DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS  
MA SYLLABUS

Semester I  
INT-PG-C101: Introduction to International Relations: Concepts and Theories

Unit I: The Nature of International Relations Theory  
History and scope of the Discipline  
Traditional and Scientific Approaches in International Relations  
Post-positivist Approach  
Major Concepts  
State, Sovereignty; Power/Hegemony, National interest; Security, Anarchy  
Civil Society; Citizenship, Identity; Gender; Cosmopolitanism  
Globalisation, Poststructuralism, Green Politics

Unit II: Traditional Theories in IR  
Realisms  
Liberalisms  
Marxism  
International Society/English School

Unit III: Emerging Theories in IR: An Introduction  
Critical Theories  
Constructivisms  
Post-Structural Theories

Unit IV: Indian Writings of International Relations  
Anticolonialism  
Nonalignment  
Survey of Indian Writings in IR

Essential Readings  

Burchill, Scott et al, Theories of International Relations 4th (ed.) (London: Palgrave, 2001)
Jackson and Sorenson, *Introduction to International Relations*
Vasquez, J., "The Post-Positivist Debate" ch.10 in Booth & Smith, eds.

**INT-PG-C102: Introduction to Political Thought**

**Unit I: The Nature of Political Thought, Theory and Philosophy**
What is Political Theory/Philosophy? Why do we study Political Thought?
How do we study history of ideas?
Political Thought: Indian and Western Tradition

**Unit II: Sovereignty**
Concept, Meanings and Usages
Machiavelli on the Prince’s Power
Sovereignty in the Social Contract Tradition
Contemporary Debates on Sovereignty: Michel Foucault, Georgio Agamben

**Unit III: Liberty**
Historical development of the concept: Different Traditions of Interpreting Liberty
Locke on Liberty as a Natural Right
J.S. Mill’s Defence of Personal Liberty
‘Negative’ and ‘Positive’ Liberty in Modern Political Thought
Contemporary Debates: John Rawls, Charles Taylor, Michael Sandel (Communitarian Critique)

**Unit IV: Equality**
Rousseau’s Vision of Democratic Equality
J.S. Mill on Equality of Opportunity and on Equal Status for Women
Marx on Equality in a Communist Society
Contemporary Debates: John Rawls, Robert Nozick

**Essential Readings:**
Agamben, Georgio: *Homo Sacer, Sovereign Power and Bare Life* 1995.
INT-PG-C103: India’s Foreign Policy-I

Unit I: An Introduction to India’s Foreign policy
Historical origins and Determinants
Institutions and Actors in the Making of India’s Foreign Policy: Parliament, Cabinet, Political parties, Pressure Groups, Foreign Policy Planning, Bureaucracy, Military, National Security Council and Personalities

Unit II: Strategic Aspects in Indian Foreign Policy
Defining Strategy
Grand Strategy and Strategic Culture
Strategic Thinking in India-Historical Roots
Ashoka, Mughals and the Colonial India
Classical and Modern Strategic Thinkers in India
Mahabharata, Ramayana and Arthashastra
Nehru, Tagore, Gandhi, Patel, Iqbal, Ambedkar and M.N. Roy
Contemporary Indian Strategic Thinking
Does India think strategically?
Post-Independence Strategic thinkers - KM Panikkar, K. Subramaniam
India and the Nuclear Debate- Disarmament, CTBT, NPT, Nuclear Deal

Unit III: Defence Policy of India
Defence Policy Making – Actors/Institutions and Processes
Key Features of Indian Defence Policy
Defence Cooperation
Indian Maritime Policy
India and the Indian Ocean: Strategic Aspects

Unit IV: Indian Foreign Policy: Emerging Issues
Terrorism
Energy
Piracy
Internal Security Concern

**Essential Readings:**
Jayapalan, N., *Foreign policy of India* (Atlantic Publishers & Distributors, 2001)
P. M Kamat, *Emerging International Order and Foreign Policy Options for India* (Indian Academy of Social Sciences, 1999)

**INT-PG-C104: International Organization and Global Governance**

**Unit I: Introduction to International Organizations and Global Governance**
Rationale and Scope

**Unit II: Historical Legacy of International Organization and Global Governance**
- The League of Nations
- The United Nations
- United Nations in the Post-Cold War Era
  - Reforming the United Nations
  - Peacekeeping Operation
  - UN and Humanitarian Intervention
  - UN and Global Environmental Issues

