Course Number and Name

PHYE 202 Political and Social Philosophy

Intended Learning Outcomes

At the end of the course students will be able to explain the contemporary political theories and major political concepts, display their knowledge of major political themes, issues and their critiques, show their ability to engage in political social and reflection and reasoning and, assess the concepts and major theories of political and social philosophy.

Course Contents

Defining of, and differentiating of politics, political philosophy, political science, and political theory; Textual approach to classical and contemporary political philosophy: Plato's Republic; Aristotle's Politics; Machiavelli's The Prince; Hobbs's Leviathan; J. S.Mills On Liberty; Rousseau's Social Contract; Hegel's Philosophy of Right; Marx's Communist Manifesto; Antonio Gramsci's The Prison Notes Books; Hannah Arendt's The Origin of Totalitarianism; John Rawls's A Theory of Justice; Kautilya's Arthasastra; Basic political concepts: State, Power, Justices, Freedom, Welfare, Rights, Sovereignty, Violence; Contemporary political ideology: Nationalism; Socialism; Fascism; Liberalism; Social Democracy; New social movements and trends: Green politics; Feminist politics; Religious fundamentalism, Populist Theory.

Assessment Strategy

Assessment scheme:

i. Time Assessment - End of the Year

ii. Assessment method - Written examination

Assigned percentage for each component: 100%

Recommended References

Sinhala

English