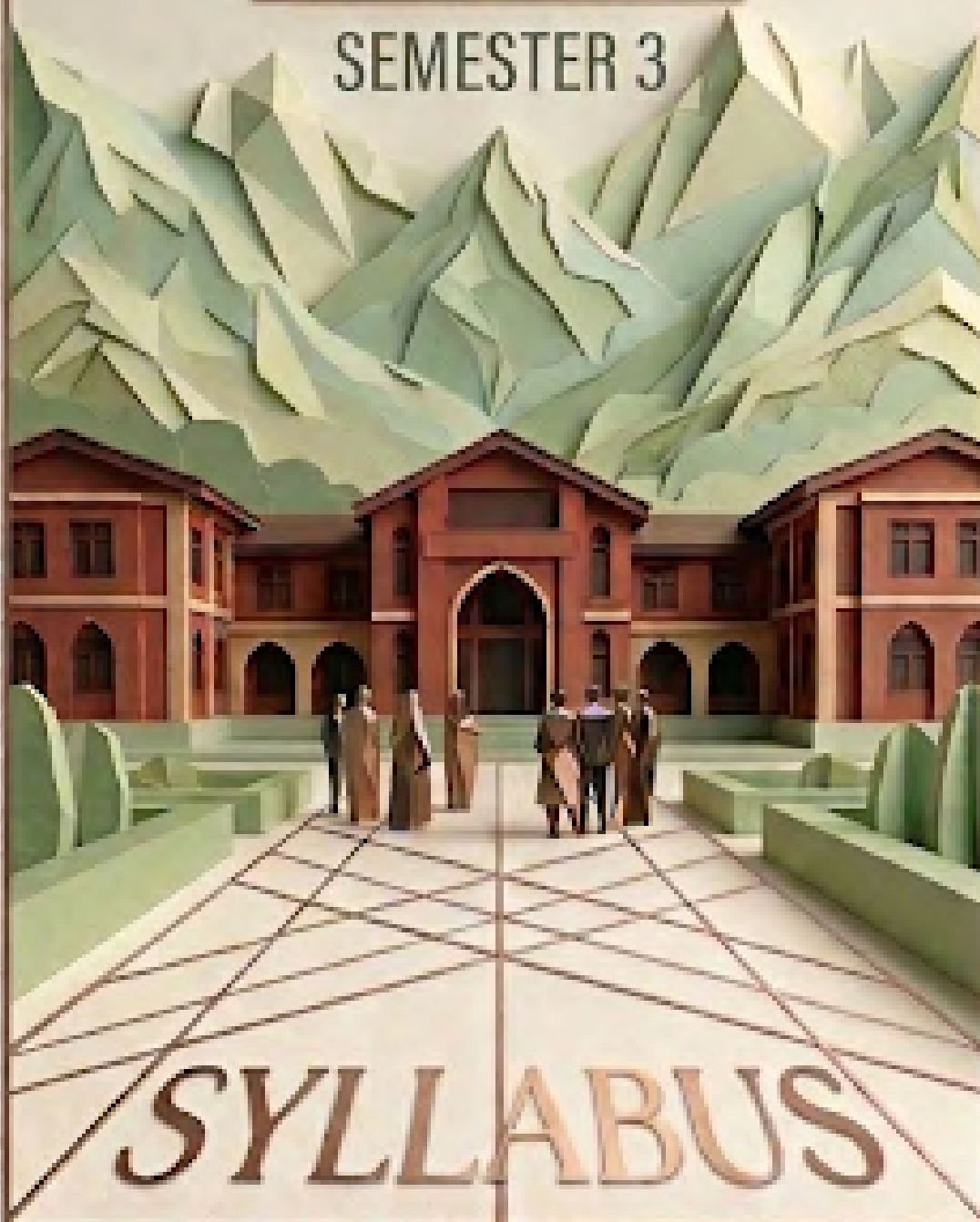


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GREAT POWER POLITICS AND THE WORLD ORDER

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Course Description

Why do some states shape the international order while others follow? How do great powers rise, maintain influence, and eventually decline? This course offers a structured exploration of power in international relations—how it is defined, exercised, institutionalized, and contested across time.

