Course Number and Name

PSCE 202  Political and Social Theory

Intended Learning Outcomes

At the end of the course students will be able to explore/examine the influence of political and social theories in political actions and discourses.

Course Contents

Introduction to Political and Social Theory; Ancient Asian Political Philosophy: Buddhist perspective, Kautilya, political philosophy of Confucius; Greek political philosophy: Plato, Aristotle, Stoicism; Roman Political Philosophy: Polybius, Cicero; Medieval Political Thought: St. Augustine, St. Thomas Aquinas, Dante; Modern Political Theory: Machiavelli and Jean Bodin, Thomas Hobbes, John Locke, and Jean Jacques Rousseau, conservative political philosophy of Edmund Burke, Idealist political thought of Immanuel Kant, G.W.Hegel, T.H.Green, Utilitarianism of Jeremy Bentham, representative democracy of James Mill; Marxist political theory: Karl Marx, Engels and Lenin; Trends and patterns in the political theory in 20th century; Neo-Marxist and Neo-Liberalist theories.

Assessment Strategy

Assessment Scheme:

i. Time of Assessment – End of the Year

ii. Assessment Methods- Written examination

iii. Assigned Percentage of Mark for each Component–100%

Recommended References

Samaranayake,G.,Desapalana Saha Samaja Chintanaya (Sinhala), Offset Printers Kandy, 2005.