

Second Semester
Gen-Ed
POLS 231: Political Thinkers: Indian and Western (50 Marks)

The course is designed to introduce selected aspects of political thought of some influential political thinkers.

1. Locke - Locke and the Glorious Revolution, Locke's contribution to liberalism.
2. J. S. Mill— liberty and the individual; concept of representative government.
3. Marx: critique of capitalism.
4. Ideas of Nationalism: Bankimchandra, and Rabindranath
5. M. K. Gandhi: ideas on State and Trusteeship.

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David Mclellan, *The Thought of Karl Marx*.

Tom Bottomore (ed), *A Dictionary of Marxist Thought*. Anthony Parel

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Buddhadeva Bhattacharyya, *Evolution of Political Philosophy of Gandhi*.

Sachin Sen, *The Political Thought of Rabindranath*.

Sudipta Kaviraj, *The Unhappy Consciousness: Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay and the Formation of Nationalist Discourse in India*.