

**HIMACHAL PRADESH UNIVERSITY  
(NAAC ACCREDITED 'A' GRADE UNIVERSITY)  
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE**



**Syllabus**

**M.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE  
CHOICE BASED CREDIT SYSTEM (CBCS)**

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# Himachal Pradesh University

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Department of Political Science

## M.A. in Political Science

### Guidelines for the Students of M.A. in Political Science

M.A. in Political Science consists of sixteen Courses ((DSC-12; DSE -2; GE -2). The students have to qualify all the papers to complete the degree in Political Science.

#### Scheme of the Course Division

Semester	Subject Code	Type
Semester I	DSC-POLS 101 to 104	All Compulsory
Semester II	DSC-POLS 201 to 203	All Compulsory
	GEN-POLS 204	Compulsory (Inter-departmental)
Semester III	DSC-POLS 301 to 303	Compulsory
	DSE I-POLS304 to 306	Optional (students have to opt any one out of the three courses)
	* AEC-POLS-307	Democratic Awareness through Legal Literacy
Semester IV	DSC-POLS 401to 402	Compulsory
	DSE II-POLS 403 to 405 / 406 Dissertation or Project Work	Optional (students have to opt any one out of the three courses or for dissertation or project work)
	GEN-POLS- 406	Compulsory (Inter-departmental)

#### Note:

- ▶ MA in Political Science comprises of 92 credits (DSC-72 credits; DSE-12 credits; GE- 8 credits).
- ▶ The DSE courses 304to 306 (Semester III) and 403 to 405(Semester IV) are internal choice based. The students have the choice to select any one of them respectively or opt for a dissertation. The course 305 (Research Methods and Research Ethics) is essential for the students who wish to opt for dissertation in Semester IV. The course adds to the values of research ethics, value neutrality, intellectual property, skills of data collection and interpretation, publication ethics and researcher's responsibilities. The IA part of the courses helps in developing among students the communication and writing skills, leadership quality and debating. The courses 101 to 103 and 401help the students to have conceptual clarity, develop individual perspectives, analytical approach, communication, debating and negotiating skills. Courses 104 and 203 inform the students about institutional roles, performances, and train them how to access and utilise the legal, constitutional and power processes. Courses 302 and 401 develop among the students the policy analysis and application skills and increase their knowledge about the international legal institutions, processes and the order. The dissertation part and IA based on assignments and presentations add to the data organisation, analysis, reporting, writing, communication and presentation skills among the students.
- ▶ The Students are required to qualify two courses across four semesters (during two years of degree) offered by other Departments under the Scheme of Generic Elective (Interdisciplinary Choice Based Courses for other Departments). These courses shall be of 4 credits each.
- ▶ The **Marks Scheme** for each course is as follows: Total Marks- 100 (Theory 80, Internal Assessment 20). The Internal Assessment shall comprise of Assignment- 10marks; Presentation- 05 marks and Attendance – 05 marks. For the students of ICDEOL IA will comprise of Assignments- 20 marks and for private students the course shall comprise of 100 marks.
- ▶ A student shall have to secure at least 40 percent marks in each paper (theory as well as internal assessment) to qualify the examination (In theory 32 out of 80 and in IA 8 out of 20). For private students the pass marks are 40.
- \* **AEC-POLS-307 is a qualifying paper which will be conducted by the Department itself. It will be mandatory for all the students to pass this course for the award of the degree of M.A. in Political Science. The marks of this paper will not be counted in the overall CGPA of the students. Question paper setting for AEC (Ability Enhancement Course) will be external under the aegis of the COE. However the evaluation will be internal to be carried out at departmental level.**

### Course Divisions (L+T)

Sr.No.	Divisions (L+T)	Credits
1.	Theory (5 hours per week per course)	5
2.	Tutorials (1 hour per week) (Seminars/Presentations/Group Discussions/Quiz/Assignments)	1
3.	Total Credits	6

### Instructions for the Question Paper Setters

- (i) Evaluation of this course will be done through two stages. The first stage evaluation shall comprise of 20 marks (Internal Assessment) to be completed at the department level. At the second stage there will be annual examination of 80 marks. The theory paper shall consist of 80 marks. Syllabus wise each paper has been divided into four units.
- (ii) The question paper will consist of eight descriptive questions, two questions from every unit based on internal choice system. Each question will carry 20 (twenty) marks.

