

**Course Code: AEC-107-SJCL**

**Course Title: Social Justice and Civil Liberties**

*Social Justice has always remained an essentially contested concept. The discourse has often surrounded around arguments in favour of social goals on one side and individual liberties on the other. Several approaches have been articulated to elaborate the concept. The paper intends to philosophically introduce some of these approaches in a comprehensible way.*

**Unit I Introduction to Social Justice: Classical Understanding**

- 1.1 Definitional Characteristics of Social Justice
- 1.2 Plato's Concept of Justice
- 1.3 Aristotle's Concept of Justice

**Unit II Social Justice: Medieval/Religious Thinking**

- 2.1 St. Thomas Aquinas
- 2.2 Ibn Khaldun

**Unit III Social Justice: Modern Concepts**

- 3.1 Jean-Jacques Rousseau
- 3.2 Immanuel Kant
- 3.3 L.T. Hobhouse

**Unit IV Social Justice and Contemporary Culture**

- 4.1 B.R. Ambedkar
- 4.2 John Rawls
- 4.3 Concept of Social Justice Warrior

**Prescribed Readings**

- 1. Ambedkar, B.R., *Annihilation of Caste*.
- 2. Aquinas, T., *Summa Theologiae*.
- 3. Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*.
- 4. Hobhouse, L.T., *The Elements of Social Justice*.
- 5. Kant, I., *Metaphysical Elements of Justice* (Part I of the *Metaphysics of Morals*).
- 6. Khaldun, I., *The Muqaddimah : An Introduction to History*.
- 7. Miller, D., *Principles of Social Justice*.
- 8. Pasquale, L.D., *The Social Justice Warrior Handbook: A Practical Survival Guide for Snowflakes, Millennials, and Generation Z*.
- 9. Plato, *The Republic*.
- 10. Rawls, J., *A Theory of Justice*.
- 11. Rousseau, J-J., *The Social Contract; or, Principles of Political Right* (Book II, Chapter 6).
- 12. Sandel, M.J., *Justice: What's the right thing to do?*