**Unit III: International Financial Institutions**
- Breton Woods System
- WTO

**Unit IV: Non States Actors in Global Governance**
- Globalization and Non-States Actors
- Global Civil Society
- Sports and International Organisation
- MNCs, TNCs

**Essential Readings**
Albrecht Schnabel & Ramesh Thakur, “From An Agenda for Peace to the Brahmi Report: Towards a New Era of UN Peace Operation”
Barnett, Michael and Duvall, Raymond (Eds), Power in Global Governance (Cambridge University Press)
Devesh Kapur, “The IMF: A Cure or a Curse?” Foreign Policy, No 111 (summer, 1998) , pp 114-129
Inis Claude, Swords into Plowshares: The Problems and Progress of International Organizations( Delhi: Anupam Publications(reprint), 1987)
Margaret E Keck & Kathryn Sikkink, Activist Beyond Borders: Advocacy Network in International Politics (Cornell Univ Press, 1998)
Peter Coffey, “The Background to and the Creation of the Original Bretton Woods System” in Peter Coffey & Robert J Riley, Reforms of the International Institutions, the IMF, World Bank and the WTO
Vijay Kelkar, Vikash Yadav and Praveen Chaudhry, “Reforming the Governance of the International Monetary Fund”

Semester II

INT-PG-C201: Contemporary Theories of International Relations

Unit I: Introduction
Explaining or Understanding International Relations?
The Post structural turn in IR Theory

Unit II: Neo Marxist/Critical Theories in International Relations
Neo-Gramscianism – Gramsci, Cox
The Frankfurt School - Habermas, Linklater
Historical Sociology

Unit III: Major Theories in Contemporary IR
Constructivisms
Normative Approaches
Feminist Theories
Postmodernism and IR Theory
Post-colonialism and IR
Unit IV: Globalisation and IR Theory
Globalisation & State
Beyond Great Divide
Cosmopolitanism & Communitarianism

Essential Readings
Burchill, Scott et al, Postmodernism in Theories of International Relations 2nd ed (London: Palgrave, 2001)
Darby, Philip, “Postcolonialism” in Philip Darby (ed.), At the Edge of International Relations: Post-colonialism, Gender and Dependency (London: Continuum, 1997)


**INT-PG-C202: Comparative Politics**

**Unit I: Comparative Politics: Introductory Concepts and Approaches**

Meaning, Nature, Scope, Development
Traditional and Modern Approaches

**Unit II: The State in Comparative Analysis**

Development of Modern State
Liberal Democratic and Totalitarian States
Democracy, Federalism and Democratic Decentralization

**Unit III: Colonialism, Nationalism and Movements**

Colonialism, Nationalism and emergence of Nation/s; Theories of Movements, New Social Movements

**Unit VII: Post-Colonial States and State-building**

The Idea of Third world
Political Power and Social Classes in the Post Colonial World
Civil-Military Relationship

**Essential Readings:**


**INT-PG-C203: India’s Foreign Policy-II**

**Unit I: Introduction**

**Indian Economic Policy**

Nehruvian/socialist Phase

Liberalisation phase

**Unit II: Diplomacy: Aspects of Indian Diplomacy**

Conference Diplomacy

Summit/Track Two Diplomacy/ Economic Diplomacy

**India and International Institutions**

United Nations - Security Council, Peace Keeping Missions, ICJ

UN Reforms and India

**Unit III: Foreign Economic Policy/Diplomacy**

**Liberalization and Globalisation of Indian Economy**

Structural Adjustment Programme and India and International Economic Institutions - World Bank, IMF and WTO

**India’s Foreign Trade Policy**

Trade with Developed Economies

Trade with Emerging Economies

India and South-South Trade Co-operation

India and the Regional Cooperation/Integration-SAFTA and ASEAN Economic Groupings - G-77 and G-20

**Unit IV: Socio-Cultural Dimensions of Indian foreign Policy**

**‘Soft Power’ and Foreign Policy**

Transnational Cultural Linkages

Indian Diaspora as Foreign policy’s leverage

**Emerging Challenges**

Immigration/migration

Trafficking

India and Climate Change debates

Technology and Energy
**Essential Readings**


Kapur, Harish, *India’s Foreign Policy – Shadows and Substance* (New Delhi: Sage, 1994)


