



**ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY OF
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**

**CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS**

MA SYLLABUS 2025–2026

**Semester One
(Political Science)**



INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Course Instructor: **Dr. Syed Jaleel Hussain**

Semester: M.A. PS 1st Semester

Course Code: CIR506C

Credits: 04

Marks: 100

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

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course provides a foundational exploration of International Relations (IR), tracing its historical development, key theoretical frameworks, and real-world applications. It examines the rise of the modern state system, the dynamics of power and diplomacy, and the structures that shape conflict and cooperation among both state and non-state actors.

The course examines key historical developments such as the Peace of Westphalia, the World Wars, the Cold War, decolonization, and globalization to understand their influence on the evolution of the international order. It also engages with pressing contemporary challenges, including climate change, nuclear proliferation, migration, terrorism, and the complexities of global governance. Special emphasis is placed on the roles of international institutions, rising powers, and non-state actors in shaping the dynamics of global politics.

Through classic texts and contemporary case studies, students critically examine how power, identity, interests, and ideas influence international outcomes and how IR theories help explain patterns of conflict, cooperation, and transformation at the international level.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

- Introduce students to the historical evolution, theoretical foundations, and key debates in International Relations.
- Familiarize students with the dynamics of power, conflict, and cooperation in the modern international system.
- Examine the roles of states, non-state actors, and international institutions in shaping world politics.
- Develop critical perspectives on major global transformations, including colonialism, the Cold War, globalization, and multipolarity.
- Encourage analytical engagement with contemporary international challenges such as security, migration, climate change, and global inequality.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of the course, students will be able to:

- Explain and analyse key concepts, theories, and approaches in International Relations and their relevance for understanding global politics.
- Evaluate the role of states, non-state actors, and international institutions in addressing issues of conflict and cooperation.
- Apply theoretical perspectives to interpret major events such as the World Wars, Cold War, decolonization, and globalization.
- Critically assess contemporary security, ethical, and transnational challenges using concepts and frameworks from IR.

COURSE OUTLINE

Unit I: Foundations of the International System

1. **Defining IR:** Actors, Systems, and Structures
2. **Understanding IR:** Theories and Approaches
3. **Historicizing IR:** From Westphalia to World Wars

Unit II: The Emergence of the Modern International System

1. **Global Hierarchies and Resistance:** Empire, Colonization, and the Global South
2. **The World Wars and the Cold War:** Strategic Alliances, Nuclear Deterrence, and Bipolarity
3. **Post-Cold War International Order:** Unipolarity, Globalization, and Emerging Multipolarity

Unit III: Actors and Institutions in World Politics

1. **The State:** Nation-States, National Interest and the International System
2. **Non-State Actors:** Diplomacy, Advocacy, and Norm-Building
3. **International Organizations:** Global Governance and International Order

Unit IV: Contemporary Issues in International Politics

1. **Security Issues:** Nuclear Weapons, Cyber Warfare, and Terrorism
2. **Ethical Issues:** Migration, Refugees, and Humanitarian Intervention
3. **Transnational Issues:** Climate Change, Global Inequality, and Artificial Intelligence

READINGS

UNIT I: FOUNDATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM

Essential Readings

1. Frieden, J. A., Lake, D. A., & Schultz, K. A. (2022). "Understanding Interests, Interactions, and Institutions". In *World Politics: Interests, Interactions, Institutions* (5th ed., pp. 42–80). W. W. Norton & Company.
2. Grieco, J. M., Ikenberry, G. J., & Mastanduno, M. (2022). "Understanding International Relations". In *Introduction to International Relations: Perspectives, Connections and Enduring Questions* (3rd ed., pp. 2–32). Bloomsbury Academic.
3. Krasner, S. (1993). "Westphalia and All That". In J. Goldstein & R. Keohane (Ed.), *Ideas and Foreign Policy: Beliefs, Institutions, and Political Change* (pp. 235–264). Cornell University Press.
4. Walt, S. M. (1998). International Relations: One World, Many Theories. *Foreign Policy*, 110, 29–46.

