



## HISDSC253T

# **HISTORY OF EUROPE FROM 13TH CENTURY TO 1789 CE**

Contact Hours: 60

Full Marks = 100 [ESE (70) CCA (30)]

### **Objective:**

*To develop the understanding of Europe from a theocratic society to a modern nation-state system. Renaissance and its aftermaths on European Society, Economy, polity and Culture led to the subsequent development of a Nation-State and the emergence of new ideologies culminating in the form of French Revolution*

### Unit I

1. Political, Social and Economic Condition of Europe in the 13<sup>th</sup> Century.
2. Fall of Constantinople and significance.
3. Renaissance: Role of City States, Spread of Humanism, Art and Architecture. (12 Lectures)

### Unit II

1. The Reformation: Causes & Effects
2. The Thirty Years War and Treaty of Westphalia
3. Rise of Mercantilism
4. Commercial Revolution (12 Lectures)

### Unit III

European Absolutism

1. Spain: Philip II
2. France: Louis XIV
3. Russia: Peter the Great
4. England: Henry VIII (12 Lectures)

### Unit IV

1. Feudalism and its chief components
2. The Transition from Feudalism to Capitalism – Theories and Problems
3. Industrial Revolution: Causes and Effects (12 Lectures)

### Unit V

1. The Scientific Revolution
2. Glorious Revolution and Growth of the Parliamentary System in England
3. Growth of New Philosophy in France
4. French Society in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century. (12 Lectures)

### *Expected learning outcomes:*

*After completing this course, the students will be able to understand about the transformation of Europe from a theocratic society to a modern nation-state, about the Renaissance and its results on European Society, Economy, polity, and Culture of Europe.*

### Suggested Readings:

- Acton: Lectures on Modern History, London, Macmillan and Co. Ltd
- Anderson, M.S.: Europe in the 18th Century
- Andrews Stuart: Eighteenth-century Europe
- Butterfield: H. The Origins of Modern Europe
- Cipola Carlo: M. Before the Industrial Revolution, European Society and Economy 1000-1700
- Elton G.R: Reformation in Europe



- Fisher H.A.L: (1938), History of Europe (relevant portion only), London, Eyre and Spottiswoode
- Hale J.R.: Renaissance Europe
- Hayes C.J.H: (1936), A Cultural and Political History of Europe (Vol. I) (1500- 1830), London, Macmillan
- Hazen C.D (1937): A History of Europe in Modern times, Henry Holt and Company
- Hilton Rodney: Transition from Feudalism to Capitalism
- Kriedte Peter: Peasants, Landlords and merchant capitalist
- Miskimm Harry: The Economy of Later Renaissance
- Maiti P, A History of Europe 1789 – 1919, 2008
- Phukan Meenaxi: (2012) Rise of Modern West, Trinity Press Pvt. Ltd.
- Rice F.: The Foundations of Early Modern Europe
- Scamell, V.: The First Imperial Age: European Overseas Expansion, 1475-1715
- The Cambridge: Economic History of Europe Vol I to IV