

MHRD-Global Initiative on Academic Network (GIAN) and University of Hyderabad



Values, Ideas, and Party Systems: Indian Party Politics since Independence

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Course Overview

What is the role of ideas in politics and how do we understand their influence? Political processes in the developing world are often represented as bereft of ideological contestation. In this course we re-examine this assumption by rereading the influence of long traditions of indigenous thinking on the debates in contemporary politics. How ideas influences political thinking and action is also a matter of contestation. This course does two things. It shows that indigenous ideas structure contemporary political debates. The course also offers to students' tools and methods on how to incorporate the study of ideas in contemporary, more quantitative approaches to social sciences. Contrasts and the parallels between India and the other democratic countries will help Indian students to learn things about India, which are not obvious when either other countries or only India is studied. The course will be based on the extensive research using the data sets collected by the National Election Studies since 1967.

Course Objectives

To equip students to undertake comparative political analysis

To examine the role of indigenous political thinking on the organization of political processes

To familiarise students with both interpretive and quantitative approaches to political science

To explain to the students the link between values, ideas, and democratic politics

Course Content

- **Introduction – What is an Ideology?** : Intellectual traditions, Stability of views, Mechanisms of Transmission for Ideas, Elite Support, The role of Numbers
- **Indian Political Ideas:** The state as administrator: Arthashastra, Laws of Manu, Ramayana, Aurobindo, Maududi, Gandhi, The state as agent of social change: Ambedkar, Nehru, State and Private Property, The state, the poor and infrastructural development, The Politics of Recognition
- **Stability and Transmission of Ideas:** Is this ideological divide stable?, How are these ideas transmitted?, The influence of religious practice, The Impact of Media Exposure,
- **Values or Prejudice?:** Experimental Methods in Political Science, Using survey experiments to assess the impact of ideas, The influence of caste prejudice on political values
- **Clientelism, Patronage, and Ideology:** The distinction between clientelism and policy, Links between politicians and voters, Clientelism, ideology and voter turnout, Clientelism, ideology, and party system stability: India in comparative perspective
- **Ideology and Party Systems:** Spatial competition in the Indian states, Regional Parties and Centrist politics

The Department of Political Science at the University of Hyderabad is recognized by the UGC as a Centre for Advanced Studies in Indian Politics. The Department has a long tradition of studying Indian elections, parties and party systems.

Faculty



Professor Pradeep Chhibber is an internationally renowned scholar of India studies and of comparative politics. He currently holds the Indo American Community Chair in India Studies, Institute of International Studies, University of California, Berkeley. Prof Chhibber has published extensively on political parties and party systems, social divisions and party politics, party organization as well as on contemporary electoral politics in India.

He is the winner of two Leon Epstein Awards for his books on The Formation of National Party Systems: Federalism and Party Competition in Britain, Canada, India, and the US (2004) and Democracy without Associations: Transformation of Party Systems and Social Cleavages in India (1999). His recent publication is Religious Practice and Democracy in India (2014) examines the relationship between everyday religious practice and political representation in contemporary India. He also contributes

regularly to the editorial pages of the Indian Express and the Hindu.

How to Apply: Interested candidates must login at the GIAN-MHRD website (<http://www.gian.iitkgp.ac.in/>) to fill the application.

Registration Details

Hyderabad Central University	Recognised Educational Institutions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• M A Students: 500• Research Scholars: Rs. 1000/-	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Faculty members: Rs. 2000/-• Research Scholars: Rs. 1000/-
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Others including Bureaucrats, Civil society members, Policy analysts, Research institutions: Rs. 3000/-• Foreign Participants: US \$500	

Total number of seats available is 30 (Thirty). The above fee includes the tuition fee and costs of instructional material. For details on payment of fees, please contact the course coordinator through email.

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