Shastri, Amita and Wilson, Jeyaratnam (Eds), *The Post-Colonial States of South Asia Democracy, Development and Identity* (Palgrave Macmillan 2001)


Wilson, Jeyaratnam and Dalton, Dennis (Eds), *The States of South Asia* (New Delhi: Vikas)

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**INT-PG-C204: International Law**

**Unit I: Sources and Functions of International Law**

Definition, Historical Development of present system of international law

Article 38 of the ICJ Statute

Scope of General Principles of Law Recognized by Civilized States

Asian-African Approach to International Law

**Relationship between Municipal and International Law**

Monism and dualism

Contribution of municipal law in the development of International law

Transposition of international law within municipal system

Reconciling conflictual situation

**Unit II: Law of Treaties**

Vienna Convention on Law of Treaties, 1969

Interpretation of Treaties

Enforcement of and Compliance with Treaty Obligations

Dispute Settlement for Breach of a Treaty

**Unit III: Subjects of International Law**

**States as primary subject:**

Case Study: *Reparations for Injuries Suffered in the Service of the UN, 1949*

**State Jurisdiction and Responsibility**

**Jurisdiction**

Right to Self-determination and emergence of ‘new states’

Modes of Acquisition of Title to Territory

Sovereign jurisdiction [including air space and maritime boundaries] and exceptions
Extra-territorial jurisdiction [diplomatic missions; ships; aircraft; universal crimes etc.]
Diplomatic Immunities and Privileges
Extradition and Asylum
**Responsibility**
Basis and Nature of State responsibility
Legal Injury to the State and issue of ‘reparations’
*Train Smelter Arbitration* (1941); *Corfu Channel* case (1949); *Nicaragua* case (1986); *Gabischovo v. Nagymaros* case (1997)
The International Law Commission and “The Draft Articles on Responsibility of States for internationally wrongful acts”
**International Organization:** Legal Personality of IOs: *Reparations for Injuries* case (1949);
Illegalities committed by organs of IOs (such as the Security Council)
**Non-State Entities** [including liberation movements] and individuals

**Unit IV: International Law and Its Varied Aspects**

**International Human Rights Law**
UN Charter and international law of human rights.
Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 1948
1966 Covenants (economic, social and cultural as well as civil and political rights)
Institutions: UN Council for Human Rights; UN High Commissioner for Human Rights
Rights of Rights Internal/External Displaced Person
Rights of the Refugees; Minorities and Indigenous People
Humanitarian Intervention and International Law

**Law of the Sea**
Common Heritage of Mankind and 1994 Special Agreement: Mutilation of an Ideal?
Maritime Boundaries (issue delimitation) and relevant case law before the ICJ and Inter. Tribunal for Law of the Sea
Marine Pollution and Marine Scientific Research

**Watercourse Law**
Historical Background and Basic Principles on sharing of waters by riparian states
Convention on the Non-Navigable Uses of International Watercourses
UN Convention on International Watercourses

**International Trade Law**
International economic system
GATT and WTO system
Dispute Settlement Forum.

**International Environmental Law**
Background and General Principles
Stockholm Declaration; the Rio Declaration; Johannesburg Declaration
**Multilateral Environmental Law-making Process**
International Environmental Institutions
Select MEAs: CITES; CMS; Ozone; UNFCCC; CBD; Basel; Bio-Safety
**Essential Readings**


*Case Concerning Military and Paramilitary Activities in and Against Nicaragua* (Nicaragua vs. United States), ICJ Reports 1986, pp.97-112 (paras 183-214)


International Law Commission Final Draft Articles on State Responsibility, *ILC Yearbook 2001* (ILC’s Report to the UN General Assembly)


Texts of GATT and WTO (Final Act of Uruguay Round of Trade Negotiations)


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**Semester III**

**INT-PG-C301: International Political Economy**

**Unit I: Introduction to International Political Economy**

The Evolution and Nature

**General Theories of International Political Economy**

Neo-liberalism, Marxism, Welfare state, Dependency and World System, Complex Interdependence/Hegemonic Stability

**Unit II: Theories of International Trade**

Economic Theories of International Trade

Customs Union Theory

Theories of Business Cycle
Unit III: International Economic Regimes and Institutions
International Trade Regimes
International Monetary Regimes
Institutions in International Economy (IMF, World Bank, GATT/WTO, NAFTA))
New Actors and Institutions in the Global Economy

