**POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY**

**Course description:**

Political sociology is the study of the relationship between society and politics. Traditionally political sociologists have focused on such topics as the types of sociopolitical orders, theories of the state, or political culture. Recent years have seen much attention being devoted to the socio-historical study of a range of issues relating to state power, social stratification, war, violence, political legitimacy, authority, ideology, citizenship, social movements, nationalism, ethnicity and globalization. This course will provide an introduction to both classical and contemporary issues in political sociology. It will review the leading theoretical and historical approaches in the field in a way that illustrates theory with concrete empirical work and historical case studies.

**Learning Outcomes:**

At the end of the course students are expected to be able to demonstrate detailed understanding of the main approaches and central debates in political sociology including familiarity with key sociological concepts such as the state, war and organized violence, social movements, citizenship, ideology, legitimacy, nationalism and globalization.

**Class Attendance:**

Full attendance at all lectures is essential

**Grade breakup:**

Class participation and attendance 10%

Quizzes 20%

Mid-term exam 30%

Final Exam 40%

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| *Week 1* | ***Introduction: Power, Politics and Society***  Essential Reading:  \*K. Faulks (1999) ‘Introduction’ in his *Political Sociology: A Critical Introduction*. New York: New York University Press, pp 1-8. (FAU 306.2)  Additional Reading:  2 B. Dobratz, L. Waldner and T. Buzzell (2011) ‘Power’ in *Power, Politics and Society: An* *Introduction to Political Sociology*. Boston: Pearson. pp. 1-35. |
| ***Week 2*** | ***Tradition, Modernity and Post-modernity***  S. Malesevic and M. Haugaard (eds) (2007) *Ernest Gellner and Contemporary Social Thought.* Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.  Z. Bauman (2000) *Liquid Modernity*. Cambridge: Polity  G. Delanty (2000) *Modernity and Postmodernity*. London: Sage. |
| ***Week 3*** | ***Nations and Nationalism***  E. Gellner (1983) ‘Industrial Society’ in his *Nations and Nationalism*. Oxford: Blackwell. (pp. 19-38). (320.54 GEL)  Addition Reading:  A. Smith (1998) ‘The Culture of Industrialism’ in his *Nationalism and Modernism*. London: Routledge, pp. 27-46. (320.54 SMI)  G. Delanty and K. Kumar (eds.) (2006) *The Sage Handbook of Nations and Nationalism*. London: Sage |
| ***Week 4*** | ***The State and its Organs***  \*M. Mann (1988) ‘The Autonomous Power of the State: Its Origins, Mechanisms and Results’. In his *States, War, and Capitalism: Studies in Political Sociology*. Oxford: Blackwell, pp. 1-32 (303.66 MAN).  or http://www.sscnet.ucla.edu/soc/faculty/mann/articles\_site.htm  Additional Reading:  B. Dobratz, L. Waldner and T. Buzzell (2011) ‘Role of the State’ in *Power, Politics and*  *Society: An Introduction to Political Sociology*. Boston: Pearson. pp. 36-70.  G. Poggi (2004) ‘Theories of State Formation’. In K. Nash and A. Scott (eds.) *The Blackwell Companion to Political Sociology*. Oxford: Blackwell. |
| ***Week 5*** | ***Organized Violence and Modernity***  \*S. Malesevic 2010. ‘Organised Violence and Modernity’ in his *The Sociology of War and Violence.* Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. (pp 118-145). (303.6 MAL) |
| ***Week 6*** | ***Citizenship, Social Class, and the Social State***  T. H. Marshall [1949] (1992) ‘Citizenship and Social Class’, in T. H. Marshall & T.  Bottomore, *Citizenship and Social Class* (305.5094)  N. Rose (1999) Chapter 3 (‘The Social’) in *Powers of Freedom* (320.011 ROS) |
| ***Week 7*** | ***Political Violence***  T. Bottomore (1992) ‘Citizenship and Social Class, Forty Years On’, in T. H. Marshall &  T. Bottomore, *Citizenship and Social Class* (305.5094) |
| ***Week 8*** | ***Mid Term*** |
| ***Week 9*** | ***Social Movements (Causes and Consequences) Current social movements of Pakistani society***  P. Miller & N. Rose (2008) Chapter 4 (‘The Death of the Social?’), in *Governing the Present* (361.6 MIL) |
| ***Week 10*** | ***Bureaucracy and Authority***  Thompson, P. and McHugh, D. (2009). Work Organizations: A Critical Approach (4th edition). Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan: Chapter 3: 33-41. |
| ***Week 11*** | ***Identity and Organizational Control***  Kenny, K., Whittle, A. and Willmott, H. (2011). *Understanding Identity and*  *Organizations.* London: Sage. Chapter 5: Identity and Organizational Control |
| ***Week 12*** | ***Course Review and Revision*** |
| ***Week 13-14*** | ***Final Project Presentation*** |
| ***Week 15*** | ***Final Term*** |

**Recommended Books:**

* *K. Faulks (1999) ‘Introduction’ in his Political Sociology: A Critical Introduction. New*

*York: New York University Press, pp 1-8. (FAU 306.2)*

***Additional Reading:***

* *B. Dobratz, L. Waldner and T. Buzzell (2011) ‘Power’ in Power, Politics and Society: An*

*Introduction to Political Sociology. Boston: Pearson. pp. 1-35.*

* *K. Nash (2000) ‘Introduction: Changing Definitions of Politics and Power in Political*
* *Sociology’ in Contemporary Political Sociology. Oxford: Blackwell, pp. 1- 19. (306.2*

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* *T. Bottomore (1993) ‘Introduction’ in his Political Sociology. London: Pluto Press, pp. 1-*
* *M. Rush (1992) ‘Introduction’ in his Politics and Society: An Introduction to Political*

*Sociology. London: Harvester Wheatsheaf, pp. 3-13.*

*Forty Years On’, in T. H. Marshall &T. Bottomore, Citizenship and Social Class (305.5094).*