

Honours Course: Discipline Specific Core VII

Semester	Three
Paper Number	HPSCR3071T
Paper Title	International Relations: Theories and Issues
No. of Credits	6
Theory/Composite	
No. of periods assigned	Th:5+1 Tutorial class Pr:
Name of Faculty member(s)	
Course description/objective	This paper seeks to equip students with the basic intellectual tools for understanding International Relations. It introduces students to some of the most important theoretical approaches for studying international relations. The course begins by historically contextualizing the evolution of the international state system before discussing the agency structure problem through the levels-of-analysis approach. After having set the parameters of the debate, students are introduced to different theories in International Relations. It provides a fairly comprehensive overview of the major political developments and events. Students are expected to learn about the key milestones and equip them with the tools to understand and analyze the same from different perspectives.
Syllabus	<p>Module I (40 Marks)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. International Relations as an academic discipline - development, nature, scope. (6) 2. Representative theories in International Relations: Realism, Pluralism, World Systems and Dependency theory.(15) 3. Select key concepts: Balance of power, Collective security, National Interest.(3) 4. Foreign policy: concept and techniques - diplomacy, propaganda, war. Role of media in foreign policy.(6) <p>Module II (40 Marks)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. From Cold War to Post-Cold War; bipolarity, unipolarity and changes in great power system.(12) 6. The United Nations: Purposes and Principles; Major Organs. (4) 7. Foreign policies of the USA, Russia and the PRC: ideological foundations and geo-strategic contexts.(10) 8. Indian foreign policy - evolution and principles.(4)
Texts	

Reading/Reference Lists	<p>Essential Readings: Studying International Relations: Theoretical Perspectives</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. M. Nicholson, (2002) <i>International Relations: A Concise Introduction</i>, New York: Palgrave. 2. E. Carr, (1981) <i>The Twenty Years Crisis, 1919-1939: An Introduction to the Study of International Relations</i>, London: Macmillan, pp. 63-94. 3. H. Morgenthau, (2007) 'Six Principles of Political Realism', in R. Art and R. Jervis, <i>International Politics</i>, 8th Edition, New York: Pearson Longman, pp. 7-14. <p>Cold War: Different Phases, Collapse of USSR and the End of the Cold War. Post-Cold War Developments.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. R. Jackson and G. Sorensen, (2007) <i>Introduction to International Relations: Theories and Approaches</i>, 3rd Edition, Oxford: Oxford University Press. 5. J. Baylis and S. Smith (eds), (2008) <i>The Globalization of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations</i>, New York: Oxford University Press. 6. Lundestad, Geir, <i>East, West, North, South: Major Developments in International Politics since 1945</i>, OUP, London, 1999. <p>Additional Readings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rumki Basu, (ed) (2012) <i>International Politics: Concepts, Theories and Issues</i> New Delhi, Sage. 2. S. Lawson, (2003) <i>International Relations</i>, Cambridge: Polity Press 3. S. Joshua. Goldstein and J. Pevehouse, (2007) <i>International Relations</i>, New York: Pearson Longman, 2007, 4. Calvocoressi, P. (2001) <i>World Politics: 1945—2000</i>. Essex: Pearson, pp. 3-91. 5. Scott, L. (2005) 'International History, 1945-1990' in Baylis, J. and Smith, S. (eds.) (2008) <i>The Globalization of World Politics. An Introduction to International Relations</i>. 4th edn. Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 93-101. 6. Brezeznski, Z. (2005) <i>Choice: Global Dominance or Global Leadership</i>. New York: Basic Books, pp. 85-127.34 7. Gill, S. (2005) 'Contradictions of US Supremacy' in Panitch, L. and Leys, C. (eds.) <i>Socialist Register:</i>
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	<p>The Empire Reloaded. London: Merlin Press. 2004, London, Merlin Press and New York, Monthly Review Press. Socialist Register, pp.24-47.</p> <p>8. Therborn, G. (2006) 'Poles and Triangles: US Power and Triangles of Americas, Asia and Europe' in Hadiz, V.R. (ed.) Empire and Neo Liberalism in Asia. London: Routledge, pp.23-37.</p> <p>9. Alperovitz, Gar and Kai Bird, "The fading of the Cold War – and the Demystification of 20th Century Issues," in Michael J Hogan (Ed.), The End of the Cold War; Its Meaning and Implications, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge 1992.</p> <p>10. Chomsky, Noam, "A View from Below", in Michael J Hogan (Ed.), The End of the Cold War; Its Meaning and Implications, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge 1992.</p>
Evaluation	<p>CIA: 20 End-Sem: 80</p> <p>Short Notes: 2 out of 3 of 5marks each (2x5=10) Essay Type: 3 out of 4 (3X10= 30) (40 marks per module) 40+40 (Module I + Module II= 80) (80+20 CIA=100)</p>