

**TYBA Paper 7: Semester V**  
**Paper Title: Plato's *Republic***  
**Credits: 4**  
**Code: UAPHI-B 504**  
**No. of lectures: 60**

**Unit I: Debating Justice (15 lects)**

The Conventional View of justice: Cephalus and Polemarchus' account of justice; Socrates' critique of the conventional view; Thrasymachus' View (a) 'might is right' and (b) 'injustice' better than 'justice'; Socrates' refutation (in three steps) of Thrasymachus' account; the case for injustice restated by Glaucon and Adeimantus; challenge posed to Socrates: why be moral?

**Unit II: Social Philosophy (15 lects)**

Social organisation: primitive and luxurious society; emergence and significance of the Guardian class: Qualities required; Way of life, Selection of Rulers; Guardian's duties; the Status of Women: equality of the sexes; abolishment of the institution of marriage and family

**Unit III: Education (15 lects)**

Censorship of literature: Theological and Moral censorship; censorship of art/poetry (quarrel between philosophy and poetry) (Book 10); the nature and significance of 'dialectic'

**Unit IV: Justice (15 lects)**

Tripartite analysis of the Soul and Aristotle's critique of tripartite analysis; Justice in the State and in the individual soul, Rewards of Justice: this life and after life - the Myth of Er.

**Reading and reference list**

**Text:**

Lee, Desmond (second edn) *Plato: The Republic* with an Introduction by Melissa Lane (Penguin Classics: 1974)

**Commentaries:**

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**Companions:**

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Santas, Gerasimos (ed.) *The Blackwell Companion to Plato's Republic* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2005)

**General:**

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Okin, Susan Moller, "Philosopher Queens and Private Wives: Plato on Women and the Family" *Philosophy and Public Affairs* 6 (4): 345-369, 1977

Popper, Karl, *The Open Society and Its Enemies Volume 1* (Princeton University Press, 1971)

Press, Gerald, *Plato: A Guide for the Perplexed* (London: Bloomsbury Publishing, 2007)

Stace, W.T. *A Critical History of Greek Philosophy* (Sheba Blake Publishing, 2014)

**TYBA Paper 7: Semester VI**

**Paper Title: Plato's Republic**

**Credits: 4**

**Code: UAPHI-B604**

**No. of lectures: 60**

**Unit I: Philosophy and Philosopher Ruler (15 lects)**

Philosophy and prejudice against philosophy; corruption of the philosophic nature in contemporary society; the Concept of Philosopher King; characteristics required of the Philosopher King; why it's not an impossibility

**Unit II: Metaphysics and Epistemology (15 lects)**

Theory of Forms/Ideas; Knowledge and belief; universals and particulars; the object Good: the allegory of the Cave; simile of the Divided Line and simile of Sun

**Unit III: Imperfect Societies and Imperfect Character (15 lects)**

Timarchy and the timarchic character; Oligarchy and the oligarchic character; Democracy and the democratic character; Tyranny and the tyrannical character

## **Unit IV: Reception of the Republic (15 lects)**

Karl Popper's critique of Plato's political philosophy: is it totalitarian?; Republic in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century – Alain Badiou's Views; Cinematic appraisal: The Conformist/Interstellar/Matrix; Theatrical Reception: Surya Pahilela Manus;

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**Cinematic Text**

Conformist, 1970, directed by Bernardo Bertolucci

Interstellar, 2014, directed by Christopher Nolan

Matrix, 1999, directed by Wachowski Brothers

**Theatrical Text**

Surya Pahilela Manus, written by Makrand Sathe and directed by Atul Pethe