



DPSS- Human Resource Development Centre

Webinar- *An Engagement with Political Science*

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The DPS Society with HRDC organized an online sessions for *Middle School Teachers*. This is part of HRDC's initiative of *Transforming Teaching and Learning* methods to build on the strength of the DPS vision and mission of education, disseminate and share it with all DPS educators. These Online webinars particularly address the issues of total quality management in academics, travelling the extra mile towards instructional effectiveness and excellence.

The Resource person in webinar were *Dr. Jayashree Pillai & Dr. Hena Singh*. Both are Associate Professor in Department of Political science at Miranda House, University of Delhi.

An engagement with the discipline of Political Science

- Political Science:
 - as social science
 - as master science
 - as interdisciplinary

CAUSE → EFFECT

Dr. Jayashree Pillai

Dr. Hena Singh

The session began with the importance of Middle School in Student's life. And this was concluded that Middle school is more important than Elementary and High School and this can be turning point of every children's life. Teaching Political Science in school is not merely a subject related to politics and government only, it has more wide scope than we think as it can be taught as social science, as master science and as interdisciplinary science. **Interdisciplinary studies** involves the combination of two or more academic disciplines into one activity (e.g. ,a research project).

The same subject is taught as Social Studies in Elementary and Middle school ,where as it is taught as Social Science in High School. Is there any difference between social studies and social

science? Social studies and social science can be easy to confuse. Though Social they are sounds like two similar concepts, and deal with some of the same subject matter. They are two different fields of study. However, there are some key differences which distinguish the two terms so that they cannot be used interchangeably.

What is Social Studies?

Social studies can be introduced as the study of both social sciences and humanities. According to U.S American National Council for the Social Studies, "Social studies, is the integrated study of the social sciences and humanities to promote civic competence." However, social studies is most often used as a name of the course taught at schools.

What is Social Science?

Social Science is a subject area that studies the society and the relationships among individuals within a society. Social Science is categorized into many branches such as Geography, History , Economics and Political science, a study of theory and practice of politics and the description and analysis of political systems and political behavior.) etc.



The image shows a presentation slide on the left and a video call window on the right. The slide is titled "Social Studies/Social Science" and contains three columns of text with icons above them. The first column has a hand icon and text about the transition from Social Studies to Social Science. The second column has a gear icon and text about why Social Studies is the preferred nomenclature, with a word cloud below it. The third column has a shield icon and text about proceeding with the nomenclature Social Studies. The video call window shows a woman with dark hair wearing large black headphones, looking down. The background of the video call is a red brick wall. A name tag at the bottom left of the video call window reads "Dr. Hena Singh".

It includes:

1. Study of cause and effect relationship
2. Study of Human relationship

3. Study of human beings in their surroundings
4. Study of Society

Approaches and Methods of Teaching-Learning

Objective- First, to understand the issues happening and confronted by students in their surroundings. Second, to develop in them basic research skills such as critical reading, critical thinking and critical writing,

Approaches to the study of Social Studies/Social Sciences in Middle School:

Pedagogies : Teaching-learning methods
In social science, it takes place with the use of certain approaches which makes the subject effective and engaging.....

Broadly, there are 4 approaches:

1. Deductive approach	3. Contextual approach
2. Inductive approach	4. Interdisciplinary approach

Methods of Teaching-Learning



1. Traditional Methods

- Lecture
- Question-Answer
- Story telling
- Textbook
- Case Study



2. Modern Methods

- Lived Experiences
- Community Resources
- Comparative
- Current events
- Debate

- ❖ **Deductive Approach-** The deductive reasoning is called a top-down method. In the social science, the deductive approach provides the conclusions which are based on a specific case derived from a broad theory. In the other words, the deductive method requires moving from the general idea, theory or statement to the particular elements.
- ❖ **Inductive Approach-** The inductive reasoning starts from the observation or experience, moving to the patterns and hypothesis. A formulation of the tentative hypothesis helps understanding the small elements as well as the whole picture. As the result, the conclusions present a theory based on the ideas that were developed while reasoning. This method is open-ended and requires the exploration.

- ❖ **Contextual Approach-** The contextual approach has increasingly been normalized within the history of geography, replacing whiggish and exclusionary accounts of the development of the subject; the role of ideas and practices external to academic geography in shaping geographical thought being identified as the antidote to previous shortcomings.
- ❖ **Interdisciplinary Approach-** The interdisciplinary approach to teaching allows students to study one subject from multiple perspectives. It will enable students to think outside the box and challenge their preconceived notions by exploring ideas and concepts in more than one way. For instance, Learn more readily, get a deeper understanding of the material and be open-minded to new ideas, concepts, thinking, and ways of doing things.

“Lets together build a better world”



Elevating student awareness of global issues is increasingly important as the countries of the world become more interdependent.

Today's students also need an understanding of the world in order to make the best decisions about how to live their own lives after high school and beyond. More than ever, an appreciation for news and our civic institutions is a key step toward self-empowerment and advancement.

Studying current events helps students understand the importance of people, events, and issues in the news; it stimulates students to explore and learn more about the news, and to pay attention to the news they see and hear outside of school.

Therefore, social studies connect students with the real world. It helps students to become better citizens and make children aware about their role and responsibilities. Not only this, studying social studies prepare students to grow up as active, responsible and reflective members of society and also teaches them to address societal and global concerns in a better way.

“By teaching you will learn. By learning you will teach.”