

<b>Course Name- Power and Psyche: Unraveling the Psychological Landscape of Politics</b> <b>Course Code- LH-E-748</b>
<b>Course Credits- 4</b>
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<b>Faculty Biography-</b> Dr. Aparna Vyas works in the field of social and cultural psychology. Her research interests include creativity and imagination; art, activism and resistance; processes of othering and marginalization; social change and identity processes; and psychobiography.
The course critically interrogates the historical and conceptual trajectories of the alliance between politics and psychology. It analyses the conventional paradigms that have shaped the field of political psychology, while simultaneously engaging with emerging theoretical frameworks and innovative methodological orientations that challenge and expand its traditional boundaries. It is a rollercoaster ride through the intriguing twists and turns of the political mind. Have you ever wondered how you 'construct' your political opinions and ideologies? Or what causes passionate clashes of viewpoints? Or why some political affiliation resonates but others fall flat? Have you ever considered how media wields its influence to 'craft' your political preferences? Or how your psyche can hold the key to unveiling the mechanisms driving political extremism and violence? We will explore these questions by unpacking the intricate interplay between power and the human mind within the political landscape using case studies, film analyses, and other engaging class 'interactivities.'
<b>Prerequisites- NA</b>
<b>Scheme of Evaluation and Grading –</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>70% Internals (Reflection Paper, Group Project, and Class Participation)</b></li> <li>• <b>30% End-term Examination</b></li> </ul>