DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
University of Kerala

M.Phil. Syllabus

POL 711. CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL THEORIES

Unit 1. Political Theory
Science, Philosophy and Ideology, Normative and Empirical Theory, Decline and Revival of Political Theory

Unit 2. Theories of Democracy
Robert Dahl, Samuel Huntington, David Held

Unit 3. Post-Marxian and Post-Modern Theories

Unit 4. State in India: Theory and Practice

Unit 5. Political Economy of Development in India

Unit 6. New Social Movements

Reading List

3) Schumaker, Paul, (e d.) (2010), The Political Theory Reader, (Wiley-Blackwell)
4) Gauba O.P. (2009), An Introduction to Political Theory (Macmillan)
5) Hutcheon, Linda, (2005), The Politics of Post Modernism (Routledge)
6) Best, Steven and Douglas Kellner (1991), Postmodern Theory: Critical Interrogations, (Macmillan)
7) Mouffe, Chantal (1979), *Gramsci and Marxist Theory*, (Routledge)
8) Thomas, Peter D., (2009), *The Gramscian Moment: Philosophy, Hegemony and Marxism*, (Brill)
POL 712. INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

Unit 1. IR Theories: Liberalism, Realism, Constructivism, Feminist and Marxist Critique

Unit 2. Globalization, State and Global Governance

Unit 3. Global Hegemony and Emerging Powers

Unit 4. Global Security Challenges

Unit 5. Contemporary Trends in Indian Foreign Policy

Reading List

2. Dr. Shashi Tharoor (2012), Pax Indica, India and the world of the 21st century, Penguin books, India.


POL 713. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Unit 1. Social Science Research: An Introduction

a) Major Approaches in Social Sciences Research

b) Conceptions of Science: From verification to falsification

c) Objectivity and value neutrality

Unit 2. Empirical Research in Social Sciences

a) Identification of research problem, formulation of hypothesis, use of concepts, operationalization of variables

b) Quantitative and qualitative methods

c) Research Design

Unit 3. Quantitative Research Method

a) Measurement: Issues of Reliability, Validity and levels of measurement

b) Data collection: methods of data collection, observation, Questionnaires and interviews

c) Sampling techniques: probability and non-probability techniques

d) Data interpretation: Descriptive statistics and inferential statistics

e) Preparation of research report

Unit 4. Qualitative Research

a) Depth Interviews

b) Content analysis
Reading List