

Semester	JAN 2022
Open to semester	6,8,14,22
Course code	HS3244/HS6244
Course title	Political Thought in India: A Study of Select Texts
Credits	4 /4
Course Coordinator & participating faculty (if any)	Chaitra Redkar
Nature of Course	Lectures
Pre-requisites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic knowledge of India's political History • Aptitude to read at least 50 pages per week, it's a reading-heavy course.
Objectives (goals, type of students for whom useful, outcome etc)	<p>Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To introduce learners to the normative dimensions of three major issues in Indian politics. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Continuity and change vis-à-vis tradition and modernity b) Caste-based oppression, caste-gender intersectionality and social justice c) Relationship between religion, nationalism and nationhood • To equip learners to read and analyse political texts. • To facilitate comparative perspective on political ideas. <p>Students for whom offered BS-MS and PhD</p> <p>Outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learner develops a perspective on the dynamics of Indian politics. • Learner is equipped to between the text and the context. • Learner is able to undertake textual analysis independently. • Learner is equipped to analyse the role of ideas in shaping political conflicts and conciliations.
Course contents (details of topics /sections with no. of lectures for each)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hind Swaraj (1908) by M. K. Gandhi (1869-1948) 2. Nationalism (1917) by Rabindranath Tagore (1861-1941) 3. Annihilation of Caste (1936) by B R Ambedkar (1891-1956) 4. Hindutva (1923/28) by V D Savarkar (1883-1966)

Evaluation /assessment	End-Sem Examination-50% Mid-Sem Examination-50% Others-%
Suggested readings (with full list of authors, publisher, year, edn etc.)	<p>The relevant editions of the texts from the course content and select commentaries are listed below. Learners are required to read the complete texts and selections from these commentaries.</p> <p>PhD students will be assigned with additional readings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Packer, Martin (2010). The Science of Qualitative Research (Chapter on Hermeneutics), Cambridge University Press. • Parel, Anthony (2009). Hind Swaraj and Other Writings. Cambridge University Press. • Tagore, Rabindranath (1917/ 2015). Nationalism. Fingerprint Publications • Bhattacharya, Sabyasachi (2017). Rabindranath Tagore: An Interpretation. Penguin • Savarkar, V. D. (2013). Hindutva. Hindi Sahitya Sadan. • Jeffrelot, Christophe (2009). Hindu Nationalism: A Reader. Permanent Black • Ambedkar, B R. (2014) Annihilation of Caste: Annotated Critical Edition. Navayan • Zelliott, Ellinor (2012). Ambedkar’s World: The Making of Babasaheb and the Dalit Movement. Navayan