



DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

University of Rajasthan, Jaipur

Invites you for

ULP NATIONAL SEMINAR

On

“Pandemics and Politics: Issues, Implications and Inferences”

22-23 March, 2021, 9:30 AM onwards at Senate Hall

About the seminar

The 2020 Covid-19 pandemic has shown that how a genetic transformation in a virus can cause widespread changes in state-society relations, economy, polity, and disaster management, name a few. The consequences of the current pandemic are momentous and its long-term fallouts are still unpredictable. The Covid-19 pandemic has claimed the life of over 8,00,000 people and counting; it caused huge unemployment; restricted movements of millions of people; facilitated expansion of state power; made emergency a new normal; banned peaceful protests and demonstrations; stalled elections; and unjustified administrative control over distribution of resources. The increasing state of secrecy and emergency has curtailed the fundamental rights of the citizens.

The Covid-19 pandemic has also exposed the functioning of the Institutions of the United Nations; International conflicts were heightened mid-of the global health crisis such as the US-China tussles on trade and other issues, India-China border disputes etc. It has also indicated that disparity in global health infrastructure can result into a disaster.

From a historical perspective, the pandemics have posed enduring complexities in all walks of human life. It is also observed that different states have responded differently to the pandemics. The pandemics forced states to explore certain new techniques of governance. In sum, it has a huge impact in shaping the nature and scope of politics across the globe.

The proposed ULP seminar is aimed to discuss and diagnose the relationship between pandemics and politics from multiple reference points. The seminar would highlight key issues that emerged before the state and people to deal with due to Covid-19 pandemics. It would also deliberate on how a pandemic has shaped existing problems and state-citizen relations. The deliberations of the seminar would focus on the implications of pandemics in global order and politics. Further, it is aimed to trigger a debate among political theorists, policy-makers, research scholars and students on pandemics as an independent variable in politics. The suggestive sub-themes of the seminar are as follows:

Technical Session I: Pandemics and Politics: Theoretical and Historical Perspectives

- i. Re-reading political theory in pandemic era.
- ii. Pandemics contribution in development of political theory.
- iii. Analysis of relationship between pandemics, power, and politics.
- iv. Proclamation of emergency and its political fallouts.
- v. Historical precedents of pandemics and its implications on polity and society.

Technical Session II: Implications of Pandemic on Global Order

- i. Global orders and pandemics
- ii. New world order, new actors
- iii. Emerging threats and implications on state-centric international relations
- iv. Pandemics, Globalization and Foreign policy
- v. Changing meanings of national security and national power

Technical Session III: Changing Nature of Politics in India: Key Issues

- I. Political discourse during pandemic era in India
- II. Management of pandemics and politics: Disaster in making.
- III. Changing nature of Democracy, Political values, and Centre-state relations.
- IV. Implications of pandemics on marginalised groups–women, labours, etc.
- V. Elections, employment, and immigration during pandemics.
- VI. Social movements, student politics, and farmers protest amid the pandemic.
- VII. Vaccination and politics.

Technical Session IV: Book Discussion

Technical Session V: Future Trajectories and Challenges to Politics

- I. Where are we heading?
- II. Is future darker or dawning?
- III. Will future politics be in a new avatar?

Registration, submission of abstract and full paper

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