

SW 453 - Political economy: State, Society and development.

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Course Objectives:

- To enable students decipher the concept of state, structures, processes and institutions
- To develop an understanding on the interactions of the state with economy and society
- To understand the governance systems and the mechanisms involved.
- To gather insights on the relevance of political economy in social work discipline

Learning outcome:

- Understand the concepts of state, structures, processes and institutions
- Develop an understanding on the theories of political economy and be able to apply the same in the understanding of contemporary issues.
- Gather a critical insight to understand the link between ‘economy’ and ‘politics’.

COURSE CONTENT

Unit I: Political Economy: theoretical perspectives

- Key thinkers: John S. Mill and lasting relevance of Marxian political economy
- Neo-Marxian perspectives: modernisation and underdevelopment theories
- Political economy: Third World, Post-Colonial, and global North/South dynamics
- State, Nation and Citizenship
- Economic processes—production, distribution, needs, demand and supply, inflation
- Liberalization, Privatization and Globalization

Unit II: Political economy and governance

- Bureaucracy in a developing country
- Representative democracy and peoples’ participation- issues and paradoxes, Panchayati Raj Institutions,
- Determinants of governance - participation, inclusion, transparency and accountability-Right to information, NAC, e- governance

Unit III: State, Civil Society and Development

- Civil society and political society: concept, scope and roles

- Sustainability and development: debates and discussions
- Development aid policy and practice—critical overview
- National Policy of voluntary sector
- Market, state and civil society interaction
- State and development issues: gender, ethnicity, and human rights
- Peoples movements for democracy and development

Text Books

Mill, J.S. (2018). Principles of Political Economy. Atlantic.

Nagraj, R. (2017). Political Economy of Contemporary India. Cambridge University Press

Smith, A. (2018). The Wealth of Nations. Fingerprint Publishing

Additional Readings

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Chatterjee, P. (2006). Politics of the governed: reflections on popular politics in most of the world. New Delhi. Orient Blackswan.

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Grillo, R. & Stirrat, R.L. (eds.), (1997). Discourses of Development: Anthropological Perspectives. New York. Berg Publishers.

Martinussen, J. (1997). State, Society and Market: A guide to competing theories of development. London: Zed books

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Rudolph, L. & Rudolph, S.H. (1987). In Pursuit of Lakshmi: The Political Economy of Indian State. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

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Sen, A. (2001). Development as Freedom. India: Oxford

Tornquist, O. (2016). *Politics and Development*. London. Sage Publications.

Weingast, D. & Wittman, D.. (2008) *The Oxford handbook of political economy*. Oxford: Oxford University Press