Suggested Readings

5. Baylis, J., Smith, S., & Owens, P. (2020). *The Globalization of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations*. Oxford University Press. (Chapters on IR theory and actors)
6. Bull, H. (1977). *The Anarchical Society: A Study of Order in World Politics*. Macmillan.
7. Burchill, S., & Linklater, A. (Eds.). (2013). *Theories of International Relations*. Palgrave Macmillan.
8. Buzan, B., & Lawson, G. (2013). The Global Transformation: The Nineteenth Century and the Making of Modern International Relations. *International Studies Quarterly*, 57(3), 620–634.
9. Gross, L. (1948). The Peace of Westphalia, 1648–1948. *American Journal of International Law*, 42(1), 20–41.
10. Havercroft, J. (2012). Was Westphalia 'all that'? Hobbes, Bellarmine, and the norm of non-intervention. *Global Constitutionalism*, 1(1), 120–140.
11. Hobson, J. M. (2012). "Introduction: Constructing Eurocentrism and International Theory as Eurocentric Construct". In *The Eurocentric Conception of World Politics: Western International Theory, 1760–2010* (pp. 1–30). Cambridge University Press.
12. Halliday, F. (1994). *Rethinking International Relations*. Macmillan.
13. Hobson, J. M. (2009). Provincializing Westphalia: The Eastern Origins of Sovereignty. *International Politics*, 46, 671–690.
14. Krasner, S. D. (1995). Compromising Westphalia. *International Security*, 20(3), 115–151.
15. Long, D., & Schmidt, B. C. (Eds.). (2005). *Imperialism and Internationalism in the Discipline of International Relations*. State University of New York Press
16. Morgenthau, H. J. (1948). *Politics Among Nations: The Struggle for Power and Peace*.

17. Osiander, A. (2001). Sovereignty, International Relations, and the Westphalian Myth. *International Organization*, 55(2), 251–287.
18. Teschke, B. (2003). *The Myth of 1648: Class, Geopolitics, and the Making of Modern International Relations*. Verso.
19. Wendt, A. (1999). *Social Theory of International Politics*. Cambridge University Press
20. Nye, J. S. (2004). *Soft Power: The Means to Success in World Politics*.

UNIT II: THE EMERGENCE OF THE MODERN INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM

Essential Readings

1. De Carvalho, B., Leira, H., & Hobson, J. M. (2011). The Big Bangs of IR: The Myths That Your Teachers Still Tell You about 1648 and 1919. *Millennium*, 39(3), 735-758.
2. Lawson, G. (2023). The Colonial Origins—and Legacies—of International Organizations. In K. Schlichte & S. Stetter (Eds.), *The Historicity of International Politics: Imperialism and The Presence of The Past* (pp.49–65). Cambridge University Press
3. Lawson, G. (2022). The Rise of Modern International Order. In *The Globalization of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations*. (pp. 39-52). Oxford University Press.
4. Lebow, R. N., & Stein, J. G. (1995). Deterrence and the Cold War. *Political Science Quarterly*, 110(2), 157–181.

Suggested Readings

5. Benton, L. (2010). *A Search for Sovereignty: Law and Geography in European Empires, 1400–1900*. Cambridge University Press.
6. Buzan, B., & Lawson, G. (2015). *The Global Transformation: The Nineteenth Century and The Making of International Relations*. Cambridge University Press
7. Hobson, J. M., & Sharman, J. C. (2005). "The Enduring Place of Hierarchy in World Politics." *International Organization*, 59(3), 1–33.
8. Ikenberry, G. J. (2002). *After Victory: Institutions, Strategic Restraint, and the Rebuilding of Order after Major Wars*. Princeton University Press.
9. Jacobsen, T. (2016). *Re-envisioning Sovereignty: The End of Westphalia?* Routledge.
10. Keene, E. (2002). *Beyond the Anarchical Society: Grotius, Colonialism and Order in World Politics*.
11. Lebow, R. N. (2016). Deterrence: A political and psychological critique. In R. N. Lebow (Ed.), *Richard Ned Lebow: Key texts in political psychology and international relations theory* (pp. 143–175). Palgrave Macmillan.
12. Mazarr, M. J. (2018). *Understanding Deterrence*. RAND Corporation.
13. Payne, Keith B. "Realism, Idealism, Deterrence, and Disarmament." *Strategic Studies Quarterly* 13, no. 3 (2019): 7–37.

