

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
SHIFT II
LOYOLA COLLEGE, CHENNAI

The Glimpses of Political Thoughts
with Special Reference to Western Political Thought

The Department of History (Shift II), Loyola College conducted a special lecture on *The Glimpses of Political Thoughts with Special Reference to Western Political Thought* on 8th October 2022 in Room: MS-08 of the main building. The lecture was specially organized for the second-year postgraduate and the third-year undergraduate students for who have been prescribed the subject Western Political Thought for this semester / academic year.

The resource person was **Mr. C. Swathanthira Kumar**, Assistant Professor of History, Presidency College (Autonomous), Chennai, and a former faculty in the department of History, Loyola College. The lecture began with a silent prayer followed by a welcome address by Prof. J. Ranganathan, Coordinator of department of History Shift-II, and Prof. A. Karoliya Jansirani, Association President of Shift II introduced the speaker to the students.

Mr.C.Swathanthira Kumar started his lecture with Kalki's monumental work Ponniyin Selvan and then spoke about Herodotus and Peloponnesian War, and Buddhism and non-violence. Then the talk moved to Arthashastra, Machiavelli, and Akbar. Further, he talked about aristocracy and democracy in ancient times and finally about the political thoughts that prevailed in India during the ancient times.

The speaker kept on interlinking historical understanding with political thoughts and beautifully highlighted the relevance and significance of political thoughts even today. He was an energetic speaker, and throughout his speech he succeeded in connecting the present with the past and vice versa by relating to the western political thought.

The special lecture ended with a vote of thanks.