

Programme: Political Science

Course Code: POL-625

Title of the Course: Theories of Democracy

Number of Credits:4

Effective from Academic Year:2023-2024

<u>Prerequisites for the course</u>	Open to all postgraduate students	
<u>Objectives</u>	1. The course examines the origin of the idea of democracy, and evolution of the concept and theories of democracy. 2. The course also introduce students to the actual workings of democracy in western and non-western societies.	
<u>Contents</u>	Unit 1: Idea of Democracy - Athenian Origin, Protective and Developmental Democracy, Deliberative democracy & Defence of Public Realm Unit 2: Key Concepts- Freedom & Autonomy, Equality, Majority Rule, Citizenship Unit 3: Theories- Liberal, Socialist, Representative, Participatory Unit 4: Critique- Marxist & Socialist, Elitist, Feminist Unit 5: Contemporary Issues - Rational Choice Nationalism, Multiculturalism, Civil Society Unit 6: Democracy in non-Western World- Case studies from Asia, Africa and Latin America	10 hours 10 hours 10 hours 10 hours 10 hours
<u>Pedagogy</u>	Lectures, Group discussion, assignments based on self-study	
<u>References/Readings</u>	Single Author Books Beetham, David (2001), <i>Democracy</i> , New Delhi, National Book Trust Cunningham Frank (2001), <i>Theories</i>	

	<p><i>of Democracy: A Critical Introduction</i>, London, Routledge.</p> <p>Dahl, Robert, (1986), <i>Democracy, Liberty & Equality</i>, New York, Oxford University Press</p> <p>Held, David (2006), <i>Models of Democracy</i>, Cambridge, CUP</p> <p>Lipset, Seymour (1995), <i>Encyclopedia of Democracy</i>, London, Routledge Norwegian University Press</p> <p>Schumpeter, Joseph (1987), <i>Capitalism, Socialism & Democracy</i>, London, Unwin Paperback</p> <p>Tilly, Charles (2009), <i>Democracy</i>, Cambridge: CUP</p> <p>Edited Book</p> <p>Blaug & Schwarzmantel (ed.) (1998), <i>Democracy: A Reader</i>, Edinburgh University Press</p>	
<u>Learning Outcomes</u>	<p>After completing the course the students will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understand the basic concepts and theories of democracy. 2. The course equips the students to investigate interface between theory and practice of democracy. 3. Comprehend the contemporary issues associated with democracy. 4. Understand the working of democracy in western and non-western societies. 	