14. Powell, R. (2003). Nuclear Deterrence Theory, Nuclear Proliferation, and National Missile Defense. *International Security*, 27(4), 86–118.
15. Sluga, G. (2013). *Internationalism in the Age of Nationalism*. University of Pennsylvania Press.
16. Westad, O. A. (2007). *The Global Cold War: Third World Interventions and the Making of Our Times*. Cambridge University Press.

UNIT III: ACTORS AND INSTITUTIONS IN WORLD POLITICS

Essential Readings

1. Agnew, J. (1994). The Territorial Trap: The Geographical Assumptions of International Relations Theory. *Review of International Political Economy*, 1(1), 53–80.
2. Buzan, B. (1983). National And International Security: The Policy Problem. In *People, States, And Fear: An Agenda for International Security Studies in The Post-Cold War Era* (pp. 214–244). Wheatsheaf Books.
3. Lake, D. A. (2013). “Authority, Coercion, and Power in International Relations”. In M. Finnemore & J. Goldstein (Eds.), *Back to Basics: State Power in a Contemporary World* (pp. 55–77). Oxford University Press.
4. Risse, T. (2007). Transnational Actors and World Politics. In W. Carlsnaes, T. Risse, & B. A. Simmons (Eds.), *Handbook of International Relations* (pp. 255–274). SAGE Publications.
5. Stein, A. A. (2013). “Power Politics and The Powerless”. In M. Finnemore & J. Goldstein (Eds.), *Back to Basics: State Power in a Contemporary World* (pp. 219–248). Oxford University Press.

Suggested Readings

6. Barnett, M., & Finnemore, M. (2004). *Rules for the World: International Organizations in Global Politics*.
7. Burchill, S. (2005). “Origins and Antecedents”. In *The National Interest in International Relations Theory* (pp. 9–30). Palgrave Macmillan.
8. Finnemore, M. (1996). *National Interests in International Society*. Cornell University Press.
9. Fukuyama, F. (2004). The imperative of state-building. *Journal of Democracy*, 15(2), 17–31.
10. Karns, M. P., Mingst, K. A., & Stiles, K. W. (2015). *International Organizations: The Politics and Processes of Global Governance*. Lynne Rienner.
11. Keck, M. E., & Sikkink, K. (1998). *Activists Beyond Borders: Advocacy Networks in International Politics*. Cornell University Press.
12. Krasner, S. D. (1999). *Sovereignty: Organized Hypocrisy*. Princeton University Press.
13. Kratochwil, F. (1982). On the Notion of “Interest” in International Relations. *International Organization*, 36(1), 1–30
14. Kreuder-Sonnen, C., & Zangl, B. (2015). Which post-Westphalia? International organizations between constitutionalism and authoritarianism. *European Journal of International Relations*, 21(3), 568-594.

15. Mazower, M. (2012). *Governing the World: The History of an Idea*. Penguin.
16. Strange, S. (1996). *The Retreat of the State: The Diffusion of Power in the World Economy*.
17. Tilly, C. (1990). *Coercion, capital, and European states, AD 990–1990*. Basil Blackwell.
18. Van Houtum, H. (2005). The Geopolitics of Borders and Boundaries. *Geopolitics*, 10(4), 672–679.
19. Weiss, T. G., & Daws, S. (Eds.). (2007). *The Oxford Handbook on the United Nations*.
20. Weldes, J. (1996). Constructing National Interests. *European Journal of International Relations*, 2(3), 275–318.