We begin by examining foundational theories of power and order, establishing the analytical tools necessary to understand how global hierarchies are constructed and sustained. The course traces the historical evolution of world order, covering early imperial systems, the balance-of-power dynamics of the 19th century, the bipolarity of the Cold War, and the contested unipolarity of the post-Cold War era. Key turning points and rivalries are explored to illuminate how global power structures are reshaped over time.

The course also focuses on the strategic practices of great powers—military, economic, and institutional—and how these instruments states pursue influence and secure their interests in both historical and contemporary settings.

The course concludes with an in-depth examination of the rise of new powers such as China, the resurgence of Russia, and the global ambitions of democratic middle powers such as India, Brazil, and South Africa. Special attention is given to how these actors challenge or reinforce the evolving global order.

By the end of the course, students will be able to critically analyze great power behaviour, evaluate the instruments of global influence, and engage with enduring debates about continuity and change in the international system.

UNIT I: POWER AND ORDER IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

1. **Theorizing Power:** What is Power? Forms, Framework and Attributes
2. **Conceptualizing Order:** Competing Definitions, Historical and Normative Foundations
3. **Concepts and Cognates:** Great Powers, Superpowers, Middle Powers, Regional Powers

UNIT II: HISTORICAL TRAJECTORIES OF POWER AND ORDER

1. **Great Powers in History:** Rise and Fall, Long Cycles, Historical Turning Points.
2. **Global Orders:** Balance of Power, Imperial Rivalries, and the World Wars
3. **Cold War and After:** Bipolarity, Unipolarity, and the Emerging Multipolarity

UNIT III: STRATEGY AND STATECRAFT OF GREAT POWERS

1. **Military Statecraft:** Strategic Cultures, Military Doctrines, and the Use of Force
2. **Economic Statecraft:** Economy, Strategic Interdependence, and the Logic of Influence
3. **Institutional Statecraft:** Alliances, Strategic Alignments, and Multilateral Strategy

UNIT IV: EMERGING POWERS AND WORLD ORDER

1. **China's Grand Strategy:** Institutional Power, Economic Statecraft, and the Contest for Leadership
2. **Russia's Strategic Challenge:** Resurgence, Revisionism, and Geopolitical Contestation
3. **Democratic Middle Powers:** India, Brazil, South Africa and the Emerging Multipolarity

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RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Course Instructor: Dr Zubair Ahmad Bader

Semester: M.A. IR 3rd Semester

Course Code: CIR 602C

Credits: 04

Marks: 100

L:T:P:S = 2:1:1:0

COURSE OBJECTIVES

The primary objective of this course is to present multiple methodological frameworks and research tools which are available to M.A. students in designing and undertaking their research projects. The course intends to introduce the students to the importance of constructing a sustainable research design and deciding methods of collecting evidence and data to corroborate the claims of the research. A wide variety of approaches can be utilized to structure the study of world politics, which include both qualitative and quantitative modes of inquiry. It intends to familiarize the students with different quantitative and qualitative practices that are available as research tools in International Relations. Most importantly, this course will equip students to design and conduct research, which will enable them to integrate the context of their interest areas into their research design.

Unit I: Social Science Research: Philosophical Foundation

Idea of Research: Positivism, Post-positivism.

Relation between science, theory and fact

Epistemological, ethical and experimental problems faced in social research.

Unit II: Research Design

Defining research problem and significance of research problem

Review of literature, conceptual framework.

Meaning and importance of sampling, types, bias and error in sampling

Unit III: Data Collection and Analysis Techniques

Meaning of qualitative research, Construction of questionnaire, Interview: semi-structured, structured and unstructured.

Qualitative data analysis, general principles and approaches of data reduction Quantitative data analysis: Presenting results/interpretations and drawing inferences

Unit IV- Ethics in Social Science Research & Thesis Writing

Meaning of Plagiarism and its problems

Importance of adhering to rules of referencing/citation Learning about Bibliography/Reference Styles etc.

Essential Readings:

Unit I

Bryman, Alan. (2021). *Social Research Methods*, Oxford University Press.