Unit IV: Trade and Developing Nations
UNCTAD/NIEO, South – South Cooperation
Uruguay Round and Doha round
New protectionism
MNCs and the Foreign Capital
Technology Transfer

Essential Readings
Busch and Reinhardt, “Developing Countries and General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade/World Trade Organization Dispute Settlement,” from the Journal of World Trade
Drucker, P.F., "The Post-Capitalist World," Public Interest, No. 109 (Fall 1992), pp. 89-100
Jones, R.L.B., Globalization and Interdependence in the International Political Economy (Pinter, 1995)


INT-PG-C302: Political Geography

**Unit I: History of Mapmaking: Science, Technology and Politics**
- a. The Chinese outreach
- b. The Indian outreach
- c. The European outreach

**Unit II: Theorizing geo-politics**
Contesting theories (Sun Tzu, Kautilya, Ibn Khaldun, Mahan, Mackinder and Haushofer)

**Unit III: The geography of war and peace**
Decolonization; cold war; alliances and containment; post-cold war; religion and geo-politics

**Unit IV: Beyond political geography**
Geo-economics and psycho-geography in the age of globalization

**Essential Readings**


Gilbert Pollet, *India and the ancient world: history trade, and culture before A.D. 650*, Université Catholique de Louvain, 1987


**INT-PG-C303: Introduction to International Peace and Security**

**Unit I: Theory of Peace and Security**

Theories & Concepts

Sovereignty and Security


**Unit II: Arms Build Up and Disarmament (Conventional and Nuclear)**

General and Comprehensive Disarmament

Nuclear Disarmament, Prevention of Nuclear War and Non-Use

Non-Proliferation

**Unit III: Human security and Development**

Concept, Approaches

The Canadian & UNDP Approach

**Unit IV: Conflict Resolution, Peace Operation and Peace Building**

Theories & Concepts

Conflict Prevention, Mediation & Peace Implementation

Future of International Conflict Management

**Essential Readings:**


**INT-PG-O304: State and Politics in India**

**Unit I: Political System in India**
Colonialism and nationalism,
Constitutional development
Post colonial Indian state
Changing nature of Indian Politics

**Unit II: Political Economy of India**
The relation between Politics and Economics
Legacies of the Colonial State, State as an instrument of Social Reform and Economic Development; Welfare State vs. Soft state.
Liberalisation and Economic Reforms: Nature, Dimensions

**Unit III: Political Sociology of India**
Caste
Class
Gender
Tradition and Modernity
Social movements

**Unit IV: Contemporary Issues in Indian Politics**
Corruption
Naxalism
Regionalism
Communalism
Secessionism/insurgency
Changing nature of federalism

**Books Recommended**
Atul Kohli, *Democracy and Discontent: India's Growing Crisis of Governability*
Bipin Chandra, *India since independence.*
Bipin Chandra, *India’s struggle for independence*
CP Bhambri, *State and Politics in India*
R. Kothari, *Caste and Politics in India*, Orient Longman, New Delhi, 1970
R. Kothari, *State Against Democracy: In Search for Humane Governance*, Ajanta, Delhi, 1988
Rajeev Bhargava, *Secularism and Its critics*
U. Baxi and B. Parekh (ed.), *Crisis and Change in Contemporary India*, Sage, New Delhi, 1994

**Semester IV**
**INT-PG-O401: India and Its Neighbourhood**

**Unit I: Contextualising Neighbourhood**
National Liberation Movements
Decolonisation and Partition
Postcolonial Setting
Unit II: State, Politics, Economy and Culture
Democracy
Civil Military Relations
Civil Society
Development and Environment
Regionalism-SAARC/SAFTA
Identity (Religious, Minorities, Language)

Unit III: Relations with Neighbourhood
Bilateral Relations – China, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh

Unit IV: India and its Extended Neighbourhood
India’s Relationship with South East Asia
India and Central Asia

