

4th Semester

PHI -250- Social and Political Philosophy

Credits: 4

Objectives: To introduce to students various key political and social concepts, theories and debates and to enable them to apply philosophical tools in analysing, interpreting and understanding them.

Unit – I Nature of Social and Political Philosophy

- (a) Nature and Scope of Social and Political Philosophy
- (b) Social Philosophy and Sociology
- (c) Political Philosophy and Political Science

Unit – II Major Concepts

- (a) Individual and Society
- (b) State and Sovereignty
- (c) Nation

Unit – III Social and Political Ideas

- (a) Liberty and Equality
- (b) Fraternity
- (c) Justice

Unit- IV Political Concepts

- (a) Democracy
- (b) Socialism
- (c) Fascism and Anarchism

Learning outcome: Students will develop deeper understanding of the various issues in socio-political discourses.

Suggested Readings:

1. D. D. Raphael, Problem of Political Philosophy, London, MacMillan, 1979.
2. A. Quinton, Political Philosophy, Oxford University Press, 1982.
3. P. Laslett, Philosophy, Politics and Human Society, Oxford, Basil Blackwell, 1972.

4. Bertrand Russell, *Authority and Individual*, London, Unwin Book Publishers, 1974.
5. M. K. Gandhi, *Hind Swaraj or Indian Home Rule*, Ahmedabad, Navajivan Publishing House, 1978.
6. Chattopadhyaya, D.P ., *Societies and Culture*, Bharathia Vindya Bhavan, Chapter-II
7. De-george Richard, T., "The Pradox of Violence", *Ethics and Society*, MacMillan, 1968. Article: Marcuse. H., "Ethics and Revolution".
8. Sujata Miri et.al., *Introduction of Social & Political Philosophy*, NEHU Publications, 2002.