UNIT IV: CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

Essential Readings

1. Adamson, F. B. (2006). Crossing Borders: International Migration and National Security. *International Security*, 31(1), 165–199.
2. Moyo, D. (2009). *Dead aid: Why Aid is Not Working and How There is a Better Way for Africa*. Farrar, Straus and Giroux. (Chapters 1-3; pp. 19-55)
3. Thakur, R. (2018). Humanitarian Intervention and the Responsibility to Protect. In T. G. Weiss & S. Daws (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook on The United Nations* (2nd ed., pp. 461–478). Oxford University Press.
4. Kissinger, H., Schmidt, E., & Huttenlocher, D. (2021). Security and World Order. In *The age of AI: And Our Human Future* (pp. 133–154). Hachette Books.
5. Sagan, S. D. (1996). Why Do States Build Nuclear Weapons? Three Models in Search of a Bomb. *International Security*, 21(3), 54–86.

Suggested Readings

6. Barnett, M. (2011). *Empire of Humanity: A History of Humanitarianism*. Cornell University Press.
7. Betts, A. (2014). International Relations and Forced Migration. In E. Fiddian-Qasmiyeh, G. Loescher, K. Long, & N. Sigona (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Refugee and Forced Migration Studies* (pp. 60–73). Oxford University Press.
8. Betts, A., & Loescher, G. (Eds.). (2010). *Refugees in International Relations*. Oxford University Press.
9. Betts, R. K. (Ed.). (2022). *Conflict After the Cold War: Arguments on Causes of War and Peace* (6th ed.). Routledge.
10. Cimbala, S. J. (2017). Nuclear Proliferation in the Twenty-First Century: Realism, Rationality, or Uncertainty? *Strategic Studies Quarterly*, 11(1), 129–146.
11. Deibert, R. (2015). The Geopolitics of Cyberspace After Snowden. *Current History*, 114(768), 9–15.
12. Deudney, D., & Ikenberry, G. J. (2009). *Democratic Internationalism: An American Grand Strategy for a Post-exceptionalist Era*.

13. Easterbrook, G. (2007, April). Global Warming: Who Loses—and Who Wins? *The Atlantic*.
14. Falkner, R. (2021). *Environmentalism and Global International Society*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
15. Finnemore, M. (2013). *The purpose of intervention: Changing beliefs about the use of force*. Cornell University Press.
16. Haffa, R. P. (2018). The Future of Conventional Deterrence: Strategies for Great Power Competition. *Strategic Studies Quarterly*, 12(4), 94–115.
17. Hyndman, J. (2000). *Managing Displacement: Refugees and the Politics of Humanitarianism*. University of Minnesota Press.
18. Kaldor, M. (2012). *New and Old Wars: Organized Violence in a Global Era*. Polity Press.
19. Kello, L. (2013). The Meaning of The Cyber Revolution: Perils to Theory and Statecraft. *International Security*, 38(2), 7–40.
20. Kreps, S. (2020). *Social Media and International Relations*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
21. Kroenig, M., & Pavel, B. (2012). How to Deter Terrorism. *The Washington Quarterly*, 35(2), 21–36.
22. Libicki, M. C. (2007). *Conquest in Cyberspace: National Security and Information Warfare*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
23. Lyon, R. (2019). *Nuclear Strategy in A Changing World*. Australian Strategic Policy Institute.
24. Mainwaring, S. (2020). Always in control? Sovereign states in cyberspace. *European Journal of International Security*, 5(2), 215–232.
25. Payne, K. B. (2019). Realism, Idealism, Deterrence, and Disarmament. *Strategic Studies Quarterly*, 13(3), 7–37.
26. Peters, R., Anderson, J., & Menke, H. (2018). Deterrence in the 21st Century: Integrating Nuclear and Conventional Force. *Strategic Studies Quarterly*, 12(4), 15–43.
27. Price-Smith, A. K. (2001). *The Health of Nations: Infectious Disease, Environmental Change, And Their Effects on National Security and Development*. MIT Press.
28. Sachs, J. D. (2005). The Development Challenge. *Foreign Affairs*, 84(2), 78–90.
29. Thakur, R. (2011). *The Responsibility to Protect: Norms, Laws and the Use of Force in International Politics*. Routledge.

WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT-FROM PLATO TO AQUINAS

Course Instructor: Dr Zubair Ahmad Bader

Semester: M.A Political Science 1st Semester

Course Code: CIR514C

Credits: 04

Max. Marks: 100

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

Course Description

The structure of the course is designed to enable students to understand the conceptual background of the political philosophy. It will discuss classical tradition in political philosophy starting from Plato. The course will further discuss medieval political thought and specific attention will be given to Church-state relationship and Feudalism. It aims to help students comprehend the continuity in Western political tradition.

Course Objectives

- Analyse the major works of influential Political Philosophers to understand their contributions in the evolution and growth of the discipline
- Explore foundational political ideas and concepts, and their relationship with the individual and society
- Compare and evaluate different political frameworks to understand the Concepts and ideas
- Study the evolution of political thought and identify the continuities and shifts in philosophical perspectives

Course Outcomes

By the end of the course, the students will be able to:

- Critically engage with foundational and key texts in Political thought to identify key arguments about Justice, Governance, and Human nature.
- Contrast the Political theories of Major thinkers and explain their historical significance.
- Explain the evolution of different political ideas and concepts

- Draw connections and linkages between classical/medieval political thought and contemporary Political issues

COURSE OUTLINE

UNIT 1: Nature and Evolution of Political Philosophy

Political Philosophy: Nature and Significance

Birth of Political Philosophy: Case of Athens

UNIT 2: Plato

Theory of Forms

Justice: Rejection of traditional, radical, and pragmatic theories

Theory of Justice

Communism: Family and Property

Rule of Philosopher King

UNIT 3: Aristotle:

State, and Political Life

Citizenship and Slavery

Classification of Governments

UNIT 4: Beginnings of Medieval Thought

Features of Medieval Political Thought: Papacy and Church-State Relations.

St. Augustine: Earthly State, City of God

St. Aquinas: Theories of Law and Government

READINGS

UNIT 1: Nature and Evolution of Political Philosophy

ESSENTIAL READINGS:

1. Strauss, Leo. (1957). *What is Political Philosophy?*, *The Journal of Politics*, Vol.19, No.3.
2. Allen, Danielle. (2011). *The origins of Political Philosophy*, in. *The Oxford Companion to the History of Political Philosophy*, (ed.) George Klosko, Oxford University Press.
3. Gunnell, John G. (2011). *History of Political Philosophy as a Discipline*, in. *The Oxford Companion to the History of Political Philosophy*, (ed.), George Klosko, Oxford University Press.

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. Ball, Terence (2004) "*History and the Interpretation of Texts*", in Ed. *Handbook of Political Theory*, Gerald Gaus and Chandran Kukathas, Sage Publications, pp. 18-29
2. Skinner, Quentin. (1969) *Meaning and Understanding in the History of Ideas*, *History and Theory*, Vol.8, No. 1, pp.3-53

3. Plato, *Republic* (translated by Benjamin Jowett), BookI-X,Vintage Classics
4. Aristotle, *Politics*, BookI-VIII, Translation by Ernest Barker, Oxford Classics
5. St. Aquinas, *Summa Theologica*, Vintage Classics

UNIT 2: Plato

ESSENTIAL READINGS:

1. Rosen, Stanley. (1995). *Plato's Republic: A Study*, Yale University Press.
2. Annas, Julia. (1981). *An introduction to Plato's Republic*, Clarendon Press

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. Ball, Terence (2004)“*History and the Interpretation of Texts*”, in Ed. Handbook of Political Theory, Gerald Gaus and Chandran Kukathas , Sage Publications, pp. 18-29
2. Skinner, Quentin. (1969) *Meaning and Understanding in the History of Ideas*, History and Theory, Vol.8, No. 1, pp.3-53
3. Plato, *Republic* (translated by Benjamin Jowett), BookI-X,Vintage Classics
4. Aristotle, *Politics*, BookI-VIII, Translation by Ernest Barker, Oxford Classics
5. St. Aquinas, *Summa Theologica*, Vintage Classics

UNIT 3: Aristotle:

ESSENTIAL READINGS:

1. Barker, Ernest. (1959). *The Political Thought of Plato and Aristotle*, Russel and Russel: New York. (Chapter 5 & 6).

2. Aristotle, *Politics*, BookI-VIII, Translation by Ernest Barker, Oxford Classics
3. Russel, Bertrand (1945). *A History of Western Philosophy*, London: Routledge.

