

CENTRE FOR INNER ASIAN STUDIES
School of International Studies
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

Course Name: **Political Economy of Regional Cooperation in Central Asia**

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COURSE CONTENTS

- 1. Institution Building and Growth in Transition Economies:**
Institution Building in Transition Economies
Pre-reform Setting and Conditions
Politics of Reforming States and Enterprise relations,
Transitional Economic policies in Agriculture, Industry and Services
Economic openness without Political Openness
Political Economic Development through Political Reconciliation
Lessons and Challenges in sustaining growth
- 2. Geophysical Characteristics : A Regional Approach**
Land: Land Reforms, Land Policy Development, Land Reform's Impact on Conflict
Border: Border Disputes & Conflict Potential, Cross Border Migration (Push and Pull Factors) and Border Management
Cross Border Movement of Person, Goods and Services
Demography: Population Distribution and Growth Pattern, Rural-Urban Distribution
- 3. External Sector Reforms and Regional Cooperation:**
Trade Policy and Regime, Trade Barriers, Comparative and Competitive Advantage, Trade Intensity, Trade Potential, Intra-Industry Trade, Direction and Pattern of Intra-regional and Extra-regional Trade and Bilateral and Multilateral agreements
Market Diversification
Politics of Privatization and Investment
Foreign Direct Investment: Inflows and Outflows, Trade Generating Joint Ventures and Collaboration
Politics of External Debt and Aid & Assistance from Donor Agencies
Trade Logistics and Facilitation
Transfer of Technology
- 4. Natural Resource Management and Environmental Challenges:**
Politics of Natural Resource Management, Resource Distribution and Geo-political Implications (Minerals, Energy and Water), Oil & Gas Reserves
Integrated Water Management and Impact on Local, National and Regional Levels
Environmental Challenges
- 5. Infrastructural Development and Regional Prospects:**
Transport (Road & Rail Transportation): Legal and Regulatory Framework, Transport & Logistics Services, Regional Cooperation in Transport and Custom Transit
Pipelines (Oil/Gas Pipelines): Politics of Existing and Proposed Pipelines
Information and Communication: Status, Development and Prospects
Tourism Infrastructure and Prospect
Regional Cooperation and Management in Transport and Communication
Transport and Trade Linkages
- 6. Regionalism and Multilateralism in Central Asia:**
Conceptual Definition and New wave of Regionalism
Problems and Potential Areas of Regional Integration in Central Asia
Objective, Progress and Prospects of various Regional Organizations (CIS, CACO, CAREC, ECO, EEC, SCO and SPECA) World Trade Organization

Reading List

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