

Paper Code	SIR-222	Cr. Hrs	02
Paper Title	MUSLIM POLITICAL THEORIES AND INSTITUTIONS		
Domain	Social Sciences		

Course Introduction

This course explores the fundamental concepts and development of Muslim political theories and institutions. It covers the evolution of political thought in Islam, key political institutions in Islamic history, and their impact on contemporary Muslim societies. Students will engage with classical and modern texts to understand the theoretical underpinnings and practical applications of Islamic governance.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

1. Comprehend the foundational principles of Muslim political theories.
2. Analyze the development and functions of Islamic political institutions.
3. Identify key figures and texts in Islamic political thought.
4. Evaluate the impact of historical Islamic political institutions on modern governance.
5. Critically assess contemporary applications of Islamic political theories.

Course Content

Week 1	Introduction to Muslim Political Theories	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definition and scope of political thought in Islam 	
Week 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary sources: Quran, Sunnah, Ijma, Qiyas • Overview of early Islamic governance: The Rashidun Caliphate 	
Week 3	Classical Muslim Political Theorists	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Al-Farabi: The virtuous city 	
Week 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Al-Mawardi: Theories on political leadership and public law • Ibn Khaldun: The Muqaddimah and the theory of state 	
Week 5	Islamic Political Institutions: The Caliphate	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Historical evolution and significance of the Caliphate 	
Week 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Types of caliphates: Rashidun, Umayyad, Abbasid, Ottoman Functions and roles of the Caliphate in Islamic governance 	
Week 7	<p>Shura and Judicial Institutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shura (Consultation) and its significance in Islamic governance 	
Week 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Historical and contemporary examples of Shura Islamic judiciary: Structure and functions 	
Week 9	Mid Term Exam	
Week 10	<p>Political Thought in the Ottoman Empire</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Political structure and governance in the Ottoman Empire 	
Week 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contributions of Ottoman scholars to political thought Comparative analysis with other Islamic empires 	
Week 12	<p>Reformist and Modernist Movements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 19th and 20th-century reformist thinkers: Jamal al-Din al-Afghani, Muhammad Abduh 	
Week 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modernist approaches to Islamic political thought: Iqbal, Maududi Impact of colonialism on Muslim political thought 	
Week 14	<p>Contemporary Muslim Political Thought and Institutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Political Islam: Movements and ideologies 	
Week 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Case studies of contemporary Muslim-majority countries Role of Islam in modern state governance 	
Week 16	Islam and Democracy	

- Compatibility of Islam with democratic principles
- Various models of Islamic democracy
- Criticisms and defenses

Textbooks and Reading Material

1. **"Islamic Political Thought: An Introduction"** by Gerhard Bowering
 - Offers a comprehensive introduction to major themes and developments in Islamic political thought.
2. **"The Political Aspects of Islamic Philosophy"** by Charles E. Butterworth
 - Explores the political ideas of key Muslim philosophers.
3. **"Islam and the Political Order"** by Ian Netton
 - Discusses political organization and institutions in Muslim societies.
4. **"The Muqaddimah: An Introduction to History"** by Ibn Khaldun, translated by Franz Rosenthal
 - A seminal work that provides insight into Ibn Khaldun's views on society, state, and politics.
5. **"Al-Mawardi's Theory of the Caliphate"** by Wafaa H. Wahba
 - Examines Al-Mawardi's political thought and its significance in the development of Islamic political theory.
6. **"Political Islam: A Critical Reader"** edited by Frederic Volpi
 - A collection of essays that critically examines various aspects and interpretations of political Islam.
7. **"Modern Islamic Political Thought"** by Hamid Enayat
 - Provides a detailed analysis of modern Islamic political thought and key reformist

Additional Resources

- **Journals:** Islamic Studies, The Muslim World, Journal of Islamic Political Studies
- **Websites:** Islamic Heritage Project, Al-Islam.org, Muslim Philosophy

Teaching Learning Strategies

- **Attendance:** Students are expected to attend all classes and participate actively in discussions.
- **Assignments:** All assignments must be submitted on time. Late submissions will incur a penalty.
- **Academic Integrity:** Students must adhere to academic integrity guidelines, avoiding plagiarism and dishonest practices.

Assignments: Types and Number with Calendar

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| 1. Class Quiz | 5 marks |
| 2. Short Test | 5 marks |
| 3. Presentations | 5 marks |
| 4. Assignment | 10 marks |

Assessment			
Sr. No.	Elements	Weightage	Details
1.	Midterm Assessment	35%	Written Assessment at the mid-point of the semester.
2.	Formative Assessment	25%	Continuous assessment includes: Classroom participation, assignments, presentations, viva voce, attitude and behavior, hands-on-activities, short tests, projects, practical, reflections, readings, quizzes etc.
3.	Final Assessment	40%	Written Examination at the end of the semester. It is mostly in the form of a test, but owing to the nature of the course the teacher may assess their students based on term paper, research proposal development, field work and report writing etc.