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INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course offers a critical introduction to International Security, examining its core concepts, theoretical traditions, and the historical and contemporary dynamics that shape global security. It explores how security is defined, contested, and operationalized—ranging from traditional concerns of war and state survival to broader agendas such as human security, technological change, and identity-based conflict.

Beginning with classical and critical approaches, the course traces the evolution of security thinking through key debates on securitization, state versus human security, and the expanding security agenda. It examines how structural, ideological, and institutional forces shape patterns of security and insecurity, alongside theories and causes of war and the transformation of warfare through strategic, technological, and normative shifts.

With special focus on the interplay between national, regional, and transnational dynamics, the course examines how key actors—states, alliances, institutions, and non-state groups—shape security governance across these levels. It addresses contemporary challenges such as terrorism, civil wars, cybersecurity, and AI highlighting the role of global power asymmetries and political transformations in shaping security practices.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

- Introduce students to the core concepts and theoretical frameworks of international security studies.
- Develop a critical understanding of the evolution of security thinking—from traditional to non-traditional and critical approaches.
- Examine the causes, conduct, and transformation of war, including strategic and technological shifts.
- Explore the roles of states, alliances, international institutions, and non-state actors in shaping global and regional security.

COURSE OUTCOMES

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

- Demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of key concepts, theoretical traditions, and debates in international security studies.
- Critically engage with the debates on the evolution of warfare and the changing nature of threats in the international system.

- Analyze the role of influential actors—states, alliances, international organizations, and non-state groups—in global security governance.
- Assess the implications of pressing contemporary security challenges including civil wars, terrorism, identity-based conflicts, and technological disruptions.
- Evaluate security policies and practices from strategic and normative perspectives in a global and comparative context.

COURSE OUTLINE

Unit I: Foundations of International Security

- 1. Concepts:** Competing Definitions and Dimensions of Security
- 2. Theories:** Traditional and Critical Security Studies
- 3. Debates:** Securitization, State & Human Security, Traditional & Non-Traditional Security

Unit II: War and International Security

- 1. The Nature of War:** Typologies, Patterns, and the Evolution of Warfare
- 2. The Causes of War:** Rationalist, Psychological, and Structural Explanations
- 3. The Conduct and Transformation of War:** Strategy, Military Technology and Warfare

Unit III: Actors and Institutions in Security Governance

- 5. National Security:** Militaries, Security Bureaucracies, and the National Interest
- 6. Regional Security:** Alliances, Collective Security, and Regional Security Complexes
- 7. Transnational Security:** Armed non-state actors, PMCs and the Privatization of Security

Unit IV: Contemporary Security Challenges

- 1. New Wars and Asymmetric Conflict:** Civil Wars, Insurgency and Terrorism
- 2. Identity & Security:** Ethnic, Sectarian, and Communal Conflicts
- 3. Technology and Security:** Space, Cybersecurity, AI, and Digital Authoritarianism

READINGS

UNIT I: FOUNDATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

ESSENTIAL READINGS

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UNIT II: WAR AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

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UNIT III: ACTORS AND INSTITUTIONS IN SECURITY GOVERNANCE

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UNIT IV: CONTEMPORARY SECURITY CHALLENGES

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WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHT: MACHIAVELLI TO MARX

Course Instructor: Dr Shahnawaz Mantoo

Semester: M.A. PS 2nd Semester

Course Code: CIR556C

Credits: 04

Marks: 100

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Course Description: In continuation with the first course of Western Political Thought, the structure of this course is designed in such a way to enable the students to understand the continuity in Western Political Thought. The first part of this course will help the students to understand the transition in Western Political thought from Medieval to Modern with an idea of Renaissance and Reformation. Moreover, the course will further discuss the basis of modern liberal institutions and structures by emphasizing on contractual theorists. The last part will deal with Marxism and its philosophical basis along with philosophical criticism of Liberalism and its institutions. Thus the course will help out students to get acquainted with diverse philosophical traditions that dominate the contemporary literary discourse.

