

UNIVERSITY OF KERALA
Core Course in POLITICAL SCIENCE
for the students of BA Degree Programme in Political Science under CBCSS
SYLLABUS

Semester: 4 Type of course: **Core**
Course Code: **PS1442** Course Name: **INTRODUCTION TO COMPARATIVE POLITICS**
Instruction Hours/Week: 4 Number of credits: 3

Aim of the Course

The course intends to highlight the theoretical evolution and approaches to the study of Comparative Politics

Objectives of the course

1. To impart skill to analyse in a comparative way political developments across world in the light of various theories.
2. To familiarize the students basic features about the constitutions of major political systems.

MODULE I - Definition, nature and scope of comparative Politics – Evolution of comparative Politics, Modern Comparative politics- Focus on political phenomena and political systems.

MODULE II - Constitution and constitutionalism- Basic features of the constitutions of UK, USA, Switzerland, France and China

MODULE III - Comparing Federal and Unitary systems – USA, India,Switzerland,UK and China. Comparing different party systems in UK,USA, china and France.

MODULE IV - Executive-Legislative-Judicial relationship – USA, UK,France – Judicial review, Rule of Law and Administrative law.

BOOKS

1. Almond and Powell, Comparative Politics Today, Pearson Publications, New Delhi,2005.
2. Larry Diamond and Lipset(eds), Democracy in Developing countries Vol.IIV, Colarado,1988.
3. Maheswari S R, Comparative Government and Politics, Agra 2002.
4. Meyer,Lawrence, C., Redifining Comparative Politics,Sage,New Delhi,2007
5. S.N.Ray,Modern Comparative Politics:Approaches,Methods and Issues,Prentice Hall of India,New Delhi,2005.

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