

Minutes of the Board of Studies in International Relations and Politics held at the meeting room of the Central University of Kerala on 6th of February 2018 at 11.am.

Agenda

1. Eligibility Criteria for admission to the MA programme in International Relations & Political Science
2. The structure of the proposed syllabus effective from admissions 2018 (July) onwards.
3. The various optional courses to be offered
4. The content and reading list of the various courses.
5. The proposal to reintroduce an M. Phil. programme in International Relations

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Dr. Uma Parutholthaman and Dr. Lalji Pal participated as invitees.

The eligibility criteria for admission to the MA programme in International Relations and Political Science was viewed as follows.

Bachelor's Degree (under the 1+2+3 system) in International Relations, Political Science, Public Administration, Economics, History, Law and Media and Communication

Studies with not less than 50 percent marks or equivalent grade or other social sciences and Humanities with not less than 50 percent marks or equivalent grade with a minimum of 50 percent marks or equivalent grade in Political Science / World History as subsidiary/complementary.

It was decided to have the modified programme structure in place from 2018 July admission onwards. The course, the course codes and the credits for the various courses offered are detailed below.

Semester I

1. Concepts and Theories in Political Science (C)	GIR 5101	4
2. Indian Government and Politics (C)	GIR 5102	4
3. Contemporary International Relations (C)	GIR 5103	4
4. Theories of International Relations (C)	GIR 5104	4
5. Introduction to Public Administration (C)	GIR 5105	4

Semester II

6. Research Methodology (C)	GIR 5201	4
7. India's Foreign Policy (C)	GIR 5202	4
8. Comparative Political Analysis (C)	GIR 5203	4
9. Optional Course (E)	GIR 50XX	4

Semester III

10. Indian Political and Strategic Thought (C)	GIR 5301	4
11. International Political Economy (C)	GIR 5302	4
12. International and Regional Organisations (C)	GIR 5303	4
13. Optional Course (E)	GIR 50XY	4

Semester IV

14. Western Political Thought (C)	GIR 5401	4
15. International Security (C)	GIR 5402	4
16. Optional Course (E)	GIR 50XZ	4
17. Dissertation (C)	GIR 5403	4
18. Comprehensive Viva Voce	GIR 5404	4

Total

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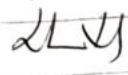
It was decided to have a Comprehensive Viva Voce covering the entire range of courses completed by the learners in addition to the dissertation topic. The optional courses will be offered in second, third and fourth Semesters. The offer of an individual elective course will depend on the availability of the faculty, space and the number of students deciding to take up that course. The following courses were identified as optional courses.

1. Political Economy of Kerala GIR 5001
2. Environment, Development and Politics GIR 5002
3. Gender in International Relations GIR 5003
4. Theory and Practice of Human Rights. GIR 5004
5. Local Governance and Development in India GIR 5005
6. International Law GIR 5006
7. Indian Administration GIR 5007
8. Africa in World Affairs GIR 5008
9. Wst Asia in International Politics GIR 5009
10. Foreign Policy of USA since World War II GIR 5010
11. China in International Politics GIR 5011
12. Peace and Conflict Resolution Studies GIR 5012
13. Society and Politics in Central Asia GIR 5013
14. State Politics in India GIR 5014
15. Government and Politics in South Asia GIR 5015
16. Contemporary Political Theory GIR 5016.

Further, it was resolved to incorporate the suggestions made by the members of the Board of Studies into the syllabi and circulate the same for obtaining the consent of the members.

It was also resolved to recommend to the University to start the M.Phil programme in International Relations with four courses, each having 4 credits, in the first semester and a dissertation and viva consisting of 16 credits (12+4) in the second semester.

The meeting came to an end at 3 pm with thanks from
and to the Chair.

 Chairman (BOS)
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GIR 5016: CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL THEORY

Course Rationale

The goal of this course is to familiarize learners with important themes within contemporary political theory and the ways in which they relate to our day-to-day life by surveying the most a selective list of political theorists . It has two parts- the forerunners of recent thought who wrote between the two world wars and and in the era of anti-colonialism such as Carl Schmitt, Hannah Arendt, Frantz Fanon, John Rawls, Leo Strauss, Michel Foucault, and Theodor Adorno. The second part of the course turns to more recent currents in political theorizing, taking up a genealogical study of the ways that these canonical thinkers influenced feminist, environmental, postcolonial, anti-essentialist, democratic, and post- human political theory.

