

**Department of Economics, Delhi School of Economics University of Delhi**

**Minutes of Meeting**

**Subject : Common Pool of DSE ECON043**

**Semester : V/VII**

**Course : Modern Political Economy**

**Date & Time : 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2025 at 2:00 PM**

**Venue : Department of Economics**

**Conducted By: Anirban Kar & Sourav Sarkar**

**Attended By:** 1. Anil Kumar, Dyal Singh College  
2. K. Uma, Zakir Husain Delhi College

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The following decisions were taken at the meeting.

➤ Unit-wise readings are as follows:

**Unit 1:** Collective choice and redistribution (12 hours)

Insurance motive; public good motive; fairness motive; allocative efficiency; determination of redistribution, Majority voting and direct democracy; unanimity rule; Con- direct cycles; one dimensional median voter theorem; multidimensional issues and median voter theorem; agenda manipulation; simple variations of majority voting such as the Borda rule and approval voting.

Readings: D. Mueller (2003), Public Choice III, Cambridge University Press.  
Ch 3, Ch 4, Ch 5.1 - 5.4, and 5.12

**UNIT 2:** Representative democracy: two-party competition; and multi-party competition (12 hours)

Downsian model; deterministic voting; cycles and median voter theorems; competition in a constrained policy space; uncovered set and valence values; model with probabilistic voting model and an application to taxation, proportionality, and electoral rules; goals of multiple parties; coalition formation with one dimensional issue space; coalition formation with multi-dimensional issue space; strategic voting.

Readings: D. Mueller (2003), Public Choice III, Cambridge University Press.  
Ch 12, Ch 13.7 and 13.10

**UNIT 3:** Rent-seeking; Tariffs and Political economy of taxation (12 hours)

Basic model of rent-seeking and variations; rent-seeking via regulation; effects of tariffs, quotas, and voluntary export restraints; corruption, Distortions, and Diamond-Mirrlees production efficiency theorem.

Readings: D. Mueller (2003), Public Choice III, Cambridge University Press.  
Ch 15

#### **UNIT 4: Dictatorship; Origins and Lobbying (9 hours)**

Model of public goods provisioning; Win- Trobe's model, Interest groups, lobbying, and collective action; Olsonian model of collective action; Downsian models

Readings: D. Mueller (2003), Public Choice III, Cambridge University Press.  
Ch 18

- It was decided that mathematical models of **Unit 3 and Unit 4** will not be tested in the examination.

- Suggested weightage for the final examination

Unit 1 – 30 marks

Unit 2 – 30 marks

Unit 3 – 15 marks

Unit 4 – 15 marks