

Category III

Political Science Courses for Undergraduate Programme of study with Political Science as one of the Core Disciplines (B.A. Programmes with Political Science as non-Major or Minor discipline)

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE COURSE (DSC-5A): Introduction to International Relations

CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
Introduction to International Relations MDSC-5A	4	3	1	-	Passed Class XII	NIL

Learning Objectives

This course introduces students to the historical and conceptual foundations of the discipline of IR. It discusses the evolution of the discipline in the aftermath of the Second World War with theories being its main foundation and the lens through which it understood and explained the world. The disputations and challenges to these theories led to the emergence of “debates” which are then discussed and understood as the disciplines’ dominant ‘self-image’. This is followed by an elaboration of the discipline’s major theoretical frameworks, each giving a different picture of the world — realism/neorealism, liberalism/neoliberalism, Marxism/Neo-Marxism and feminism. The course then examines major concepts—such as power, state and human rights. Students will also learn about the global governance with a case study of climate change negotiations. Finally, the course introduces scholarship from India within the wider context of Global South towards the development of a more inclusive IR from a Non-Western perspective.

Learning outcomes

At the end of the course students will be able to:

- Understand the ways in which IR as a discipline evolved from a Eurocentric vantage point to the emergence of a critical movement to shape a more inclusive, historical and a global IR.
- Appreciate the ways in which scholarship from postcolonial countries such as India contribute to understanding the world around us.
- Analyse key concepts and concerns of IR such as war and peace, state, sovereignty and human rights to understand how these forces shape the world towards more efficient global governance.
- Develop critical understandings of power hierarchies and unequal relationships through the lens of feminism and Marxism.
- Understand the important aspects of Non-Western IR that can help students investigate and shape the future course of the discipline.
- Develop a basic understanding of the Indian contributions to the discipline of international relations.

SYLLABUS OF MDSC-5A

UNIT – I (9 Hours)

Disciplinary history of IR

- 1.1. What is International Relations?
- 1.2. Debates: Idealism/Realism & Science/Classical Methods, Inter-paradigm Debate

UNIT – II (16 Hours)

Theories of IR

- 2.1. Realpolitik/Realism/Neo-realism
- 2.2. Liberalism/Neo-liberalism
- 2.3. Marxism/Neo-Marxism
- 2.4. Feminism

UNIT – III (14 Hours)

Concepts & Issues

- 3.1. State and Sovereignty
- 3.2. War and Peace
- 3.3. Human Rights
- 3.4. Global governance: climate change negotiations

UNIT – IV (6 Hours)

IR Beyond Eurocentrism

- 4.1 Non-western Perspectives
- 4.2 Indian Contributions to IR

Essential/recommended readings

Unit 1. Disciplinary history of IR

1.1. What is IR?

Essential Readings

Grieco, Joseph, John Ikenberry and Michael Mastanduno, (2014) *Introduction to International Relations: Enduring Questions and Contemporary Perspectives*, New York: Palgrave Macmillan, Chapter one, pp. 2-30.

Devetak, Richard, Anthony Burke and Jim George, (2007), *An introduction to International Relations*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, Introduction, pp. 1-18.

Additional Readings

Mansbach, Richard W. and Kirsten L Taylor, 2008, *Introduction to Global Politics*, New York: Routledge, Chapter two, pp. 1-32.

Reus-Smit, Christian, 2020, *A Very short introduction to International Relations*, Oxford University Press, Chapter one, 7-27.

1.2. Debates: Idealism/Realism & Science/Classical Methods and Inter-paradigm Debate

Essential Readings

Tim Dunne, Milja Kurki, and Steve Smith, (eds.) (2013), *International Relations Theories, Discipline and Diversity*, Oxford University Press: UK, 3rd edition. Chapter one. pp. 1-13.

Mansbach, Richard W. and Kirsten L Taylor, (2008), *Introduction to Global Politics*, New York: Routledge, Chapter one. pp 9-24.

Waeber, O., (1996). The rise and fall of the inter-paradigm debate. In S. Smith, K. Booth, & M. Zalewski (Eds.), *International theory: Positivism and beyond*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. pp. 149-185.

Additional Readings

Weber, Cynthia, (2005), *International Relations Theory: A Critical Introduction*, London: Routledge. Chapter one. pp. 1-12.

Mearsheimer, J. (2005), "E.H. Carr vs Idealism: The Battle Rages On", *International Relations*, 19(2), pp. 139-153.

Mingst A. Karen and Jack L. Snyder (2017), Woodrow Wilson: The Fourteen Points, *Essential Readings in World politics*, 6th edition, US: W.W. Norton and Company, pp. 32-34.

Unit 2: Theories of IR

2.1. Realpolitik/Realism/Neo-realism

Essential Readings

Nirmal Jindal, (2020). Kautilya's Realpolitik 'in Nirmal Jindal, Kamal Kumar, (eds.) *International Relations: Theory and Practice*, Sage Publications, India. Pp.151-170.

