

Institute of Islamic Studies
University of the Punjab, Lahore
Interdisciplinary Course
Outline

Programme	BS Political Science	Course Code		Credit Hours	3
Course Title	Political Institutions in Islam: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives				
Course Introduction					
This course is designed to acquaint the students with the major political concepts of Islam, the structural functional aspect of Islamic polity, the writings of prominent Muslim thinkers with the prospects relating to the application of Islamic principles to modern times.					
Learning Outcomes					
On the completion of the course, the students will:					
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recognize and describe the major Muslim institutions such as the Khilafat (Caliphate), the judiciary, and the Shura (consultative assembly).• Understand the historical development and significance of these institutions in the Islamic world.• Examine the functions and structures of the Khilafat, judiciary, and Shura.• Assess the impact of these institutions on the political, social, and legal aspects of Muslim societies.• Identify and explain the contributions of prominent Muslim philosophers, such as Al-Farabi, Al-Ghazali, and Al Mawardi• Analyze how Muslim philosophers influenced and were influenced by the political and legal institutions of their time.• Understand the role of philosophy in shaping Islamic governance and legal thought.• Read and interpret primary texts related to Muslim institutions and the works of Muslim philosophers.• Extract and summarize key arguments and ideas from these texts.• Illustrate the development of Islamic political, legal, and philosophical thought from the early caliphates to the later medieval period.					

- Identify influences and connections between different philosophers and their impact on Islamic institutions.

Course Content		Assignments/Readings
Week 1	Political Concepts and Institutions in Islam	
Week 2	Khilafat	
Week 3	Shura	
Week 4	Justice (Adl)	
Week 5	Sovereign and Sovereignty	
Week 6	Social and Economic Justice	
Week 7	Status of Minorities in an Islamic States	
Week 8	Mid Term Exam	

Week 9	Muslim Political Thinkers Al-Mawardi's Philosophy of Imamat and Wazarat. The Study of Ahkam-ul-Sultania	
Week 10	Al-Farabi: The Philosophy of Madinat-ul Fadila (The Ideal State), and Human Nature	
Week 11	Al-Ghazali: The Philosophy of Sufism or Mysticism, and Reasoning.	
Week 12	Ibn-e-Taymiya : The Philosophy of Monotheism in Governance	
Week 13	Ibn-e-Khaldun: Philosophy of Asabiyah, The Rise and Fall of Civilizations (The Philosophy of History)	
Week 14	Shah Waliullah: Philosophy of State and Society	
Week 15	Final Quiz, Presentations, etc	
Week 16	Final Term Exam	

Textbooks and Reading Material		
<p>1. Textbooks.</p> <p>Ali, Shoukat. (1980), The Political Philosophy of Islam.(vol.01,& 02)</p> <p>Moudoodi, Abul-Ala.(1980), Islamic Law and Constitution. Lahore: Maarafi-Islami</p> <p>2. Suggested Readings</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. E. J. Rosenthal, <i>Political Thought in Medieval Islam</i>, Oxford University Press, 1967. 2. Haroon Khan Sherwani, <i>Muslim Political Thought & Administration</i>, Lahore, Ashraf Publications, 1962. 3. Ibne Khaldoon, <i>Muqadema</i> (Urdu Translation) 4. Ibne Taymiya, <i>Siyasatu Shariya</i> (Urdu Translation) 5. M.M. Sharif, <i>History of Muslim Philosophy</i>, Lahore, Sang-e-Meel Publication, Latest Edition. 6. Abul Aala Moudoody, <i>Islami Rayasat</i>, Islamic Publications, Lahore 7. Mumtaz Ahmad (ed.), <i>State, Politics and Islam</i>, American Trust Publication, Indianapolis, 1986. 8. Perveen Shoukat Ali, <i>The Political Philosophy of Iqbal</i>, United Publishers, 1970 9. Rashid Ahmad, <i>Musalmano Kay Siasy Afkar</i> (Urdu), Lahore, Urdu Bazar 10. Watt. Montgomery, <i>Islamic Political Thoughts</i>, Edinburgh University Press, Latest Edition. <p>2.1. Journal Articles/ Reports</p>		