

Draft Syllabus

S.Y.B.A. Philosophy Paper II

Course Title: Social Philosophy

Semester III

Credits: 3

Code: UAPHI301

Marks: 100

Total Lectures: 45

The OBJECTIVES of the course on social philosophy are:

- a) To acquaint students with the basic philosophical questions and issues that current in social philosophy
- b) To equip students with argumentative and analytical skills involved in philosophizing through these issues
- c) To encourage a spirit of rationality in philosophizing while appreciating and respecting differing philosophical ideas and perspectives

Unit I Family and Gender Issues (11 Lectures)

Perspectives on Family & Marriage, Contemporary trends in Family and Marriage - Single Parent families, Live – in relationships, Gay marriages, Feminism: Gender as a construct, Claims of Masculinity

Unit II Social Awareness(11 Lectures)

Economic discrimination – Gandhi, Class discrimination – Marx,
Racial Discrimination – Frantz Fanon, Caste Discrimination – Ambedkar

Unit III War and Pacifism (11 Lectures)

What is War and theories of War, Principles of Just War, Justice of War (jus ad bellum); Justice in war (jus in bello), jus post bellum, Pacifism

Unit IV Engaging Diversity (12 Lectures)

Philosophical Perspective of Multiculturalism - Bhikhu Parekh, Critique of Multiculturalism-Brian Barry, Claims of Refugees and Immigrants – Michael Dummett, Orientalism-Edward Said

Semester End Exam Evaluation [100 marks]

References and reading list

Unit I

Bertrand Russell *Marriage and Morals* Routledge Publications, 1985

Deborah Satz “Feminist Perspectives on Reproduction and the Family” *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* 2013 (on line <https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/feminism-family/>)

Barrie Thorne “Feminist Rethinking of the Family: An Overview” *Rethinking the Family: Some Feminist Questions* ed. Barrie Thorne and Marilyn Yalom Longman: New York and London, 1982

Simone de Beauvoir “Introduction” *The Second Sex* (a new translation by Constance Borde and Sheila Malovany-Chevallier) Vintage: London, 2009

Jack Sawyer “On Male Liberation” in *Feminism and Masculinities* ed. Peter Murphy OUP, Oxford 2004

Unit II

M.K. Gandhi. *Trusteeship* Navjeevan Publication, 1990

K. Kripalani *All men are brothers*, Chapter- Poverty in the midst of plenty- Navjeevan Publication 1960

Franz Fanon “The Fact of Blackness” *Black Skin White Masks*-Grove Press 1967

Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels *A Manifesto of the Communist Party*

1848 <https://www.marxists.org/archive/marx/works/download/pdf/Manifesto.pdf>

B.R. Ambedkar “On the way to Goregaon” in *The Essential Writings of B.R. Ambedkar* ed. Valerian Rodrigues OUP, Oxford: 2002

_____ “Who were the Shudras?” in *The Essential Writings of B.R. Ambedkar* ed. Valerian Rodrigues OUP, Oxford: 2002

Unit III

Nicholas Fotion *War and Ethics: a New Just War Theory* (Continuum, 2007)

Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy (on line source) readings on war and pacificism.

Unit IV

Charles Taylor “The Politics of Recognition” in Colin Farrelly (ed) *Contemporary Political Theory: A Reader* (Sage Publishers, 2004)

Bhiku Parekh. “Equality of Difference” in Colin Farrelly (ed) *Contemporary Political Theory: A Reader* (Sage Publishers, 2004)

Brian Barry “The Muddles of Multiculturalism” *New Left Review* 8, March-April 2001

Edward Said *Orientalism* (New York: Pantheon, 1978)

Michael Dummett *Immigration and Refugees* Routledge London and New York, 2001 (chapters 1-5)

Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy (on line source) reading on multiculturalism

S.Y.B.A. Philosophy Paper II

Course Title: Political Philosophy

Semester IV

Credits: 3

Code: UAPHI401

Marks: 100

Total Lectures: 45

The OBJECTIVES of the course on Political philosophy are:

- a) To acquaint students with the basic philosophical questions and issues that are current in political philosophy
- b) To equip students with argumentative and analytical skills involved in philosophical reasoning
- c) To encourage a spirit of rationality in philosophising while appreciating and respecting differing philosophical ideas and perspectives

