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Decline of political theory.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2023 · PSIR GS 1 · 10 marks · Political Theory

Political Theory: meaning and approaches.

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Laslett, 1956

Wrote that political philosophy was dead for the moment, a canonical line in the decline debate.

Easton, 1951 and 1969

First attacked traditional theory as unscientific, then demanded a post-behavioural science of relevance.

Rawls, 1971

A Theory of Justice is the usual marker of the normative revival in Anglo-American theory.

Kesavananda, 1973

Indian basic-structure doctrine continued public argument about unamendable constitutional essentials.

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