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. Ball, Terence (2004)“*History and the Interpretation of Texts*”, in Ed. Handbook of Political Theory, Gerald Gaus and Chandran Kukathas , Sage Publications, pp. 18-29
2. Skinner, Quentin. (1969) *Meaning and Understanding in the History of Ideas*, History and Theory, Vol.8, No. 1, pp.3-53
3. Plato, *Republic* (translated by Benjamin Jowett), BookI-X,Vintage Classics
4. Aristotle, *Politics*, BookI-VIII, Translation by Ernest Barker, Oxford Classics
5. St. Aquinas, *Summa Theologica*, Vintage Classics

UNIT 4: Beginnings of Medieval Thought

ESSENTIAL READINGS:

1. St. Augustine, *The City of God*, Oxford Classics
2. Stump, Eleanore and Norman Kretzmann (eds). (1993). *The Cambridge Companion to St Augustine*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. Ball, Terence (2004)“*History and the Interpretation of Texts*”, in Ed.

Handbook of Political Theory, Gerald Gaus and Chandran Kukathas , Sage Publications, pp. 18-29

2. Skinner, Quentin. (1969) *Meaning and Understanding in the History of Ideas*, History and Theory, Vol.8, No. 1, pp.3-53
3. Plato, *Republic* (translated by Benjamin Jowett), BookI-X,Vintage Classics
4. Aristotle, *Politics*, BookI-VIII, Translation by Ernest Barker, Oxford Classics
5. St. Aquinas, *Summa Theologica*, Vintage Classics



Indian Political Thought

Course Instructor: Dr.Shahnawaz Ahmad Mantoo

Semester: M.A. PS 1st Semester

Credit-04

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

Course Code: CIR508C

Marks: 100

Course Objectives: Indian Political Thought has an important bearing on the quality of life and means adopted towards that end. It recognizes and acknowledges diversity of opinions. It enables the student to critically examine existing practices and institutions in the light of frameworks provided by various Indian thinkers.

This course will introduce the students to key ideological discourses on Indian Political Thought. It will also enable the students to understand the ideological strands of Indian politics and to also to develop a comprehensive understanding of the diversities and differences in the political discourse in Modern India.

Unit I: Cultural Nationalism: The Ideological Discourse

- 1) Indian Political Thought: Silent Features
- 2) Aurbindo Ghosh and Indian Renaissance
- 3) V.D Savarkar and Hindutva

Unit II: Understanding Muslim Political Thought

- 1) Sir Syed Ahmad Khan and the Islamic Renaissance
- 2) Sir Mohd Iqbal: Community Religion and Nation
- 3) Mohammed Ali Jinnah: Two Nation Theory
- 4) Maulana Azad and The Idea of India

Unit III: Discourse on Modernity, Democracy and Development

- 1) Jawaharlal Nehru: Democracy, Secularism and Democratic Socialism
- 2) B.R Ambedkar: Caste, liberal Democracy

Part B: Socialist and Communist Thought

- 1) Ram Manohar Lohia: Democracy, Decentralization and Socialist Transformation
- 2) Jayaprakash Narayan: Sarvodaya and Total Revolution
- 3) M N Roy: Radical Humanism

Unit IV: Gandhian Discourse

- 1) Theory of Non-Violence
- 2) Views on State
- 3) Views on Sarvodaya and Satyagraha
- 4) Contemporary Relevance of Gandhian Philosophy

READINGS

Essential Readings

Unit I

1. Chakrabarty, Bidyut. (2014). *Modern Indian Political Thought: Text and Context*. Taylor & Francis
2. Mehta, V.R. (1992). *Foundations of Indian Political Thought*. Manohar Publications.