### Scheme of Maximum Marks

		Credits
<b>Theory</b>		5
Total Marks	= 80	
(Pass Marks	= 32	
<b>Tutorial</b>		1
<b>Total</b>		6
<b>Internal Assessment</b>		
Submission of Assignment	= 10	
Class Room Presentation	= 05	
Attendance	= 05	
Total	= 20 Marks	
<b>For ICDEOL Students</b>		
Submission of Assignment	= 20 Marks	
<b>Pass Marks</b> in IA	= 08	

**Regular & ICDEOL Students:** Q. 4 x 20 = 80 marks + IA 20 = 100

**Private Students:** Q. 4 x 25 = 100 marks

### Instructions for the Students

The question paper will be divided into four units and will comprise of two questions from each unit based on internal choice system. The students are required to attempt one question from each unit. Each question will carry 20 (twenty) marks. The students shall have to attempt four questions in all.

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2.	Tutorials (1 hour per week) (Seminars/Presentations/Group Discussions/Quiz/Assignments)	1
3.	Total Credits	6

**MA Political Science under CBCS  
SEMESTER I**

Sr. No.	Course Code	Title of the Paper	Credits	Theory Contact Hours (L-5hrs./Tut.-1hr. per week)		Marks Scheme	
				Lectures (Credits)	Tutorial	Theory	Internal Assessment
	<b>DSCs</b>						
1	POLS 101	Western Political Thinkers	6	5	1	80	20
2	POLS 102	Comparative Politics: Approaches & Processes	6	5	1	80	20
3	POLS 103	Theories & Concepts of International Relations	6	5	1	80	20
4	POLS 104	Indian Politics I: Political Institutions	6	5	1	80	20
	Total		24	20	4	Total Marks- 100	

**SEMESTER II**

Sr. No.	Course Code	Title of the Paper	Credits	Theory Contact Hours (L-5hrs./Tut.-1hr. per week)		Marks Scheme	
				Credits Lectures	Tutorials	Theory	Internal Assessment
	<b>DSCs</b>						
1	POLS 201	Contemporary Debate in Political Theory	6	5	1	80	20
2	POLS 202	Comparative Political Analysis: Concepts & Recent Theories	6	5	1	80	20
3	POLS 203	Indian Politics II: Political Processes	6	5	1	80	20
4	POLS 204 <b>(GE)</b>	India and the World	4	4	-	80	20
	Total		22	19	3	Total Marks- 100	

### SEMESTER III

Sr. No.	Course Code	Title of the Paper	Credits	Theory Contact Hours (L-5hrs./Tut.-1hr.per week)		Marks Scheme	
				Credits Lectures	Tutorial Credits	Theory	Internal Assessment
	<b>DSCs</b>						
1	POLS 301	Indian Political Thinkers	6	5	1	80	20
2	POLS 302	India's Foreign Policy	6	5	1	80	20
3	POLS 303	Recent Trends in the Politics of South Asia (SAARC countries)	6	5	1	80	20
4	POLS 304-306Any one from given three options <b>(DSE-I)</b>	304. International Organization 305. Research Methods and Research Ethics 306. Social Movements in India	6	5	1	80	20
5.	AEC (Non-CGPA)	307: Democratic Awareness Through Legal Literacy	4	4	-	80	80
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>24</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Total Marks- 100</b>	

### SEMESTER IV

Sr. No.	Course Code	Title of the Paper	Credits	Theory Contact Hours (L-5hrs./Tut.-1hr. per week)		Marks Scheme	
				Credits Lectures	Tutorial	Theory	IA
	<b>DSCs</b>						
1	POLS 401	Public International Law	6	5	1	80	20
2	POLS 402	State Politics in India with Special Reference to Himachal Pradesh	6	5	1	80	20
3	POLS 403-405 Any one from given three options <b>(DSE-II)</b>	403. Public Policy & Governance in India 404. Contemporaray Political Thinkers 405. Contemporary World Politics Or 406. Dissertation/Project Work	6	5	1	80	20
4	POLS 407 (GE)	International Political Economy	4	4	-	80	20
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>22</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Total Marks- 100</b>	