Earl R. Babie. (1998). *The Practice of Social Research*. Wardsworth Publications Bailey

Kenneth D. (1992). *Methods of Social Science Research*. The Free Press.

Unit II

Ahuja Ram. (2001). *Research Methods*, Rawat Publications.

Fowler, Floyd J.Jr. (1995). *Improving Survey Questions: Design and Evaluation*. Sage.

Bell, Judith. (1987). *Doing Your Research Project: A Guide for First-Time Researchers*,
Buckingham: Open University Press.

Unit III

Creswell, John W., Cheryl N. Poth. (1997). *Qualitative Inquiry and Research Design: Choosing Among Five Approaches*, Sage Publishing.

Berg, Bruce L., Howard Lune. (1988). *Qualitative Research Methods for the Social Sciences*, Pearson Education.

Imai, Kosuke. (2021). *Quantitative Social Science: An Introduction*, Princeton University Press.

Punch, Keith F. (1998). *Introduction to Social Research: Quantitative and Qualitative Approaches*, Sage Publications.

Unit IV

Ahuja Ram. (2001). *Research Methods*, Rawat Publications.

Further Readings:

Berg, Bruce L. (1989). *Qualitative Research Methods for Social Sciences*, Allyn & Bacon.

Bourque, L., and Eve Fielder. (1995). *How to Conduct Self-Administered and Mail Surveys: Learning Objectives*. Sage.

Paul K. F.(1993). *Against Method*. Biddles Ltd.

William J.G., P. K. Hatt. (1952). *Methods in Social Research*, McGraw Hill.

Yin, R.K. (1989). *Case Study Research Design and Methods*. Sage Publications.

Beins, Bernard C., Maureen McCarthy. (2011). *Research Methods for the Social Sciences*, Pearson Education.

Alasuutari, Pertti, Leonard Bickman, and Julia Brannen. (2008). *The SAGE Handbook of Social Research Methods*, Sage Publications.

FOREIGN POLICY OF INDIA: THEORY AND PRACTICE

Course Instructor: Dr Shakoor Ahmad Wani

Semester: M.A. IR 3rd Semester

Course Code: CIR 603E

Credits: 04

Marks: 100

L:T:P:S = 3:1:0:0

COURSE OBJECTIVES

The course introduces students to the very interesting and dynamic field of India's foreign policy as an emerging global power. The course is intended to acquaint students with the theoretical as well as practical underpinnings of India's foreign policy. Besides, getting acquainted with various approaches and theories as well as role of history and geography on India's strategic culture and Grand Strategy, the students will be instructed on India's shifting identity as a postcolonial state to the contemporary dynamics of India attempting to carve its identity as an 'aspiring global power'. This paper will help students to know about India's regional policy in South Asia as well its India's relations with major powers like the US, Russia and China. Finally, students will be acquainted with some important recent trends in India's foreign policy

Unit I: Introduction

Foreign Policy-making in India: An Overview

Foreign Policy Analysis (FPA) and India's Foreign Policy

Sources, Objectives and Goals of India's Foreign Policy

Why Study India's Foreign Policy

Unit II: Theorizing India's Foreign Policy

Approaches to the study of India's Foreign Policy

Theorizing India's Strategic Culture

Debating India's Grand Strategy: Role of History and Geography

From NAM to Multi-Alignment

Unit III: India's Regional Policy and Beyond

India's Policy Towards South Asia (From Nehru to Modi)

Nehru Doctrine, Indira Doctrine, Gujral Doctrine, Manmohan Doctrine
Doctrine/ Neighborhood First and Modi

From Look East to Act East: India in Extended Neighborhood

India's foreign economic policy

Unit IV: Relations with Major Powers and Recent Trends

India's Relations with US

India's Relations with Russia

India's Relations with China

Global Scenario: Diaspora, Multilateralism, Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, G-20 and the Indo-Pacific Discourse

READINGS

UNIT I: INTRODUCTION

ESSENTIAL READINGS

1. Pant, H. V. (2016). *India's Foreign Policy-An Overview*. Orient Blackswan. Chapter 1.
2. Ganguly, S. (Ed.). (2010). *India's foreign policy: retrospect and prospect*. Oxford University Press. Chapter 1.
3. Pant, H.V.(ed) (2019), *New Directions in India's foreign Policy: Theory and Praxis*, New Delhi: Cambridge University Press. Chapter 6.
4. Pande, A. (2017). *From Chanakya to Modi: The evolution of India's foreign policy*. HarperCollins India. Chapter 5.