Baylis, John and Steve Smith (2001), "Realism", *The Globalisation of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations*, New York: Oxford University Press. pp. 141-161.

Additional Readings

Malviya, Ritambhara (2020), "Realism and neorealism", in Nirmal Jindal, Kamal Kumar, (eds.) *International Relations: Theory and Practice*, Sage Publications, India. pp.151-170., Chapter 4, 59-74.

Richard Ned Lebow, "Classical Realism," and John J. Mearsheimer, "Structural Realism," in Tim Dunne, Milja Kurki, and Steve Smith, (eds.) (2013) *International Relations Theories, Discipline and Diversity*. Oxford University Press: UK, 3rd edition, pp. 59-93.

Waltz, Kenneth, *An Interview on a Theory of International Relations and the Role of structure*, Online at <http://globetrotter.berkeley.edu/people3/Waltz/waltz-con0.html>

2.2. Liberalism/Neo-liberalism

Essential Readings

Baylis, John and Steve Smith (2001), "Liberalism", *The Globalisation of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations*, New York: Oxford University Press. pp. 162-181.

Robert Jackson, Georg Sørensen (2019). 'Liberalism 'in *Introduction to International Relations, Theories and Approaches*, Oxford University Press: New York, Chapter 4, pp.107-142.

Additional Readings

Jon C. W. Pavehouse and Joshua S. Goldstein, (2018). "Chapter 3-Liberal and Social Theories," in *International Relations*, 11th Edition, Pearson: New York, pp. 83-121.

Doyle, Michael W. (1986), "Liberalism and World Politics", *The American Political Science Review*, December, Vol. 80, no. 4, pp.1151-1169.

Keohane, Robert O. (2012), "Twenty Years of Institutional liberalism", *International Relations*, 26:2, pp. 125-138.

2.3. Marxism/Neo-Marxism

Essential Readings

Hobden Stephen and Richard Wyn Jones (2014), "Marxist theories of International Relations", in John Baylis, Steve Smith and Patricia Owens (et.al), *The Globalization of World Politics*, Sixth Edition, UK: Oxford, pp.116-129.

Wallerstein, I. (2000), "The Rise and Future Demise of World Capitalist System: Concepts for Comparative Analysis", in Michael Smith and Richard Little (eds), *Perspectives on World Politics*, New York: Routledge, pp. 305-317.

Additional Readings

Mark Rupert, (2013). 'Marxism 'in Tim Dunne, Milja Kurki, and Steve Smith, (eds.) *International Relations Theories, Discipline and Diversity*. Oxford University Press: UK, 3rd edition. pp.153-170.

Davenport, Andrew, "Marxism in IR: Condemned to a Realist Fate?", *European Journal of International Relations*, 19 (1), 2013:27-48.

Goldstein, J. and Pevehouse, J. (2007), *International Relations*, New York: Pearson Longman, pp. 494-496; 500-503.

Wallerstein, Immanuel (1995) , "The Inter-State Structure of the Modern World System", in: Steve Smith, Ken Booth and Marysia Zalewski (eds.), *International Theory: Positivism and Beyond*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp.87-107.

2.4. Feminism

Essential Readings

Ann Tickner, J., (2008). 'Gender in World Politics', in Baylis, J. and Smith, (et al.). *The Globalization of World Politics*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. pp. 262-277.

Peterson, V. Spike, ed. *Gendered States: Feminist (Re)Visions of International Relations Theory*. Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner, 1992. Chapter one. pp. 31-64.

Additional Readings

Seema Narain, (2014) "Gender in International Relations: Feminist Perspectives of J. Ann Tickner" *Indian Journal of Gender Studies*, Vol 21 (2), pp. 179-197.

Steans, Jill (1998), *Gender and International Relations: An Introduction*, Cambridge, Blackwell publishers, pp.10-39.

Young, G. (2004), "Feminist International Relations: A Contradiction in Terms? Or: Why Women and Gender are Essential to Understanding the World 'We 'Live,'" *International Affairs*, 80 (1), pp.75-87.

Unit 3: Concepts & Issues

3.1. State and Sovereignty

Essential Readings

Navnita Chadha Behera, (2020). 'State and Sovereignty, 'in Arlene B. Tickner and Karen Smith, eds., *International Relations from the Global South: Worlds of Difference*, London: Routledge: pp.139-160.

Reus-Smit, Christian, 2020, *A Very short introduction to International Relations*, Oxford University Press, Chapter four, 87-112.

Additional Readings

Lake, David A. (2008), "The State and International Relations", in *The Oxford Handbook of International Relations*, Christian Reus Smit and Duncan Snidal (ed), London: Oxford University Press.

Biersteker, Thomas, J, (2002), 'State, Sovereignty and Territory, ' *Sage Handbook of International Relations*, London: Sage Publications. pp. 207-234.