**Total Courses:** 16 (DSC-12; DSE -2; GE -2).

**Total Credits:** 92 ( DSC- 72 credits; DSE- 12 Credits; GE- 8 credits)

#### Abbreviations Used

P = Post-graduation	C = Compulsory	L = Lectures
S = Semester	E = Elective	TU = Tutorials
PS = Political Science	O = Open Choice Course	

DSC- Discipline Specific Core;

DSE- Discipline Specific Elective;

GE- Generic Elective

## Semester-I

### Course Code: POLS 101

#### Western Political Thinkers

**Objectives:** This course aims at introducing to the students the major themes of western political thought which will help them in developing an in-depth understanding of the major political thinkers of this tradition. The purpose is to make the students aware about the basic political philosophies of these thinkers. The objective is also to initiate students to read original texts of the thinkers and to understand the varied interpretations of their philosophies and debates. The ambition of the course is also to investigate fundamental issues in contemporary politics through reflection on texts in the history of political thought. The course also discusses the relevance of these political thinkers in the present socio political context.

**Outcome:** The course will prepare the students to develop understanding about the western thinking and epistemological traditions and develop the analytical skills about the critical evaluation of various thinking processes and philosophies.

#### UNIT-I

1. Plato (Justice, Communism and Philosopher King)
2. Aristotle (Aristotle's Critique of Plato. Slavery, Property, Revolution and Maintaining Constitutional Stability)
3. Machiavelli (Machiavelli's Humanism and Statecraft)

#### UNIT-II

1. Thomas Hobbes (Human Nature, State of nature, Social Contract, Hobbes as an Individualist and Absolutist), John Locke (Social Contract and Locke as a Liberal Philosopher) and Rousseau (General Will and Critique of Civil Society)
2. John Stuart Mill (Liberty and Representative Government, Subjection of Women)
3. Jeremy Bentham (Utilitarianism)

#### UNIT-III

1. Immanuel Kant (Cosmopolitanism, Enlightenment)
2. George Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel (Civil Society and State: Views on Individual and Freedom)
3. Karl Marx (Marx on Alienation and Historical Materialism)

#### UNIT-IV

1. Hannah Arendt (Political Action and Ideas of the Social)
2. JurgenHabermas (Theory of Communicative Action and Public Sphere)
3. John Rawls (Theory of Justice and Political Liberalism)
4. Michel Foucault (Genealogy of Power and Its Relation to Knowledge and Truth)

#### Suggested Readings:

- Abromeit, John and Cobb, W. Mark (eds.) *Herbert Marcuse: A Critical Reader*, New York, London: Routledge, 2004.
- Amrstrong, Timothy J. (ed.), *Michel Foucault: Philosopher*, Hemel Hempstead: Harvester Wheatsheaf, 1992.
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- Ray, B.N. (ed.), *Contemporary Political Thinking*, New Delhi: Kanishka Publishers, Distributors, 2000.
- Sabine, George H., *A History of Political Theory*, New Delhi: Oxford & IBH Publishing Co., 1973.
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- Wiggershaus, Rolf, *JurgenHabermas, ReibeckBei Hamburg*: Rowohlt, 2004.

**Semester-I**  
**Course Code: POLS 102**  
**Comparative Politics: Approaches and processes**

**Objectives:** The course aims to introduce students to various approaches of Comparative politics and building up of their understanding in analyzing political systems and processes in a comparative manner. The course will throw light on various political systems, working of political parties and pressure groups in a polity as well as on the importance of political participation and determinants of voting behavior in different countries.

**Outcome:** The students are expected to develop better understanding about various approaches to study different political systems and have a deeper view and capacity to analyze various political institutions and processes.