UNIT I

Renaissance and Reformation Movement

Machiavelli: Secularism, Republicanism

UNIT II

Hobbes: Social Contract, State, and Sovereignty

Locke: Social Contract, Natural Rights

Rousseau: Social Contract, Democracy and Freedom

UNIT III

Jeremy Bentham: Utilitarianism

T.H. Marshall: Social Citizenship and Welfare Liberalism

UNIT IV

Hegel: Dialectical Idealism, State, Civil Society

Marx: Dialectical Materialism, Historical Materialism, Class and State

Essential Readings:

UNIT I

George S. (2018). *History of Political Theory*. Oxford and IBH Publishers.

Bertrand R. (2005). *History of Western Philosophy*. Routledge, Stratford Press.

Anglo, S. (1969). *Machiavelli: A Dissection*. Harcourt and Brace Jovanovich.

UNIT II

Rousseau, J.J. (1947). *The Social Contract, rev. by Charles Frankel*, Hafner Press

Strauss, L. (1963). *The Political Philosophy of Hobbes: Its Basis and its Genesis*. Chicago University Press.

Nelson, Brian R. (2006). *Western Political Thought*. Pearson Education.

MacPherson, C.B (1962). *The Political Theory of Possessive Individualism: Hobbes to Locke*, Oxford University Press.

UNIT III

Bentham, J. (1973). *An Introduction to the Principles of Morals and Legislation*, Anchor Press.

UNIT IV

Marx, K., Friedrich Engels. (1968). *Manifesto of the Communist Party, in Selected Works-Vol I*. International Publishers.

F. Engels. (1884). *The Origin of the Family, Private Property and the State*, intro. M. Barrett, Harmondsworth: Penguin.

Gaus, G.F. (2000). *Political Concepts and Political Theories*, Westview Press

Further Readings:

Wayper, C.L. (2007). *Teach Yourself Political Thought*. Surjeet Publications.

Strauss, L., Joseph C. (1987). *History of Political Philosophy*. University of Chicago Press.

Machiavelli, N. (1950) *The Prince and The Discourses*. Random House.

Macpherson, C.B. (1962). *The Political Theory of Possessive Individualism: Hobbes to m Locke*. Oxford University Press.

INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL THEORY

Course Instructor: Dr Zubair Ahmad Bader

Semester: M.A. PS 2nd Semester

Course Code: CIR557C

Credits: 04

Marks: 100

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

Course Description: Political Theory has an important bearing on the quality of life as well as means adopted towards achieving various goals. It recognizes and acknowledges diversity of opinions. Understanding of political theory enables the student to critically examine existing practices and institutions.

This course will introduce students to key concepts, constructs and debates relating to political theory. In addition to helping students to critically reflect upon basic issues in public life, this course will also discuss contributions of various political thinkers.

Unit I

Liberty: J S Mill, Berlin

Equality: Karl Marx, Ronald Dworkin

Justice: John Rawls

Unit II

Rights: Ronald Dworkin

Citizenship: Aristotle, Will Kymlicka

Democracy: Robert Dahl

Unit III

State: Thomas Hobbes, Karl Marx

Sovereignty: Jean Bodin, Rousseau

Unit IV

Legitimacy: David Easton, Max Weber

Gender: Mary Wollstonecraft, Simone de Beauvoir

Power: Foucault, Hannah Arendt

Essential Readings:

Unit I

Mill, J.S. (1843). *On Liberty*, London: Longman, Roberts, & Green Co.

Berlin, I. (1958) *Two Concepts of Liberty*. In Isaiah Berlin (1969) *Four Essays on Liberty*.

Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Rawls, John. (1971). *A Theory of Justice*, Cambridge, Harvard University Press

Unit II

A. Hacker. (1961). *Political Theory: Philosophy, Ideology and Science*. Macmillan.

Bhikhu, Parekh. (2006). *Rethinking Multiculturalism: Cultural Diversity and Political Theory*, Second Edition, Palgrave Macmillan.

Robert Dahl. (1991). *Democracy and its Critics*, Orient Longman.

