PREFACE

The present work is an attempt to understand the theoretical significance of concept Political Development, especially in the context of Central and Eastern Europe. It also attempts to identify the changes those are taking place in the political culture of Hungary. It tries to understand the origin and evolutions of political institutions and their current positions. The work does an effort to line out the state-building and its institution-building that took place after 1990 in Hungary.

The work has been divided into six chapters. Chapter I deal with conceptual framework of political development, its traditional and modern theories, and various aspects political development in general. It also tried to investigate in what extent political development in Hungary can be adequately explained with help of available theories on political development. Likewise the Chapter II will investigate the internal and external causes of Soviet disintegration and its impact on Central and Eastern European states. While discussing about the factors the chapter will also trace out the genesis of Hungarian transformation — in the Hungarian Revolution of 1956 and the Economic Reformation of 1968. In the other hand the chapter III provides the outline the Constitutional development and institution-building at the central level of the Hungarian political system. It thus seeks to focus on the historical background of Constitution making and power sharing between various institutions. It is also an attempt to understand the nature of the Hungarian state and its institutions to establish long cherished goal of democracy, liberal and free society. It also makes particular effort to understand transition process, tries to situate the role of presidency and the long debated Constitutional Court.

Likewise the chapter IV focuses on the evolving political culture of Hungary. It will attempt to understand the subjective orientation of both elite and masses. In a very significant manner the chapter tries to comprehend the patterns and attitudes of Hungarian people to build—a society based on democratic value and tolerance. The Chapter V discusses the significance of political parties in a democratic state in general. It also tries to find out the evolution of Hungarian the multi-party system during 1990s,
the type of electoral system, electoral reforms. The chapter has made an attempt to study the dynamics of parliamentary elections of 1990–2006, and the role of the opposition. In the end the chapter VI summarises the findings and conclusions regarding, the contemporary political culture in Hungary from 1990–2006.