MANGALORE UNIVERSITY
Department of Political Science
MA POLITICAL SCIENCE

PSS404: POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY IN INDIA

Course Objectives:
1. To introduce students to the linkages between politics and society
2. To enable students to understand the political process with conceptual clarity
3. To enable students to reflect on the nature of societal change and its implications
4. To sensitise students on the socio-political issues

Learning Outcomes: The course will equip students to –
1. Critically engage with the contemporary societal issues and grasp the different dimensions of it
2. Reflect upon the interconnectedness between various socio-political issues and draw inferences on the same
3. Grasp the nuances of the issues and to come out with alternative perspectives
4. Develop a temperament to draw socio-political conclusions on established facts.

BLOCK I: Framework
Unit 1 Political Sociology – Meaning and the significance of the study
Unit 2 Political Sociology and Sociology of Politics
Unit 3 Approaches- Traditional, Behavioural, Post- behavioural, Marxian
Unit 4 Politics- Society interface - Pluralism, Structuralism, Post
Structuralism, Structuration theory

Block II: Political Man and Social base
Unit 5 Power and Authority; Caste, Class and social mobility
Unit 6 Caste, Class and power in India
Unit 7 Political Culture, Political Socialisation, Political Communication and
Public Opinion
Unit 8 Political participation - forms; Political modernisation

Block III: Social Difference, Equality and Inequality
Unit 9   Structuring of Inequality – ideas and interests; Social stratification and
social inequality; Difference and assimilation
Unit 10 Social balancing – Consensus and Conflict, Elitism and pluralism
Unit 11 Inequality and Affirmative action; Reservation debate in India
Unit 12 Modernity and Tradition; Modernity of tradition

Block IV: Political order and Social change
Unit 13 Sanskritisation, Westernisation, Secularisation
Unit 14 Politics of inclusion and exclusion; Social Change and Political
Mobilisation
Unit 15 Critique of development; Reinventing Development – Alternative
perspectives
Unit 16 Identitarian and social movements– Religious, Dalit, Backward caste,

Women

Basic Reading

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