**UNIT-I: COMPARATIVE POLITICS**

1. Evolution, Meaning, Nature and Scope of Comparative Politics
2. Comparative Methods and its Limitations
3. Approaches to Study Comparative Politics: (i) Traditional Approaches: Historical Approach, Constitutional Legal Approach, Institutional Approach; (ii) Modern Approaches: Systems Approach, Structural Functional Approach, Marxist Approach, Political Economy Approach, New Institutionalism

**UNIT-II: TYPOLOGIES / CLASSIFICATION OF POLITICAL SYSTEM**

1. Meaning of Political System and its Typologies
2. Democratic Political Systems: Liberal democratic, Electoral, Majoritarian , Participatory
3. Non- Democratic: Authoritarian, Totalitarian, Military Dictatorship

**UNIT-III: POLITICAL PARTIES AND PRESSURE GROUPS**

1. Evolution, Meaning, Nature and Functioning Strategies of Political Parties
2. Comparative Study of support base of Political Parties of U.K, U.S.A. and India
3. Meaning and role of Pressure groups in Political systems, Pressure Groups in India

**UNIT-IV: POLITICAL PROCESSES**

1. Political Participation:- Its Meaning and Importance
2. Forms of Political Participation in U.K, USA, and India
3. Voting Behavior and its Determinants, Patterns of Voting Behavior in India, USA and UK

**Suggested Readings:**

- Bhushan, Vidya, *Comparative Politics*, New Delhi: Atlantic Publishers, 2000.
- Biswal, Tapan (ed.), *Comparative Politics: Institutions and Processes*, Delhi: Macmillan Publishers, 2013.
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- Sartori, Giovanni, *Parties and Party System: A Framework for Analysis*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1976.

## Semester-I

### Course Code: POLS 103

### Theories and Concepts of International Relations

**Objectives:** The study of International Relations is very interesting but too subjective in character and content. This paper introduces to the students the recent debates, theories, approaches and concepts. This will equip students with the analytic tools, language expertise, and cross-cultural understanding to guide them. This will help students in better understanding and promote clarity about the pressing global issues. This will also foster analytical thinking and reasoning for those who would like to go for “Area Studies” and to develop prowess on various countries and regions of the World.

**Outcome:** The students will acquire deeper understanding of theories and concepts of International Relations and their application in investigating regional and global issues. The course will also help the students acquire better knowledge and skills for career making in international affairs, IOs, NGOs and strategic thinking.

#### UNIT-I

**Introduction:** Meaning, Nature, Evolution, Scope and Significance

**The Great Debates:** Idealism-Realism; Realism-Liberalism; Neo-realism-Neo-liberalism

**Theory of Idealism:** Assumption of Human Behaviour, Foundation of Idealism in IR, Origins of Idealism, Core Principle and Form, Criticism of the School

#### UNIT- II

Realism: Its Variants and Complements

1. Structural Realism
2. Indian Tradition: Kautilya's Realpolitik
3. Neo-Realism
4. Neo-Liberal Institutionalism
5. The English School

#### UNIT-III

Alternative Approaches in IR

1. Critical Theory
2. Constructivism
3. Post-Modernism
4. Feminism

#### UNIT- IV

Concept:

1. State
2. Power
3. National Interest
4. Security: Traditional and Non- Traditional

#### Suggested Readings:

- Ashley, Richard K., “The Poverty of Neorealism”, and Robert O. Keohane, “Theory of World Politics: Structural Realism and Beyond”, in Robert O. Keohane (ed.), *Neorealism and Its Critics*, New York: Columbia University Press, 1986, pp. 255-297.

- Baylis, J., and Smith, S., *The Globalization of World Politics An Introduction to International Relations*, Patricia: Owens OUP Oxford, 2011.
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**Semester-I**  
**Course Code: POLS 104**  
**Indian Politics I: Political Institutions**

**Objectives:** The objective of the course is to make students familiar with the process of making of Indian constitution along with colonial legacy and ideological moorings. They will be able to understand the office and functions of the three organs of the government and will develop a critical sight to understand the federal structure of the Indian constitution with a strong centre. Knowing about the election commission of India, electoral reforms, constitutional bodies and various commissions they will be able to develop a rational knowledge of Indian politics and political institutions.

**Outcome:** The students are expected to gain practical knowledge and skills about the functioning of different political institutions and the processes at regional, state and local level.

**UNIT-I**

1. Making of the Indian Constitution: Colonial Legacy and the Contribution of Indian National Movement to the Making of the Indian Constitution
2. Constituent Assembly: Composition, Ideological Moorings: Constitutional Debates.
3. Philosophy of the Constitution: Preamble, Fundamental Rights, Directive Principles of State Policy.