Unit I

Political ideologies(11 Lectures)

Liberalism, socialism, Anarchism, Totalitarianism, Cosmopolitanism Nationalism

Unit II Liberty (11 Lectures)

Two Concepts of Liberty (Berlin):Negative liberty- Hobbes, Locke, Positive liberty- Rousseau, Third Concept of Liberty (Phillip Pettit; Quentin Skinner), Right to dissent and civil disobedience – Martin Luther King

Unit III Equality(11 Lectures)

Types of equality Numerical/Proportional/Formal/Moral

Dworkin on the primacy of equality

Gandhi – Sarvodaya (universal welfare), Bhave –Bhoodan movement

Unit IV Justice(12 Lectures)

What is Justice? Justice as preservation – Plato, Justice as entitlement– Nozick, Justice as distribution – Rawls, Social Justice - Ambedkar

Semester End Exam Evaluation [100 marks]

References and reading list

Unit. 1.

Robert Goodman, Philip Pettit and Thomas Pogge *A Companion to Contemporary Political Philosophy* Blackwell: 2007 (2 volumes)

Baradat, Leon. *Political Ideologies: their origins and impact* (Pearson-Prentice Hall, 2008)

Bird, Colin. *An Introduction to Political Philosophy* (Cambridge University Press, 2006)
Heywood, Andrew. *Political Theory: An Introduction* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2012/13)
Knowles, Dudley. *Political Philosophy* (London: Routledge, 2001)

Unit. 2.

David Miller ed. *The Liberty Reader* Routledge 2006 : Readings from the above text as follows: (a) Two Concepts of Liberty by Isaiah Berlin (b) Negative and Positive Freedom by Gerald C. MacCallum, Jr. (c) The Republican Ideal of Freedom by Philip Pettit (d) A Third Concept of Liberty by Quentin Skinner
Martin Luther King. "Letter from Birmingham Jail" https://web.cn.edu/kwheeler/documents/Letter_Birmingham_Jail.pdf 1963

Unit.3.

Stephan Goosepath "Equality" in *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*
<https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/equality/> 2007
Raymond Plant *Modern Political Thought* Wiley Blackwell 1991 (chapter on Dworkin)
Ronald Dworkin "What is Equality? Part 1: Equality of Welfare" *Philosophy & Public Affairs*, 10 (3) (Summer, 1981), pp. 185-246
Ronald Dworkin "What is Equality? Part 2: Equality of Resources" *Philosophy & Public Affairs*, Vol. 10, No. 4 (Autumn, 1981), pp. 283-345
M.K. Gandhi *Autobiography: Story of My Experiments with Truth* (relevant discussion on *Sarvodaya*) Navjivan Publishing House: Ahmedabad
_____ *'Hind Swaraj' and Other Writings* (Cambridge Texts in Modern Politics) ed. Anthony Parel, CUP: Cambridge 2010 edition)
_____ *Village Swaraj* compiled H.M. Vyas Navjivan Publishing House: Ahmedabad, 1962
Ganesh Prasad "Sarvodaya—A Critical Study" *The Indian Journal of Political Science* Vol. 21, No. 1 (January—March, 1960), pp. 38-61

Unit.4.

Julian Lamont "Distributive Justice" *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* <https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/equality/> 1993/2013
Mark Lebar "Justice as Virtue" *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* <https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/equality/> 2002/2016
Robert Nozick *Anarchy, State and Utopia*, New York: Basic Books, 1974 (chapter 7)
John Rawls *A Theory of Justice*, Cambridge, MA Harvard University Press, 1971 (chapter 1 and chapter 2)
Raymond Plant *Modern Political Thought* Wiley Blackwell 1991 (Relevant chapters)
Plato, *Republic* New Haven: Yale University Press, 2006 (Book 1)
B.R. Ambedkar "Annihilation of Caste" in *Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar: Writings and Speeches*, Vol. 1. Bombay: Education Department, Government of Maharashtra, 1979, pp. 25-96. (also available online)
Arun P. Mukherjee "B.R. Ambedkar, John Dewey, and the Meaning of Democracy" *New Literary History* (2009) 40 (2): 345-370

Valerian Rodrigues “Ambedkar on Preferential Treatment” *Seminar* (2005), 549, pp 55–61.