Osiander, A. (2001), "Sovereignty, International Relations, and the Westphalian Myth", *International Organization*, [online] 55(2), pp.251-287. Available at:

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/international-organization/article/sovereignty-international-relations-and-the-westphalian>

3.2. War and Peace

Essential Readings

Joseph Grieco, G. John Ikenberry and Michael Mastanduno, (2015), Chapter 5 on “War and its Causes” and, Chapter 6 “Pathways to Interstate Peace,” in *Introduction to International Relations: Enduring Questions and Contemporary Perspectives*, London: Palgrave 2015, pp. 137-204.

Additional Readings

Gray, Colin S. (2012), *War, Peace and International Relations: An Introduction to Strategic History*, London: Routledge, pp. 245-261, 279-306.

Robert Ayson, “The Changing Nature of Warfare,” in Devetak, Richard, Anthony Burke and Jim George, (2007), *An introduction to International Relations*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 199-216.

Gurr, Ted and Barbara Hartff, (2018), *Ethnic Conflict in World Politics: Dilemmas in World Politics*, Chapter one. 24-55.

3.3. Human Rights

Essential Readings

Brown, Chris, “Human Rights,” in Baylis, John and Steve Smith (2008), *The Globalisation of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations*, 4th Edition, New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 506-521.

Baxi, Upendra (2002), “An Age of Human rights?” in Baxi, Upendra, *The Future of Human Rights*, Oxford University Press, Delhi, pp. 1-32

Additional Readings

Clapham, Andrew, (2015), *A very short introduction to human rights*, New Delhi: OUP. Chapter two and three - (The historical development of international human rights, Human rights foreign policy and the role of the United Nations pp. 22-80.

Anthony J. Langlois, “Human Rights,” in Devetak, Richard, Anthony Burke and Jim George, (2007), *An introduction to International Relations*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp.440-449.

3.4. Global governance and climate change negotiations

Essential Readings

Weiss, Thomas G, (2013) “What is global governance” in *Global Governance: Why? What? Whither?*, New York: Polity, 90-127

Agarwal, Anil and Sunita Narain (1991), *Global Warming and Unequal World: A Case of Environmental Colonialism*, Centre for Science and Environment, Delhi, pp. 81-91.

Additional Readings

Heywood, Andrew, (2011) “Global Governance and the Bretton Woods System,” in *Global Politics*, New York: Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 461-484.

Sengupta, S. (2012), “International Climate Negotiations and India’s Role”, in N.K. Dubash (ed.), *Handbook of Climate Change and India: Development, Politics and Governance*, New Delhi, Routledge.

Andonova, L. B., Betsill, M. M., & Bulkeley, H. (2009), “Transnational climate governance”, *Global Environmental Politics*, 9 (2), 52-73.

Unit 4: IR Beyond Eurocentrism

4.1. Non-Western Perspectives

Essential Readings

Blaney, David L. and Inayatullah, Naeem (2009), "International Relations from Below" in Christian Reus Smit and Duncan Snidal, (ed.), *The Oxford Handbook of International Relations*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2008, pp. 663-674.

Amitav Acharya and Barry Buzan, "Why is there no non-Western international relations theory? An introduction", *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific*, 7:3, September 2007, pp-287–312.

Additional Readings

Bilgin, Pinar. "Thinking Past Western IR," *Third World Quarterly*, 29, no. 1 (2007): 5–23.

Capan, Z. (2016), "Decolonising International Relations?" *Third World Quarterly*, [online] 38(1), pp.1-15. Available at: <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/01436597.2016.1245100> [Accessed 10 Nov. 2018].

4.2. Indian Contributions to IR

Essential Reading(s)

Behera, N. C. (2013) "Introduction," in *India Engages the World. (Political science: 4.)* New Delhi: Oxford University Press, pp. 1-55.

Additional Reading(s)

Kanti Bajpai and Siddharth Mallavarapu, (2019) (eds.), "Introduction," in *India, the West and International Order*, New Delhi: Orient Black Swan, pp. 1-52.

A.K. Ramakrishnan, "The Gaze of Orientalism: Reflections on Linking Postcolonialism and International Relations," in Kanti Bajpai and Siddharth Mallavarapu, (eds.), *International Relations in India: Bringing Theory Back Home*, New Delhi: Orient Longman, pp. 223-274.

Reference Literature:

Kumar, Mahendra (2017). *Theoretical Aspects of International Politics*. New Delhi, Shiva Lal Agarwal Publication.

Held, D., Mc Grew, A. et al. (eds) (1999) *Global Transformation Reader: Politics, Economics and Culture*, Stanford: Stanford University Press.

Wenger, A. and Zimmermann, D. (eds.) (2003) *International Relations: From the Cold World War to the Globalized World*. London: Lynne Rienner.

Smith, M., Little, R. and Shackleton, M. (eds.) (1981) *Perspectives on World Politics*. London: Croom Helm.

Art, R. J. and Jervis, R. (eds.) (1999) *International Political Enduring: Concepts and Contemporary Issues*. 5th Edition. New York: Longman, pp. 7-14; 29-49; 119-126.

Note: Examination scheme and mode shall be as prescribed by the Examination Branch, University of Delhi, from time to time.