

Course Code:	SSH221			
Course Name	Social and Political Philosophy			
Credits	4			
Course Offered to	UG			
Course Description	This course will introduce students to some of the fundamental debates in contemporary social and political philosophy. It will cover a range of concepts, theories, ideas, and thinkers, and their relevance in current contexts. The course will have two parts. In the first part we will explore the philosophical debates in the Western Political Theory tradition and discuss philosophical positions on Utilitarianism, Equality, Libertarianism, Marxism, Multiculturalism, and Feminism. The second part of the course will focus on debates in the Indian political theoretical tradition. This part will engage with debates on religion, freedom, and equality within the Indian context and apply it to important contemporary social and political questions.			
Prerequisites				
Pre-requisite (Mandatory)	Pre-requisite (Desired)	Pre-requisite (Other)		
N/A	N/A			
Course Objectives				
CO1: Students will understand and critically engage with key historical and contemporary debates in western social and political philosophy	CO2: Students will be able to understand and critically engage with key debates in Indian political theory.	CO3: Students will be able to recognize and evaluate similar theories and analyse other relevant political arguments	CO4: Students will be able to make normative arguments and judgement, develop their own views, and apply them in their social and political contexts	CO5: Students will be able to critically evaluate arguments independently as well as through participation in a group
Weekly Lecture Plan				
Week number	Lecture Topic	COs Met	Assignments	
1	Introduction to social and political philosophy- the key questions	CO-1		
2	Utilitarianism	CO-1, CO-3, CO-4		
3	Liberal Equality	CO-1, CO-3, CO-4		
4	Libertarianism	CO-1, CO-3, CO-4, CO-5	Response paper	
5	Marxism	CO-1, CO-3, CO-4, CO-5	Response paper	
6	Communitarianism	CO-1, CO-3, CO-4		
7	Multiculturalism	CO-1, CO-3, CO-4	Assignments	
8	Feminism	CO-1, CO-3, CO-4	Assignments	
9	What is Indian political Theory (IPT)	CO-2		
10	Debates on Equality in IPT	CO-2, CO-3, CO-4		
11	Debates on Freedom in IPT	CO-2, CO-3, CO-4		
12	Debates on Religion in IPT	CO-2, CO-3, CO-4, CO-5	Presentations	
13	Revisions and Presentations	CO-4, CO-5	Presentations	
Assessment Plan				
Type of Evaluation	% of Contribution in Grade			
Assignments	30%			
Response papers	20%			
Presentations	25%			
Online participation	5%			
End exam	20%			
Resource Material				
Type	Title			
Textbook	Kymlicka, W. (2002). <i>Contemporary Political Philosophy: An Introduction</i> . New york: OUP			
Reference Book	Mahajan, G.(2013). <i>India: Political Ideas and the making of the democratic discourse</i> . New York: Zed Books.			
Reference Book	Singh, A. & Mohapatra, S. (2010). <i>Indian Political Thought: A Reader</i> . Routledge			
Readings	Will be assigned each week by the instructor			