

**UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS**  
**B.A. DEGREE PROGRAMME IN PHILOSOPHY**  
 SYLLABUS WITH EFFECT FROM 2023-2024

**Core Course – CC XIV**  
**POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY: EAST AND WEST**

Subject Code	Subject Name	Category	L	T	P	S	Credits	Inst. Hours	Marks		
									CIA	External	Total
309C6B	Political Philosophy: East and West	Core	Y	-	-	-	4	6	25	75	100
Pre - requisite	Need Knowledge of Political Science										

<b>Learning Objectives</b>	
LO1	To make the students aware of the core concepts in Political Philosophy
LO2	To enable the students to gain expert knowledge on State and its functions
LO3	To make the students aware of the political ideologies of Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Marx and Gandhi
LO4	To make the students aware of the political ideologies of Indian Political Thought
LO5	To make the students aware of the emergence of Doctrine of Dharma: Law, Justice, Duty and Varnasrama, Right to Revolt.

Units	Course Syllabus
Unit – 1	Nature and Scope - Methodology - Relationship with other social sciences – State – Definition, Elements, Distinction between State, Society, Association, Government, Community and Nation – Nationality and Nation State.
Unit – 2	Thomas Hobbes – Social Contract Theory – State of nature – Sovereignty – Powers, Function and Limitation, John Lock - Social Contract Theory – State of nature – Natural Rights, Rousseau: Social Contract Theory – General Will – The Paradox of Freedom
Unit – 3	Jeremy Bentham – Law, Liberty and Government, Rights, State, Sovereignty Karl Marx – The Class Struggle – the State – Idealism and Materialism, Communism
Unit – 4	Harold J Laski – Political Pluralism - John Rawls – Distributive Justice - Robert Nozick – Entitlement Theory of Justice
Unit – 5	Indian Political Thought: The Theory of State – The Doctrine of Matsya-Nyaya, Danda -The Theory of Property, Law and Social Order – Doctrine of Mamatva, And Doctrine of Dharma: Law, Justice, Duty - Right to Revolt.

<b>Course out Come:</b>	
1.	Students demonstrate knowledge in the political philosophy in general
2.	Students demonstrate knowledge of general political philosophical teachings in Indian tradition
3.	Course imparts the skills to analyses the present-day political situations.
4.	The course will make students on reflection of how best to adjust in our collective life.
5.	It provides a comprehensive understanding of the matters like justice, liberty, freedom and equality.

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<b>Books for Reading:</b>
1. Ebenstein, William (ed.) - Great Political Thinkers from Plato to Present, California: Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1969.
2. Jones, W.T. - Masters of Political Thought, Vols. I, II, & III, London: George Harrap & Co., 1971.
3. Charles King, J. & McGilvary, James A. - Political and Social Philosophy, New York: McGraw-Hill
4. Bhandri, D. R. - History of European Political Philosophy, Bangalore: The Bangalore Press,
5. Sabine, George - A History of Political Theory, New York: Richard and Winston,
<b>Reference Book:</b>
1. Political Philosophy: The essential Texts, 3rd Edition. Oxford University Press. 2015
2. Matt Zwolinski and Alan Wertheimer, "Exploitation", The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy (Summer 2017 Edition), Edward N. Zalta (ed.),
3. Eric Brown, "Plato's Ethics and Politics in The Republic", The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy (Fall 2017 Edition), Edward N. Zalta (ed.)

<b>Web Resources</b>
1. <a href="https://iep.utm.edu/polphil/">https://iep.utm.edu/polphil/</a>
2. <a href="https://www.cs.mcgill.ca/~rwest/wikispeedia/wpcd/wp/p/Political_philosophy.htm">https://www.cs.mcgill.ca/~rwest/wikispeedia/wpcd/wp/p/Political_philosophy.htm</a>
3. <a href="https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/locke-political/">https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/locke-political/</a>

**Mapping with Programme Outcomes:**

	PO 1	PO 2	PO 3	PO 4	PO 5	PO 6	PO 7	PO 8	PO 9	PO 10
<b>CO 1</b>	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	1
<b>CO 2</b>	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	2
<b>CO 3</b>	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2
<b>CO 4</b>	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2
<b>CO 5</b>	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2

**Strong (3)      Medium (2)      Low (1)**

**Mapping with Programme Specific Outcomes:**

	PO 1	PO 2	PO 3	PO 4	PO 5	PO 6	PO 7	PO 8	PO 9	PO 10
<b>CO 1</b>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
<b>CO 2</b>	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
<b>CO 3</b>	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
<b>CO 4</b>	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
<b>CO 5</b>	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
<b>Weightage</b>	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
<b>Weighted percentage of course contribution to POS</b>	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	5-0

**Strong (3)      Medium (2)      Low (1)**