Unit III

Strauss, L., Joseph C. (1987). *History of Political Philosophy*. University of Chicago Press.

Dryzek, J., Honig, Bonnie and Phillips (2006). *The Oxford Handbook of Political Theory*. Oxford University Press.

Unit IV

George S. (2018). *History of Political Theory*. Oxford and IBH Publishers.

D. McLellan. (2000) ed., *The Thought of Karl Marx*. Oxford University Press.

S.N Arnold. (1993). *Marx's Radical Critique of Capitalist Society*, Oxford University Press,

S.de Beauvoir. (1949). *The Second Sex*, trans. and ed. H.M.Parshley, Harmondsworth: Penguin.

Kymlicka, W. (2001). *Contemporary Political Philosophy*. Oxford University Press.

Further Readings:

Bertrand R. (2005). *History of Western Philosophy*. Routledge, Stratford Press.

Wayper, C.L. (2007). *Teach Yourself Political Thought*. Surjeet Publications.

F. Engels. (1884). *The Origin of the Family, Private Property and the State*, Intro. M. Barrett, Harmondsworth: Penguin.

A. Heywood. (1999). *Political Theory: An Introduction*, London, Macmillan.

O.P Gauba (2009). *An Introduction to Political Theory*, Macmillan Publishers.

John Rawls. (1971). *A Theory of Justice*, Cambridge, Harvard University Press

Gaus, G.F. (2000). *Political Concepts and Political Theories*, Westview Press

THEORIES OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Semester: M.A. PS 2nd Semester

Course Code: CIR558C

Credits: 04

Marks: 100

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Course Description

This course introduces students to the discipline of International Relations (IR). Besides acquainting students with the basics of the IR as a social science and its methodological issues, this course introduces students to the world of IR Theory. The main objective is to equip students with an in-depth conceptual understanding of the major theoretical orientations and debates in the discipline of international relations.

UNIT I Introduction

Introduction to IR as a Social Science
Doing IR Theory: Meaning and Components
Why do we need Theory?

UNIT II Realism and Liberalism

First Great Debate: Realism vs. Idealism
Classical Realism and Idealism: Key Themes and Thinkers
Neorealism and Neoliberal Institutionalism

Unit III Methodological Debates and IR Theory

Second Debate in IR: Traditionalism vs. Science/Behaviouralism
System Theory and Game Theory
Decision-Making Theory and English School

Unit IV Critical Traditions in IR

Fourth Debate: Positivism/Rationalism vs. Post-Positivism/Relativism
Marxism and Critical Theory
Social Constructivism and Feminism

READINGS

Essential Readings

Unit I

Burchill, S., Linklater, A., Donnelly, J., Nardin, T., Paterson, M., Reus-Smit, C., & Sajed, A. (2022). *Theories of international relations*. Bloomsbury Publishing.

Dunne, T., Kurki, M., & Smith, S. (Eds.). (2021). *International relations theories: Discipline and diversity*. Oxford University Press, USA.

Unit II

Sorensen, G., Møller, J., & Jackson, R. H. (2022). *Introduction to international relations: theories and approaches*. Oxford university press

Unit III

Baylis, J. *The globalization of world politics: An introduction to international relations*. (2020). Oxford university press. USA

Unit IV

Devetak, R., George, J., & Percy, S. (Eds.). (2017). *An introduction to international relations*. Cambridge University Press

Sutch, P., & Elias, J. (2007). *International relations: the basics*. Routledge

Suggested Readings

Waltz, Kenneth N. (2010). *Theory of International Politics*, Waveland Press

Waltz, Kenneth. (2018). *Man, the State, and War: A Theoretical Analysis*, Columbia University Press

Jervis, Robert. (2017). *Perception and Misperception in International Politics*, Princeton University Press; Revised edition

Baylis, John , Steve Smith, Patricia Owens. (2016). *The Globalization of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations*, OUP Oxford; 7th edition

Marsheimer, John. (2014). *The Tragedy of Great Power Politics*, W. W. Norton & Company
Carr, E.H. (1964). *Twenty Years Crisis*, Harper Perennial