**UNIT-II**

1. Union Executive: President, Prime Minister and Council of Ministers
2. Union Parliament: Structure, Role and Functions.
3. Judiciary: Supreme Court, High Court, Judicial Review, Judicial Activism.

**UNIT-III**

1. Federalism in India: Strong Centre Framework
2. Asymmetrical Federal Provision: Article 370, Article 371, V and VI Schedule,.
3. Intergovernmental Bodies: NITI Aayog, Inter-State Council, Finance Commission, National Integration Council.

**UNIT-IV**

1. Election Commission of India, Electoral Reforms
2. Constitutional Bodies: National Commission for SC and National Commission for ST
3. Statutory Bodies: National Commission for Human Rights, National Commission for Women

**Suggested Readings:**

- Austin, Grenville, *Indian Constitution: The Cornerstone of a Nation*, New York: Oxford University Press, 1972.
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- Thakur, Harish K., *Alienation and Integration in Jammu and Kashmir*, Jairpur: Alekh, 2000.
- Thakur, Harish K., *Globalization and Human Rights*, New Delhi: Radha Publication, 2008.
- Thakur, Harish K., *Ladakh: The Individuality vs. State*, New Delhi: Manas Publications, 2014.
- Tillin, Louise, *Indian Federalism*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2019.
- Wheare, K.C., *Modern Constitution*, Oxford University Press, 1966.

**Semester-II**  
**Course Code: POLS 201**  
**Contemporary Debates in Political Theory**

**Objectives:** This course provides a deep understanding about the key concepts in contemporary debates in political theory. The purpose of this course is to make the students aware about the various political ideologies or theories that shaped the world and to explore the theories which appear to influence the future development at the global level. The course also intends to enlighten the students how the theories address the most fundamental human questions. The objective of this course is also to understand the nature, significance and debates in political theories as well as the course also critically understand and evaluate these political theories.

**Outcome:** The course will prepare the students to develop deep insights and ability to critically assess the currents of contemporary theory and develop ideas according to the changing socio-economic and political requirements.

**UNIT-I**

1. Nature and Significance of Political Theory, Major Schools (Classical, Liberal, Marxist, Empirical Scientific and Contemporary)
2. Debate about the Decline and Resurgence of Political theory
3. Historicism (Meaning, Debates and Karl Popper's critique), Positivism : August Comte's ideas, Logical Positivism and Critique of Positivism

**UNIT-II**

1. Libertarianism and Communitarianism
2. Marxism and Neo Marxism

**UNIT-III**

1. Post Modernism and Multiculturalism
2. Environmentalism and Eco-feminism

**UNIT-IV**

1. Structuralism and Post Structuralism
2. Orientalism and Existentialism

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Young, R., *White Mythologies: Writing History and the West* London: Routledge, 1990

## Semester-II

### Course Code: POLS 202

#### Comparative Political Analysis: Concepts and Recent Theories

**Objectives:** The course content is related to major concepts and recent theories of comparative politics. After going through it students will be able to comprehend various concepts and theories of modernization and development as well as the elite culture that has shaped the present day political regimes. The focus of the course is to highlight the development of state, the debate on its current status and the working of processes of democratization and constitutionalism in contemporary times.

**Outcome:** The course will enable the students to achieve a comprehensive knowledge about comparative politics and to acquire skills and methods of analyzing different political systems and processes keeping in view factors like culture, society, political institutions and constitutional features.

