

Lipset, S.M 1981. *Political Man: The Social Bases of Politics* The Johns Hopkins University Press

Mills, C. Wright 1956. *The Power Elite*, Oxford: Oxford University Press

Pareto, Vilfredo 1935. *The Mind and Society* Harcourt, Brace.

Rudolf, L.I. and S.H. Rudolph. 1987. *In Pursuit of Lakshmi: The Political Economy of Indian State*. New Delhi: Orient Longman (Vol 1)

Dahl R.A. 2005. *Who Governs?: Democracy and Power in an American City*. Yale University Press

Mosca, Gaetano. 1939. *The Ruling Class* London: McGraw-Hill Book Company

Dahrendorf, R. 1968. *Essays in the Theory of Society*. London: Routledge & Kegan Paul

T. K. Oommen. . 1990. *State and Society in India: Studies in Nation-building*. New Delhi: Sage Publications

Almond G. A 1988. *Comparative Politics Today: A World View* Glenview IL: Scott, Foresman and Company

Horowitz, Irving L. 1972. *Foundation of Political Sociology*. New Delhi: Harper and Row

Padhni Urmila 2001. *Ethnicity and Nation-building in South Asia* New Delhi: Sage Publications

Lewis, Oscar, 1958. *Village Life in Northern India: Studies in a Delhi Village*, Urbana: University of Illinois

Further Reading

Baviskar B.S et. al. ed. 2009. *Inclusion and Exclusion in Local Governance: Field Studies from Rural India*, New Delhi: Sage Publications

Brass, Paul. R. 1983. *Caste, Faction and Party in Indian Politics, Vol. – I*, Delhi: Chanakya Publications

Singh, Rajender, 1988. *Land, Power and People*, New Delhi: Sage Publications.

Shah,A.M (Forthcoming) *The Grassroots of Democracy: Field Studies of Indian Elections*, New Delhi: Orient BlackSwan

Kothari, Rajani. 1970. *Caste in Indian Politics*, New Delhi: Orient Longman Ltd.