BITS PILANI HYDERABAD CAMPUS
INSTRUCTION DIVISION
FIRST SEMESTER 2016-2017
<u>**Course Handout (Part - II)**</u>

Date: 01.08.2016

In addition to part I (General Handout for all courses appended to the time table) this portion gives further specific details regarding the course.

Course No.	: **GS F233**
Course Title	: **Public Policy**
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1. **Scope and Objective of the Course:**

The study of public policy helps us analyze and understand many of the ills prevailing in a society. It is concerned not only with the description, but also with the systematic development of scientific knowledge about the forces shaping public policy. Recent analyses of policy processes have raised a range of questions about how policy systems actually work in practice. What is the 'politics' of policy processes? How do policies get filtered through? How are agendas actually set? How do different stakeholders interact? What makes radical shifts in policy possible? How do we think about the effectiveness of policies and what makes for effective policies? The course will outline these approaches and also expose the students to real world examples of policymaking. It is expected that the course would provide the students with useful insights and knowledge into the public-policy-making process with a particular reference to India.

2. Text-Books:

Araral Jn, Eduardo et al (2013) *Routledge Handbook of Public Policy*, London: Routledge (**TB1**).

Birkland, Thomas A (2011) An Introduction to the Policy Process: Theories, Concepts and Models of Public Policy Making, New York: Routledge (**TB2**).

3. References:

R.K.Sapru, (2010) *Public Policy: Art and Craft of Policy Analysis*, New Delhi: PHI [**RB**].

Additional reference materials may be announced and provided in class.

4. **Course Plan:**

Lec. No.	Learning Objectives	Topics to be covered	References
1-2	To introduce students to the contours of public policy as a subject of study	Introduction to public policy as a subject, its nature and significance	TB1: Chs.1-4; TB2: Ch.1
3-8	To acquaint students with concepts and competing perspectives of public policy and their differences and implications	Concepts and competing perspectives of public policy; types of public policy	TB1: Chs.5-8; TB2: Chs.2-3
9-14	To provide an overview of models and frameworks used in policy framing and analysis	Competing models and frameworks of policy making and analysis	TB1: Chs.9-12; TB2: Chs.7-8

15-20	To give an overview of the politics of and the process associated with agenda setting for policy making and analysis	Politics, issues, actors and discourse that set policy agendas	TB1: Chs.13-16; TB2: Chs.4-6
21-24	To acquaint students with the policy formulation process	Procedures and process underlying policy formulation	TB1: Chs.17-19; TB2: Ch.8
25-28	To provide an understanding of the decision-making process and the rationale	Rationale, procedures and process underlying making of policy decisions	TB1: Chs.21-24; TB2: Chs.8-9
29-32	To acquaint students with the process, issues and actors involved in policy implementation	Policy implementation process and challenges	TB1: Chs.25-28; TB2: Chs.8-9
33-36	To acquaint students with the policy evaluation process	Rationale, procedures and tools underlying policy evaluation	TB1: Chs.29-32; RB: Chs.19-22
37-42	To provide a contextual understanding of the public policy making in India through case studies of select public policies	Right to Information Act, MGNREGA	Research articles

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5. **Evaluation Scheme:**

Component	Duration	Weightage (%)	Date	Remarks
Test I	1 hr.	20	8/9, 8.30-9.30 AM	Closed Book
Test II	1 hr.	20	25/10, 8.30-9.30 AM	Closed Book
Assignment		20		Open Book
Comprehensive Exam	3 hrs.	40	12/12 AN	Closed Book

6. **Chamber Consultation Hour:** Room C **208 (Time would be announced in class)**
7. **Course Notices:** Notices will be posted on the CMS.
8. **Make-up:** Make-up will be granted only under exceptional conditions and on submission of relevant documentation through Warden.

Instructor-in-charge