SUGGESTED READINGS

5. Sikri, R. (2013). *Challenge and strategy: Rethinking India's foreign policy*. SAGE Publications India.
6. Menon, S. (2016). *Choices: Inside the making of Indian foreign policy*. Penguin India.

UNIT II: THEORIZING INDIA'S FOREIGN POLICY

ESSENTIAL READINGS

1. Malone, D. M., Mohan, C. R., & Raghavan, S. (Eds.). (2015). *The Oxford handbook of Indian foreign policy*. Oxford University Press. Chapter 2.
2. Hansel, M., Khan, R., & Levallant, M. (Eds.). (2017). *Theorizing Indian foreign policy*. Taylor & Francis. Chapter 5.
3. Bajpai, K., Krishnappa, V., & Basit, S. (Eds.). (2023). *India's grand strategic thought and practice: History, theory, cases*. Oxford University Press. Chapter 4.

4. Hall, I. (2016). Multialignment and Indian Foreign Policy under Narendra Modi. *The Round Table*, DOI: 10.1080/00358533.2016.1180760

SUGGESTED READINGS

5. Dubey, M. (2016), *India's Foreign Policy: Coping with the Changing World*, New Delhi, Orient Blackswan Pvt. Ltd.
6. Ganguly, S. (Ed.). (2016). *Engaging the World: Indian Foreign Policy since 1947*. Oxford University Press.

UNIT III: INDIA'S REGIONAL POLICY AND BEYOND

ESSENTIAL READINGS

1. Pande, A. (Ed.). (2024). *Routledge handbook on South Asian foreign policy*. Routledge. Chapter 6.
2. Dogra, R. (2020). *India's world: How prime ministers shaped foreign policy*. Rupa Publications India.
3. Mishra, R. (2018). From Look East to Act East: Transitions in India's Eastward Engagement. In: Rozman, G., Liow, J. (eds) *International Relations and Asia's Southern Tier* (pp. 321–340). Asan-Palgrave Macmillan Series. Springer.
4. Ganguly, S. (Ed.). (2016). *Engaging the World: Indian Foreign Policy since 1947*. Oxford University Press. Chapter 18.

SUGGESTED READINGS

5. Pant, H. V. (2016), *India's Foreign Policy-An Overview*. Orient Blackswan. Chapter 6.
6. Sikri, R. (2013). *Challenge and strategy: Rethinking India's foreign policy*. SAGE Publications India. Chapter 2 & 7.

UNIT IV: RELATIONS WITH MAJOR POWERS AND RECENT TRENDS

ESSENTIAL READINGS

1. Pant, H. V. (2016), *India's Foreign Policy-An Overview*. Orient Blackswan. Chapter 2, 3, 4 & 16.
2. Hegde, R. S., & Sahoo, A. K. (Eds.). (2018). *Routledge handbook of the Indian diaspora*. Routledge. Chapter: Introduction.
3. Bekkevold, J. I., & Kalyanaraman, S. (Eds.). (2021). *India's great power politics: Managing China's rise*. Routledge India. Chapter: 9.
4. Modi, N. (2023, November 30). *Towards a brighter tomorrow: India's G20 presidency and the dawn of a new multilateralism*. Prime Minister of India.
5. Medcalf, R. (2013). The Indo-Pacific: What's in a name? *The American Interest*, 9(2).

SUGGESTED READINGS

6. Sikri, R. (2013). *Challenge and strategy: Rethinking India's foreign policy*. SAGE Publications India.
7. Malone, D. M., Mohan, C. R., & Raghavan, S. (Eds.). (2015). *The Oxford handbook of Indian foreign policy*. Oxford University Press.
8. Jaishankar, S. (2020). *The India way: Strategies for an uncertain world*. Harper Collins India.

PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

Course Instructor: Dr Athar Ud Din

Semester: M.A. IR 3rd Semester

Course Code: CIR 604E

Credits: 04

Marks: 100

L:T:P:S = 2:1:1:0

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Environmental issues, from loss of biodiversity to depletion of ozone layer to climate change, have emerged as an integral part of international relations. Over the years certain basic principles have emerged for the protection of the global environment.

This course introduces students to the basic principles of international environmental law with a specific focus on sustainable development. Towards the end the course focuses on the issues of the Global South and discusses the conceptual understanding as well as evolution of the principle of Common but Differentiated Responsibilities. By critically exploring these principles, students will gain insight into contestations around environmental issues in international law-making.

Unit I: Introduction

1. Environmental Issues and International Relations: transboundary environmental issues, the triple planetary crisis
2. Sources of International Environmental Law: Overview of Treaties (Multilateral Environmental Agreements), Customary International Law, Soft Law.
3. Difference between environmental rules and Principles

Unit II: Environment and Development

1. Environment and Development: Stockholm Conference, Rio Conference, World Summit on Sustainable Development
2. Sustainable Development: conceptual understanding, scope
3. Sovereignty over natural resources and responsibility not to cause transboundary environmental damage:
 - a. The trade-environment interface: *The shrimp/turtle case* in the WTO
 - b. Transboundary environmental harm: The Trail Smelter Arbitration, ICJ on environment and nuclear weapons

Unit III: Prevention Action, Precaution, and Accountability

1. Principle of Preventive Action: meaning, scope

2. Precautionary Principle: applicability to climate change, precautionary principle in dispute settlement
3. Polluter Pays Principle: North-South contestations, Loss and Damage in climate change law-making

Unit-IV: Common but Differentiated Responsibilities

1. Introduction to Common but Differentiated Responsibilities
2. Principle 07 of the Rio Declaration
3. Evolution of CBDR: From UNFCCC to the Paris Agreement

READINGS

UNIT I: Introduction

ESSENTIAL READINGS

1. Sands, P., Peel, J., Fabra, A., & Mackenzie, R. (2018). *Principles of international environmental law* (pp. 3–20, 101–124, 197–199). Cambridge University Press.
2. UNFCCC. (n.d.). What is the triple planetary crisis? *United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change*. <https://unfccc.int/news/what-is-the-triple-planetary-crisis>
3. World Wildlife Fund. (2021). A warning sign: Where biodiversity loss is happening around the world. *World Wildlife Fund*. <https://www.worldwildlife.org/magazine/issues/summer-2021/articles/a-warning-sign-where-biodiversity-loss-is-happening-around-the-world>

SUGGESTED READINGS

4. Rajamani, L., & Peel, J. (Eds.). (2021). *The Oxford Handbook of International Environmental Law*. Oxford University Press.

UNIT II: Environment and Development

ESSENTIAL READINGS

1. Chimni, B. S. (2002). WTO and environment: Legitimation of unilateral trade sanctions. *Economic and Political Weekly*, 133–139.
2. Casebriefs. (n.d.). Trail Smelter arbitration: United States v. Canada. *Casebriefs*. <https://www.casebriefs.com/blog/law/international-law/international-law-keyed-to-damrosche/chapter-18/trail-smelter-arbitration-united-states-v-canada/>
3. Handl, G. (n.d.). *Declaration of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment (Stockholm Declaration), 1972 and the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, 1992*. United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law. https://legal.un.org/avl/pdf/ha/dunche/dunche_e.pdf
4. Rajamani, L. (2008). Dissonance in international environmental law. In *Differential treatment in international environmental law* (pp. 54–88). Oxford University Press.
5. Sands, P., Peel, J., Fabra, A., & Mackenzie, R. (2018). *Principles of international environmental law* (pp. 201–229). Cambridge University Press.