Part 1

1. Carl Schmitt, Concept of the Political
2. Adorno and Horkheimer, Dialectic of Enlightenment
3. Hannah Arendt, The Human Condition
4. Frantz Fanon, The Wretched of the Earth
5. Michel Foucault, Discipline and Punish
6. Leo Strauss, Natural Right and History

Part 2

7. Amy Gutman, "Introduction to Multiculturalism"
8. Charles Taylor, "The Politics of Recognition"
9. Sheldon Wolin, "Democracy, Difference, and Re-cognition"*
10. Judith Butler, "Contingent Foundations"
11. Nancy Fraser, "False Antitheses"
12. Wendy Brown, "Postmodern Exposures, Feminist Hesitations"
13. Catherine MacKinnon, "Points Against Postmodernism"*
14. Homi Bhabha, "Of Mimicry and Man"
15. Iris Marion Young, "Self-Determination as Non-Domination: Ideals Applied to Palestine/Israel"
16. Gayatri Spivak, "Can the Subaltern Speak?"
17. Seyla Benhabib, "Toward a Deliberative Model of Democratic Legitimacy"

18. Bonnie Honig, "*Difference, Dilemmas, and the Politics of Home*"
19. Chantal Mouffe, "Democracy, Power, and the 'Political'"
20. Sheldon Wolin, "Fugitive Democracy"*
21. Jane Bennett, "Vibrant Matter"
22. Donna Haraway, "When Species Meet"
23. John Dryzek, "The Politics of the Earth"

Readings

Bhabha Homi, *Of Mimicry and Man: The Ambivalence of Colonial Discourse, Discipleship: A Special Issue on Psychoanalysis* October, Vol. 28, (Spring, 1984), pp. 125-133

Dryzek John S., 1997. *The Politics of the Earth: Environmental Discourses*

New York: Oxford University Press

Haraway Donna, 2008. *When Species Meet*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press,

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25. Sheldon S Wolin, 2016. *Fugitive Democracy and Other Essays*, Princeton University Press.
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Benhabib Seyla (ed.) 1996. *Democracy and difference : contesting the boundaries of the political*, Princeton University Press

27. **Honig Bonnie**, "*Difference, Dilemmas, and the Politics of Home*," in *Democracy and Difference*, ed. Seyla Benhabib (ed). 1996. **Democracy and difference : contesting the boundaries of the political**, Princeton University Press
28. **Spivak Gayathri Devi** , 1988. *Can the Subaltern Speak?* , *Die Philosophin*, 14(27): 42-58
29. **Brown, Wendy**. 1995. "*Postmodern Exposures, Feminist Hesitations.*" In *States of Injury: Power and Freedom in Late Modernity*, 30–51. Princeton, NJ: Princeton
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31. **Iris Marion Young**, 2005 "*Self-Determination as Non-Domination: Ideals Applied to Palestine/Israel*", *Ethnicities*, Volume: 5 issue: 2: 139-159
32. Kymlicka, W., *Contemporary Political Philosophy*, (Oxford)

33. Amy Gutman, 1994. "Introduction to Multiculturalism: Examining the Politics of Recognition" (ed.) Amy Gutman . 3-24, Princeton

Fraser Nancy, 1995. False antitheses: a response to Seyla Benhabib and Judith Butler In Seyla Benhabib (ed.), *Feminist Contentions: A Philosophical Exchange*. Routledge. pp. 71—26

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Charles Taylor, 1994 *Multiculturalism and the Politics of Recognition: An Essay*, Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Leo Strauss, 1953 *Natural Right and History*, university of Chicago Press

Michel Foucault, 1991, *Discipline and Punish: The Birth of the Prison* (translated by Alan Sheridan), Penguin

Franz Fanon 2001. *The Wretched of the Earth*, Translated by Constance Farrington, Penguin

Hannah Arendt, *The Human Condition*, University of Chicago Press, 1958

Theodor Adorno and Max Horkheimer, *Dialectic of Enlightenment* Translated by John Cumming, Verso.

Carl Schmitt, 2007 **The Concept of the Political: Expanded Edition** Enlarged Edition translated by George Schwab, **Chicago University Press.**

Robert E. Goodin & Philip Pettit (eds.), *Contemporary Political Philosophy : AN Anthology*

Noel O'Sullivan (ed), *Political Theory of in Transition*