Unit II

1. Mehta, V.R. and Thomas Pantham. (2006). *Political Ideas in Modern India*. Sage

Unit III

2. Pantham, Thomas. (1986). *Political Thought in Modern India*. Sage,

Unit IV

1. IGNOU MGP 004, (2024). *Gandhi's Political Thought*

Suggested Readings

1. Karunakaran, K.P. (1975). *Indian Politics from Dadabhai Naoroji to Gandhi: A Study of Political Ideas of Modern India*. New Delhi: Gitanjali
2. Khilnani, Sunil. (1997). *The Idea of India*. New Delhi: Penguin
3. Thomas, Pantham and Kenneth Deutsch. (1984). *Social and Political Thought in*

India. Sage. New Delhi:

4. Guha, Ramachandra. (2008). *India after Gandhi: the History of the World's Largest Democracy*. Picador; Latest edition
5. Chandra, Bipan. (1979). *Nationalism and Colonialism in Modern India*. Orient Longman. Delhi:
6. K. Jones, *Socio Religious Reform Movement in British India*, (1984). Cambridge, Cambridge University Press,
7. Karunakaran, K.P. (1975). *Indian Politics from Dadabhai Naoroji to Gandhi: A Study of Political Ideas of Modern India*, New Delhi, Gitanjali:

Comparative Politics

Course Instructor: Dr. Javid Ahmad Ahanger

Semester M.A. Political Science 1st Semester

Course Code: CIR509C

Credits: 04

Marks: 100

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course offers a comprehensive study of political systems, institutions, and processes across different countries. It begins with an exploration of the meaning, evolution, and significance of the discipline, providing a solid theoretical foundation through both traditional approaches—philosophical, legal, institutional, and historical—and modern analytical models such as David Easton's input-output theory, Gabriel Almond's structural-functionalism, and Karl Deutsch's communication model. The course examines key political processes including political culture and socialization, their types, agents, and their impact on shaping political behavior and attitudes. It further analyzes major theories of political development as propounded by thinkers like Lucian Pye, Fred Riggs, Samuel Huntington, David Apter, and Marxist theorists. A detailed study of political parties and party systems is included, alongside case studies from the USA, China, and India. Students will also engage with various elite theories by Pareto, Mosca, Michels, and C. Wright Mills, enabling a critical understanding of power structures. The course concludes by addressing the concept of the nation-state and examining various regime types—democratic, totalitarian, and authoritarian—through comparative case studies from India, China, Russia, Saudi Arabia, and the USA. This course aims to foster critical analysis and comparative reasoning in understanding global political phenomena.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

- Introduce students to the foundational concepts of Comparative Politics by examining traditional and modern theoretical approaches.
- Develop a critical understanding of key political processes such as political culture, socialization, and development through the perspectives of major political theorists.

- Analyze and compare different political party systems and elite structures across various countries and to encourage students to evaluate the dynamics of power, representation, and governance.
- Examine the structure and functioning of diverse political regimes and the concept of the nation-state through comparative case studies, fostering a global perspective on political authority and legitimacy.

COURSE OUTCOMES

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

- **Demonstrate a comprehensive understanding** of comparative politics and critically engaging with both traditional and modern theoretical approaches.
- **Analyze various political** through different theoretical perspectives including those of Lucian Pye, Fred Riggs, Samuel Huntington, David Apter, and Marxist thinkers.
- **Compare different party systems and elite structures** across selected countries and critically evaluate the role of elites using classical and contemporary elite theories.
- **Assess the nature and functioning of various political regimes and the concept of the nation-state** through comparative case studies, enabling an informed understanding of democratic, authoritarian, and totalitarian systems.

COURSE OUTLINE

Unit I: Introduction to Comparative Politics

1. **Comparative Politics:** Meaning, Evolution, and Significance
2. **Traditional Approaches:** Philosophical, Legal, Institutional and Historical
3. **Modern Approaches:** David Easton's Input-Output, Gabriel Almond's Structural-Functionalism, and Karl Deutsch's Communication

Unit II: Political Processes and Political Development

1. **Political Culture:** Concept and Types
2. **Political Socialization:** Types and Agents
3. **Political Development:** Lucian Pye, Fred Riggs, Samuel Huntington, David Apter and Marxist