Essential Readings
Grare, Frédéric, et. al, India and ASEAN: The Politics of India’s Look East Policy (New Delhi: Manohar, 2001)
Jha, Nalini Kant, South Asia in 21st Century: India, Her Neighbours and the Great Powers (South Asian Publishers, 2003)
Krishna, Sankaran, Postcolonial Insecurity: India, Sri Lanka, and the Question of Nationhood (University of Minnesota Press, 1999)
Kukreja, Veena, Civil-Military Relations in South Asia: Pakistan, Bangladesh, and India (Sage Publications, 1991)
Muni, S. D. and Muni, Anuradha, Regional Cooperation in South Asia (National, 1984)
Sharan, Sarojini, Vivekananda, Franklin, Asia, the 21st Critical Century: The Question of Sub-nationalism in South Asia : Case Studies from Sri Lanka, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh(Bethany Books, 1991)

INT-PG-O402: Himalayas: Civilization and Sustainability

Unit I: Introduction of the Region
Civilization
Cultural and Economic History of the Himalayas
Society and Habitation
Geographical Peculiarities of the Region

Unit II: Social and Political History of States in the Eastern Himalayas
Process of State Formation and the Impact of British Rule in the Nineteenth Century
Social and Political History of Sikkim

Unit III: Migration and Ethnic Relations in the Himalayas
Issues of Migration
Questions of Ethnic Identity and Multiculturalism

Unit IV: Sustainability and Survival in the Himalayas
Urbanization
Ecological Evaluation of Land use system for Development Planning in the Himalayas
Himalayan Geography and the Issues of Eco-Tourism,
Climate Change, Deforestation, and Water Conservation.

Essential Readings
Gadgil, Madhav, Ramachandra Guha, This Fissured Land: An Ecological History of India,
Oxford University Press, USA, 1996.
Lall, J S; A D Moddie; The Himalaya, Aspects Of Change, New Delhi: India International Centre; Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1981.
Maynard, Charles W., The Himalayas, The Rosen Publishing Group, 2004
Pfleiderer, Beatrix, Reinhard Greve; A Bibliography on Himalayan Ethnography, Stuttgart: F. Steiner, 1990.

INT-PG-O403: Globalisation and world Politics

Unit I: The Concept of Globalisation
Definitions and Dimensions

Unit II: Globalisation in a Historical Perspective
Theoretical Contentions and Historical Patterns
Knowledge, Technology, and International Transactions
International Demography and Transnational Migration

Unit III: Domains of Globalisation
Economic Globalisation
Social Consequences of Economic Globalisation
Political Globalisation
Globalisation and State
Globalisation and Liberal Democracy
Non-State Actors and New Social Movements
Democratising Globalisation
Cultural Globalisation
Communication, Media and Cultural Homogenisation

Unit IV: Globalisation and Security Debates
Clash of Civilizations
Global War on Terrorism
Proliferation of WMD
Human Security

Essential Readings


Paolini, Albert , “Globalisation” in Philip Darby (ed.), *At the Edge of International Relations: Post-colonialism, Gender and Dependency* (London: Continuum , 1997))


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**Semester IV**

**INT-PG-C404: Research Methodology & Dissertation**

**Unit I: Research Methodology: Introduction and Concepts**

Theory and Methods

Human Inquiry, Paradigm, Theory and Social Research

Ethics and Politics of Social Research

Meanings of Methodology

Inductive vs Deductive, Fact-Value Dichotomy, Behaviouralism and Its Critique, Hermeneutics, Falsification

**Unit II: Statistical Tools and Techniques in Social Science Research**

Data and data collection, sampling and basics of statistical testing, operationalization and measurement, linking data with concepts and units, data analysis, basics of SPSS
Unit III: Survey Research Methods
Questionnaire:- Principles of question design; formulation of questions; selecting question types; evaluating responses – alternatives and non-committal responses. Administering the questionnaire:
Interviews:- Face to face interview; interview schedule; interview guide; telephone interviews; internet interviews.
Field Work:- Pre-testing of questionnaire and pilot study; selection and training of investigators; monitoring and data management.
Other methods of data collection and analysis:- Participant observation method: focused group discussion; interview with key informants; ethnographic method.

Unit IV: Research Design
Qualitative and Quantitative Orientations towards Research
Transforming Concepts into Units of Measurement
Issues in Qualitative and Quantitative Designs

Essential Readings
Gordon, Scott, The History and Philosophy of Social Science (Routledge, 1991)
Uwe Flick (ed) The Sage Qualitative Research Kit (8 vol) 2007.