

### Generic Elective Courses for Semester III

Programme: M.A. Political Science

Course Code: POL-621

Title of the Course: Government and Politics in South Asia

Number of Credits: 4

Effective from Academic Year: 2023-2024

<b><u>Prerequisites for the course</u></b>	Open for all Postgraduate Students.	
<b><u>Objectives</u></b>	<p>1. The course intends to introduce students to a basic understanding of governments and political processes in the South Asian countries including Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Nepal.</p> <p>2. The course shall seek to do a mix of comparative as well as country specific analysis of these countries, where India may figure as a domestic political factor rather than a foreign policy concern in these countries.</p>	
<b><u>Pedagogy</u></b>	Lectures, assignments based on self study	
<b><u>Contents</u></b>	<p><b>Unit 1: Introducing South Asia-</b> Ethnic and Geographic and Geopolitical significance of South Asia in terms of Land and its people, Colonialism and Nationalism in South Asia</p> <p><b>Unit 2: Political Institutions in South Asia-</b> Parliamentary Democracy, Presidential System, Monarchy in Nepal, Military in Pakistan, Monarchy in Nepal.</p> <p><b>Unit 3: Political Processes in South Asia-</b> Ethnicity and Nation building, Religion and Sectarianism, Political Parties and Party System</p> <p><b>Unit 4: Decentralization and Governance-</b> Centre-Provincial Relations, Local Governance Reforms, Decentralization, Citizens' Participation and Civil Society.</p> <p><b>Unit 5: Regional Cooperation in South Asia-</b> Origin and Evolution of SAARC, Major Impediments, Future Prospects</p>	<p><b>No. of Hours</b></p> <p>10 Hours</p> <p>10 Hours</p> <p>10 Hours</p> <p>10 Hours</p> <p>10 Hours</p>

	<b>Unit 6: Political Economy of South Asia- South Asia as a Human development challenge and opportunity, Economic Reforms and Growth in South Asia, Select Case Studies of Human Empowerment.</b>	10 Hours
<b><u>References/Readings</u></b>	<b>Single Author Books</b> Baxter, Craig et. al. (2000), <i>Government and Politics in South Asia</i> , Westview Press: Boulder. Bhutto, Zulfikar Ali (1979), <i>If I am Assassinated</i> , New Delhi: Vikas Publishing House Pvt Ltd Brass, Paul and Achin Vanaik (eds.) (2002), <i>Competing Nationalism in South Asia</i> , Delhi: Orient Longman. Chadda, Maya (2000), <i>Building Democracy in South Asia</i> , New Delhi: Lynne Rienner Publication. Chand, Attar (1991), <i>Party Politics, Pressure Groups and Minorities</i> , New Delhi: Commonwealth Publishers, New Delhi. Chakraborty, S. K. (1978), <i>The Evolution of Politics in Bangladesh</i> , New Delhi: Associated Publishing. Haqqani, Hussain (2005), <i>Pakistan Between the Mosque and the Military</i> , New York: Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Hewitt, Vernon (1997), <i>The New International Politics of South Asia</i> , Manchester University Press. Jalal, Ayesha (1995), <i>Democracy and Authoritarianism in South Asia: A Comparative-Historical Perspective</i> , New Delhi: Cambridge University Press. Lamb, Christina (1991), <i>Waiting for Allah: Pakistan's Struggle for Democracy</i> , New Delhi: Viking. Mallick, Ross (1998), <i>Development, Ethnicity and Human Rights in South Asia</i> , New Delhi: Sage Publication. Oberst, Robert (2018), <i>Government and Politics in South Asia</i> , New York: Routledge. Puchkov, V.P. (1989), <i>Political Economy of Bangladesh</i> , New Delhi: Patriot Publishers. Raghavan, Srinath (2018), <i>The Most Dangerous Place: A History of the United States in South</i>	

	<p><i>Asia</i>, New Delhi:Penguin Allen Lane Press.</p> <p>Rothermund, Dietmar (2000), <i>Role of State in South Asia and other Essays</i>, Delhi: Manohar Publication.</p> <p>Stern, Robert (2001), <i>Democracy and Dictatorship in South Asia: Dominant Classes and Political outcomes in India, Pakistan, Bangladesh</i>, New Delhi: India Research Press.</p> <p><b>Edited Book</b></p> <p>Mitra, Subrata and Alison Lewis eds. (1978), <i>Sub national Movements in South Asia</i>, New Delhi: Routledge.</p> <p><b>Two or More Authors</b></p> <p>Gardezi, Hassan and Jamil Rashid (1983), <i>Pakistan: Roots of Dictatorship. The Political Economy of a Praetorian State</i>, London: Oxford University Press.</p> <p>Phadnis, Urmila and RajatGanguly (2002), <i>Nation Building in South Asia</i>, New Delhi: Sage Publication: New Delhi.</p>	
<b><u>Learning Outcomes</u></b>	<p>Students will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. understand South Asia as a Region.</li> <li>2. analyse the dynamics of South Asian Politics from a comparative and country specific perspective.</li> <li>3. comprehend the challenges of Nation-Building and State-Building in South Asia.</li> <li>4. evaluate different processes of governmental systems, governance and economic reforms in South Asia.</li> <li>5. Analyse the relevance of SAARC as a regional grouping of South Asia.</li> </ol>	