

MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY
Ph. D. Course Work in Political Science
Course-II: Political Analysis: Theories & Methods

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- Social Class, Social Identities and Political Mobilisation
Caste – Ethnicity – Religion
Multiculturalism – Secularism
Politics of Media and New Media
Civil Society and New Social Movements

Select Readings

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