ST. JOSEPH’S COLLEGE FOR WOMEN’S (AUTONOMUS), VISAKHAPATNAM

IV SEMESTER **POLITICAL SCIENCE** TIME:5 HOURS/WEEK

POL 4504 (4) **WESTREN POLITICAL THOUGHT** MAX. MARKS: 100

(w.e.f 2020-21 year) **SYLLABUS**

# OBJECTIVES: To enable the students to

* Understand the nature and scope of political thought as it gives a clear vision about political life
* Become aware of the basic values in political behavior.
* Develop an insight into human nature in order to develop the spirit of accommodation and coexistence.
* Have aboard outlook of life, as rational human beings.

**COURSE OUTCOMES:** On successful completion of the course the students will be able to:

* understand the fundamental contours classical, western political philosophy, basic features of medieval political thought and shift from medieval to modern era.
* understand the Social Contract Theory and appreciate its implications on the perception of State in terms of its purposes and role.
* Acquaint with the Liberal and Marxist philosophy and analyze some trends in Western Political Thought.
* Critically analyze the evolution of western political thought.

**UNIT-I : ANCIENT GREEK POLITICAL THOUGHT:-**

1. Plato-Rule of Philosopher Kings-Theory of Justice-Ideal State and Education

2. Aristotle-Theory of State-Classification of Governments-Citizenship, Slavery and Theory of Revolutions.

**UNIT-II : MEDIEVAL AND MODERN POLITICAL THOUGHT:-**

1. St. Augustine-Theory of Two Cities.

2. Niccol Machiavelli-State and Statecraft.

**UNIT-III : CONTRACTUAL POLITICAL THOUGHT:-**

1. Thomas Hobbes- Social Contract and Absolute Sovereignty.

2. John Locke- Human Nature, State of Nature, Social Contract, Natural Rights and Limited Government

3. Jean Jacques Rousseau- Human Nature, State of Nature, Social Contract, General Will and Popular Sovereignty.

**UNIT-IV : UTILITARIAN POLITICAL THOUGHT:-**

1. Jermyn Bentham - Theory of Utility, Law and Reforms.

2. J.S.Mill-Theory of Liberty and Representative Government.

**UNIT-V : MARXIST POLITICAL THOUGHT:-**

1. Karl Marx-Historical Materialistic Interpretation-Dialectical Materialism, Theory of Surplus Value and Class Struggle.

2. Antonio Gramsci-Hegemony and Civil Society.

**REFERENCE BOOKS:**

* O.P . Gauba: Western Political Thought
* G.H. Sabine: A History of Political Theory
* E. Baker: Greek Political Theory: Plato and His Predecessors
* Subrata Mukherjee & Sushila Ramaswamy : A History of Political Thought-Plato to Marx
* Shefali Jha: Western Political Thought -From Plato to Marx
* B.N.Ray: Western Political Thought
* RadheySham Chaurasia : History of Western Political Thought
* P.B.Rathod : Ancient and Medieval Political Thinkers-From Plato to Padua
* Andrew Hakes: Political Theory :Philosophy, Ideology and Science
* Harati Dwarakanath, Prof.G.Lalaiah, K.Saibaba, K.Ramachandra Murthy &V.Bhogendracharyulu, Prof.V.RavindraSastry (ed) : Political Thought
* Anil Kumar Mukopadhyay : An Introduction to Political Theory, Western Political Thought
* William Ebenstien : Great Political Thinkers-Plato to the Present Modern Political Thought, The Great Issues
* J.P.Sudha : History of Political Thought ¬
* H.J.Laski : Political Thought from Bentham to Locke C.L.Wayper : Political Thought.

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