

**SEMESTER-VIII**

**GEOG. 633:**

**POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY**

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**Course Objectives**

To educate the student about the concept of State, Nation and a Nation-state, the factors which govern the drawing of political boundaries, geographical problems associated with the use and control of maritime regions, the potential problems they pose for global economic and political process, and to understand the role of international alliances play in global politics.

**Learning Outcome**

On the completion of this course, the students will be able to work independently on the structure, administration and management of states.

**Course Outline**

**1. Introduction**

- Nature, scope, functional & theoretical approaches
- Evolution and influence of geography on politics and politics on geographic patterns
- Geopolitical thoughts

**2. Territorial Growth of States:**

- Location of states
- Size of states
- Shape of states
- Elements and law of spatial growth

**3. Political Structure**

- Core areas, capitals, consolidation and disintegration of Empires
- Idea of Nation-State and Federalism,
- Modern State; theories
- State as a system.

**4. Frontiers and Boundaries**

- Classifications, continental and maritime boundaries.

**5. Geopolitics and Geo-strategy**

- Components and exponents
- Global geopolitical and geostrategic patterns in perceptions of a World Order.

**6. Foreign Policy**

- Ecological Perspectives on Foreign Policy
- Geographical determinants.

**7. Resource Element**

- World resources
- Industrial development, trade, commerce and economic interdependence.
- Geopolitics of Foreign Aid; assistance and development.

**8. Regions and Regionalism in World Politics**

**Recommended Readings**

1. Hiscock (2012)“Earth Wars:The Battle for Global Resources”John Wiley, Singapore.
2. Taylor, Peter J. (2008), “The Political Geography of Uneven Development” , in Kevin R. Cox, Murray Low and Jennifer Robinson (eds.), Sage, Sage, London.
3. Albert, M. et.al. (2007), “The Production of Regions in the Emerging Global Order- Perspectives on ‘Strategic Regionalization”,Geopolitics:12(4), pp 549-554

4. Prescott (2005) "Maritime Political Boundaries of the World" Martinis Nijhoff, Leiden
5. Painter, Joe (1995), Politics, Geography and Political Geography, Arnold, London
6. Taylor, P.J. (1993) "Political Geography of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century" Belhaver: London.
7. Luttwak, Edward N. (1990), "From Geopolitics to Geo-Economics: Logic of Conflict, Grammar of Commerce, National Interest, pp.125-130