Unit III: Party System and Elite Theories

1. **Political Parties:** Typologies and Party Systems
2. **Case Studies:** USA, China and India
3. **Elite Theories:** Different Perspectives and Critique: Vilfred Pareto, Gaetano Mosca, Robert Michael, and C. Wright Mills

Unit IV: Nation-State and Regimes

1. **Nation-State:** Interface Debate
2. **Regime Types:** Democracy, Totalitarian, and Authoritarian
3. **Case Studies:** India, China, Russia, Saudi Arabia and USA

READINGS

UNIT I: INTRODUCTION TO COMPARATIVE POLITICS

ESSENTIAL READINGS

1. Singh, P., & Sharma, C. (2024). *Methods and Approaches in Comparative Political Analysis*. Taylor & Francis.
2. Johari, J. C. (2005). *Comparative politics*. Sterling Publishers Pvt. Ltd.
3. Modelski, G. (2016). Evolutionary world politics: Problems of scope and method. In *Evolutionary interpretations of world politics* (pp. 16-29). Routledge.
4. Bhushan, V. (2006). *Comparative politics*. Atlantic Publishers & Dist.

SUGGESTED READINGS

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2. Almond, G. A. (1988). Separate tables: Schools and sects in political science. *PS: Political Science and Politics*, 21(4), 828–842.
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INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

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Semester: M.A. PS 1st Semester

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course will explore the history, evolution, and development of international organizations, including their institutional design and decision-making processes. Students will gain an understanding of the various actors involved in international organizations, including states, non-state actors, and regional organizations. The course will also examine the effectiveness of regional organizations in crisis management and peacekeeping, as well as the role of international organizations in addressing contemporary global issues such as refugees, labor, and environment. By the end of the course, students will have a thorough understanding of the opportunities and challenges faced by international organizations in promoting global cooperation and maintaining international order.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

- Introduce students to the origins, evolution, and theories of international organizations.
- Examine the institutional design, decision-making processes, and effectiveness of international and regional organizations in global governance.
- Analyze the role of key international organizations such as the United Nations, Bretton Woods institutions, NATO, and regional bodies in crisis management, peacekeeping, and security.
- Explore the contributions and limitations of international organizations in addressing contemporary global challenges including refugees, labor, development, and the environment.

COURSE OUTCOMES

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of the structure, functions, and historical development of international organizations.
- Critically evaluate the theoretical perspectives explaining the formation and functioning of international institutions.
- Analyze the roles and performances of the United Nations and other global institutions in global governance, peacekeeping, and security.
- Assess the effectiveness of regional organizations in fostering cooperation and managing crises.
- Interpret the evolving challenges and opportunities faced by international organizations in a rapidly changing global order.

COURSE OUTLINE

Unit I: International regimes, Institutions and Organizations: An Introduction

1. Understanding International Organizations
2. Historical Evolution and Origins
3. Theories of International Organizations
4. Explaining Effectiveness of International Organizations

Unit II: International Organizations and Global Governance

1. Understanding Global Economic Governance: Multilateralism, Regimes and IOs
2. The UN's Role in Global Governance
3. The Bretton Woods System and Global Economic Governance
4. Global Governance and the 'Crises' of Legitimacy

Unit III: International Organizations and Crisis Management

1. The League of Nations and the Evolution of Collective Security
2. The United Nations Security Council and Collective Security
3. Peacekeeping and the Responsibility to Protect (R2P)
4. NATO and Collective Defence in Europe

Unit IV: Regional Organizations: Assessing Effectiveness and Success Across Different Regions

1. The European Union and the Evolution of Regional Cooperation
2. The African Union and Regional Security in Africa
3. Regional Cooperation in Asia: SAARC, ASEAN, and SCO
4. Organization of American States: Democracy, Security, and Regional Cooperation

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UNIT I: INTERNATIONAL REGIMES, INSTITUTIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS: AN INTRODUCTION

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UNIT III: INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND CRISIS MANAGEMENT

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UNIT IV: REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS: ASSESSING EFFECTIVENESS AND SUCCESS ACROSS DIFFERENT REGIONS

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