DEMOCRACY AND IDENTITY POLITICS IN SOUTH ASIA

Semester: M.A. PS 2nd Semester

Course Code: CIR561E

Credits: 04

Marks: 100

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

Course Description:

This course is designed to introduce students to South Asia in the period after independence from colonial rule. The course pays greatest attention to the region's largest country, India, but will also incorporate the experiences of Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Bangladesh in substantial measure. The themes discussed in the course will be those that are important both to South Asia as well as to a general study of politics in developing countries. The course is organized into different themes like colonial inheritance, state formation and nation-building, democracy and authoritarianism, Human Development, and Regional cooperation in South Asia.

Learning Outcomes:

The curriculum is designed to achieve following outcomes:

- a. To analyze the impact of colonialism and then trace the historical process of political change and nation-building in India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.
- b. It will examine democracy and authoritarianism in south Asia and its varied democratic trajectories in the region.
- c. It will examine Human Development scenario and will also analyze globalization and its impact on South Asia.
- d. It delves into the historical background of regional cooperation, progress, challenges and future prospectus and will also examine India's Neighborhood First Policy.

Unit I

- 1 South Asian Region: Conceptual Understanding, Theoretical Underpinnings
- 1 British Colonialism: Features and Impact
- 1 Growth of Nationalism

Unit II

- 1 Nation Building Process: Ideological Debates (Secular, Religious and Cultural)
- 1 Nature of Political Systems: A comparative Assessment
- 1 Democracy, Praetorianism and Authoritarianism in South Asia

Unit III

- 1.3. Human Development Scenario in South Asia: Emerging Trends
- 1.4. State Security and Human Security debate in South Asia
- 1.5. Globalization and its Impact on the Region

Unit IV

- 1 Regional Cooperation in South Asia: Historical Background
- 1 SAARC: Successes Failures and Prospectus
- 1 India's Approach towards South Asia Since 2014: Modi's Neighbourhood First Policy

Readings

Unit I

1. Brass, Paul R. (2013). *Routledge Handbook of South Asian Politics India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri*
2. Beeson, Mark, Richard Stubbs. (2012). *Routledge Handbook of Asian Regionalism*. Routledge

Unit II

1. Jalal, Ayesha. (1995). *Democracy and Authoritarianism in South Asia: A Comparative and Historical Perspective*. Cambridge University Press

Unit III

1. Sharma, S. K. & S.K. Chaturvedi. (2008). *Human Development in South Asia: In 21st Century*. Radha Publications.

Unit IV

1. Chakma, Bhumitra. (2020). *South Asian Regionalism: The Limits of Cooperation*. Bristol University Press.
2. Directorate of distance education. University of Jammu, *South Asian Politics*

Suggested Readings

1. Anderson, Benedict. (2006). *Imagined Communities: Reflections on the Origin and Spread of Nationalism*. New York and London.
2. Chatterji, Partha. (1986). *Nationalist Thought and the Colonial World: A Derivative Discourse*. OUP Davis: New Delhi
3. Jalal, Ayesha, Sugata Bose. (2005). *Modern South Asia: History, Culture and Political Economy*. Routledge.
4. Talbot, Ian. (2005). *Pakistan: A Modern History*, Hurst and Company: London,
5. Ashustosh, Varshney. (1991). "India, Pakistan and Kashmir: Antinomies of Nationalism". *Asian Survey*, 31(11).
6. Ahmar, Moonis. (2001). *Internal and External Dynamics of South Asian Security*. Fazeelsons. Karachi.
7. Bajpai, Kanti, P.R Chari, Pervaiz Iqbal Cheema, Stephen P Cohen and Sumit Ganguly. (1995). *Brasstacks and Beyond: Perception and Management of Crisis in South Asia*. Manohar: New Delhi,
8. Mahbulul, Haq. (1999). *Reflections on Human Development*. Oxford University Press. New Delhi

9. Jaishankar, S. (2020). *The India Way: Strategies for an Uncertain World*. Harper Collins. India.