SUGGESTED READINGS

6. International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD). (n.d.). Trade and environment. *International Institute for Sustainable Development*. <https://www.iisd.org/articles/trade-and-environment>
7. Kaswan, A. (2013). Seven principles for equitable adaptation. *Sustainable Development Law & Policy*, 13(1), 41–69.
8. International Court of Justice. (1996, July 8). *Legality of the threat or use of nuclear weapons: Advisory opinion*.
<https://www.icj-cij.org/sites/default/files/case-related/95/095-19960708-ADV-01-00-EN.pdf>

UNIT III: Prevention Action, Precaution, and Accountability

ESSENTIAL READINGS

1. Sands, P., Peel, J., Fabra, A., & Mackenzie, R. (2018). *Principles of international environmental law* (pp. 211–212, 229–241). Cambridge University Press.
2. World Resources Institute. (n.d.). Loss and damage from climate change. *World Resources Institute*.
<https://www.wri.org/insights/loss-damage-climate-change>

SUGGESTED READINGS

3. United Nations Climate Change. (n.d.). *Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts*.
<https://unfccc.int/topics/adaptation-and-resilience/workstreams/loss-and-damage/warsaw-international-mechanism>

UNIT-IV: Common but Differentiated Responsibilities

ESSENTIAL READINGS

1. Rajamani, L. (2016). Ambition and differentiation in the 2015 Paris Agreement: Interpretative possibilities and underlying politics. *International & Comparative Law Quarterly*, 65(2), 493–514.
<https://doi.org/10.1017/S0020589316000106>
2. Rajamani, L. (2008). Dissonance in international environmental law. In *Differential treatment in international environmental law* (pp. 54–88, 129–174). Oxford University Press.

SUGGESTED READINGS

3. French, D. (2000). Developing states and international environmental law: The importance of differentiated responsibilities. *The International and Comparative Law Quarterly*, 49(1), 35–60.

4. Honkonen, T. (2009). *The Common but Differentiated Responsibility Principle in Multilateral Environmental Agreements*. The Hague: Kluwer Law International.
5. Pauwelyn, J. (2013). The end of differential treatment for developing countries? Lessons from the trade and climate change regimes. *Review of European Community and International Environmental Law*, 22(1), 29–41.
6. Thakur, S. (2021). From Kyoto to Paris and beyond: The emerging politics of climate change. *India Quarterly*, 77(3), 366–383.

GLOBAL SOUTH PERSPECTIVES ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Course Instructor: Ms.Shazana Andrabi Syed

Semester: M.A. IR 3rd Semester

Course Code:CIR 605E

Credits:04

Marks: 100

L:T:P:S =3:1:0:0

COURSE OBJECTIVES

The course is intended to introduce students with a critical sense of the theoretical discipline of International Relations by inviting them to look beyond the dominant discourse of Euro-centrism, methodologically, conceptually as well as theoretically. Students will get acquainted with the narratives and myths about Europe/West that dominated the disciplinarily of the subject. They will know about the potential for making the subject more inclusive and representative by bringing non-Western voices within its domain. Students will be introduced to various non-Western perspectives on IR like Asian, African, Latin-American and beyond.

Unit I

Introducing Euro-centrism in IR: History and Methodology
Decolonizing IR: Beyond Westphalia Big Bang and Aberystwyth
Non-Western IR Theory : Major Assumptions and issues

Unit II

Chinese Perspectives on International Relations
Indian Perspectives on International Relations
Asian Perspectives on International Relations

Unit III

Arab Perspectives on International Relations
African Perspectives on International Relations
Latin American perspectives on International Relations

Unit IV

Interrogating the 'Global' in Global IR
Dimensions and issues of Global IR
Challenges and Future Directions

READINGS

Unit I

1. Acharya, A. (2000). *The quest for identity: International relations of Southeast Asia* (Vol. 118). Singapore: Oxford University Press:
2. Acharya, A. (2011). Dialogue and discovery: In search of International Relations theories beyond the West". *Millennium*. 39(3), 619-637.

Unit II

3. Acharya, A. (2014). "Global International Relations (IR) and Regional Worlds A New Agenda for International Studies". *International studies quarterly*. 58(4), 647-659.

Unit III

4. Acharya, A., & Buzan, B. (2007). "Why is there no non-Western international relations theory? An introduction". *International relations of the Asia-Pacific*, 7(3), 287-312.

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