

## BACHELORS WITH POLITICAL SCIENCE AS MAJOR (CT – I)

### 5<sup>th</sup> SEMESTER

PLS522J1 POLITICAL SCIENCE \_ CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL THEORY

CREDITS: THEORY: 03; TUTORIAL: 01

THEORY: 03 CREDITS:

#### UNIT-I: NATURE OF CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL THEORY

- Debate On Decline/Resurgence of Political Theory
- State in Political Theory: Liberal, Neo-Liberal, Marxist & Neo-Marxist

#### UNIT-II: SOCIAL JUSTICE & RIGHTS

- John Rawls: Distributive Justice
- Robert Nozick: Libertarianism
- Amartya Sen: Development & Democracy

#### UNIT-III: DEMOCRACY & DIVERSITY

- Michael Sandel: Communitarianism
- Will Kymlicka: Aboriginal Rights
- Bikhu Parekh: Poly-ethnic Rights
- Brain Barry: Critique of Multiculturalism

#### TUTORIALS (01 CREDIT)

##### *Key Debates: Critique of Western Theorization*

- Indian Critique
- African critique
- Muslim Critique

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