

Problems of International Relations (IS 452 N) Winter Semester, 2022

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Course Description

The purpose of the course is to familiarise students with key theoretical literature on some of the salient issues in international politics for them to acquire an objective and analytical understanding of the subject. The course would discuss various issue areas: Democracy and Democratisation; Ethnicity and Nationalism; Culture and Religion; Environment; Globalisation and Global Justice; Borders and Territoriality; Power and Hegemony; War and Revolution. It would enable students to acquire a conceptual understanding of these issues in the backdrop of major transformation and restructuring in international politics.

Students must read all the assigned readings. In addition, they must familiarise themselves with the key international studies journals such as *Review of International Studies*, *World Politics*, *International Affairs*, *International Studies*, *Millennium Journal of International Studies*, *International Security*, *International Organization*, *Foreign Affairs*, etc.

Please note that all students are supposed to maintain high degree of academic integrity, which particularly prohibits plagiarism in any form.

Course Evaluation

Mid-semester examination: (50% weightage) and End-semester examination (50% weightage).

Course Outline

1. Democracy and Democratisation
2. Ethnicity and Nationalism
3. Culture and Religion
4. Environment
5. Globalisation and Global Justice
6. Borders and Territoriality
7. Power and Hegemony
8. War and Revolution

THEMATIC READINGS

1. Democracy and Democratisation

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