#### UNIT-I: CONCEPTS IN COMPARATIVE POLITICS

1. Political Culture and Political Socialization
2. Political Development, Political Modernization and Political Decay
3. Classical Political Elite Theory, Concept of Power Elite and Democratic Elitism (Mosca, Pareto, Michels, C. Wright Mills and Schumpeter)

#### UNIT-II: DEVELOPMENT THEORIES AND PROCESS OF DEMOCRATIZATION

1. Theories of Modernization and Post colonial Concept of Underdevelopment
2. Dependency, World System Theory and Theory of Unequal Exchange (with Special Reference to A.G. Frank, Wallerstein, Samir Amin)
3. Process of Democratization and Waves of Democratization (Samuel P. Huntington) and Present Debate on Development and Democracy

#### UNIT-III : CONSTITUTIONALISM

1. Evolution of the Concept of Constitutionalism, its meaning and Characteristics
2. Elements and Foundations of Constitutionalism, Crisis and Prospects of Constitutionalism
3. Concept of Constitutionalism : Western and Marxist

#### UNIT-IV: THE STATE IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE

1. Defining the Concept of State and Recent Development in State Theory
2. The Advanced Capitalist State and the Socialist State
3. Globalization and the State

#### Suggested Readings:

- Almond, G. and Powell, B., *Comparative Politics: A Developmental Approach*, Boston: Little Brown, 1966.
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## Semester-II

### Course Code: POLS 203

#### Indian Politics II: Political Processes

**Objectives:** The course will make the students alert about different approaches for the study of political science. They will get the knowledge of historical legacies in reference to pre-colonial and colonial state in India along with nationalist imagination. They will have clear understanding of different developmental policies, welfare programs and their social and economic implications. The students will develop the clear understanding of political processes of Indian politics.

**Outcome:** The student will acquire the ability of critically assessing and analyzing theoretical perspectives to study Indian politics. They will be enabled to critically examine and understand the traditional, historical and contemporary political issues.

#### UNIT-I

1. Approaches to the Study of Political Processes: Legal-Institutional, Sociological and Political Economy
2. Historical Legacies: Pre-Colonial and Colonial
3. State in India: Nationalist Imagination

#### UNIT-II

1. Politics of Identity: Caste and Tribe
2. Politics of Language and Region
3. Gender and Politics: Women Movement

#### UNIT-III

1. Agrarian Development Policy
2. New Economic Policy: Social and Economic Implications
3. State and Welfare: MNREGA, JNNURM

#### UNIT-IV

1. Electoral Politics: Participation, Contestation, Representation
2. Ideology and Social Basis of Political Parties: Congress and BJP
3. Ideology and Social Basic of State Parties: SAD and National Conference

#### Suggested Readings:

- Almond, G.A. and Coleman, G.B. (eds.), *The Politics of the Developing Areas*, New Jersey: Princeton, 1970.
- Almond, G.A. and Powell, G.B., *Comparative Politics*, New Delhi, 1972.
- Caren, Neal, "Political Process Theory", *Blackwell Encyclopaedia of Sociology*, 2004.
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## **Semester-II**

### **POLS 204**

#### **India and the World**

**Objectives:** This course offers an in-depth understanding about International Relations of India with the World in terms of power structure, state policy, global issues. This course encapsulates a broad range of issues within IR extending from India's changing world view to the extent of India's Policy Perspective on Asia. This course will inculcate pride towards indigenous Indian ethics and values.

**Outcome:** The course will help the students to develop understanding the changing dynamics of world politics, the power shift and the emergent Asia and rise of Asian powers. It will also make the students aware about the Indian role in global affairs.

#### **UNIT-I**

1. World Power Structure: Evolution and Trends
2. National Interest and National Power
3. Diplomacy: Concept, Types and Nature
4. War: Meaning, Nature and Types

#### **UNIT-II**

##### **India's Changing World View**

1. India's world view during the cold war period
2. India and IBSA and BRICS: A Political economy perspective
3. India as an Emerging Power: Strengths and Challenges
4. India's Policy towards US and China

#### **UNIT-III**

##### **India's Policy Perspective on Asia**

1. India's South Asia Policy: Bilateral and Multilateral perspectives
2. India's shift from Look East to Act East
3. Changing Contours of India's West Asia Policy
4. India's Policy towards Central Asia

#### **UNIT-IV**

##### **India and Global Issues**

1. India's Nuclear Policy: Quest for Energy Security
2. India and Geopolitics of Indian Ocean
3. India and Politics on Climate Change
4. India and Water Disputes

## Suggested Readings

- Bajpai, Kanti P. & Harsh V. Pant, eds., *India's Foreign Policy: A Reader*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2013.
- Baylis, John, Steve Smith and Patricia Owens, *The Globalization of World Politics*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011.
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