This course highlights the transformation of nation-state system under the impact of globalisation, international regulatory mechanisms and social movements. The inequality and conflicts inbuilt into this system and the responses to the same are important components of this study. Power is still a major arbitrator of relations between states in the World. Therefore, while not denying the significance of the realistic approach to the study of International politics this course suggests the necessity of bringing in the normative and critical approaches to the fore both to understand the world closing upon itself and at the same time breaking loose to give place to a myriad of distinct identities. Some of the concerns central to this course are explored by situating South Asia in the ongoing global politics today.

Objectives of the course:

The primary objective of this course is to make students familiar with the nature, relevance and complications of the international politics. The study of international politics has emerged as a crucial area of social sciences with the expansion of challenges of states from the local conflict issues to the global level conflicts over the question of trade, natural resources and questions of territoriality. Though the course makes an attempt to cover a wide array of issues and theories of international politics but given the time constraint it tries to focus more on three broad areas. The first section of the course deals with the introduction, history and approaches to study of international politics. In this section we will also discuss how the disciplined is being imagined or what are the available units of analysis. Second section deals with the theoretical endeavours, and contemporary issues in international politics. Finally, the course deals with the relevant issues in case of South Asia.

Course requirements:

Three (3) lectures and one and half (1.5) hours tutorial per week

Mode of evaluation:

1. Mid semester exam- 25 %
2. Tutorial (Written assignment/group presentation) - 25 %
3. End Semester exam- 50 %
COURSE CONTENT

1. Approaches and Methods

i. History and evolution of the discipline
ii. Realism and Neorealism
iii. Liberalism and Neoliberal Institutionalism
iv. Critical Approaches: Constructivist, Feminist
v. Normative Approaches: Global Justice, Cosmopolitanism

Required Readings


Suggested Readings


2. Nation State in a Globalizing World

Required Readings


Suggested Readings


3. The Unequal World: Economy, Political Power and Cultural Dominance

i) Cold War and Its Aftermath
ii) New Imperialism Debate
iii) Unipolarity and Multipolarity
iv) Forms of Dependency and Assertions

Required Readings


4. War and Peace, Global Governance

i) Old and New Wars
ii) Conflicts and Conflict Resolution

Required Readings

Galtung, Johan. 2009. Theories of Conflict. Transcend International


**Suggested Readings**


**5. Institutionalism and International / Regional Organizations**

i) United Nations in a Globalizing World

ii) European Community

iii) The ASEAN

**Required Readings**


Newhouse John, “Europe’s Rising Regionalism, Foreign Affairs, 76, No. 1 (JanFeb, 1997), 76-84

**Suggested Readings**


6. International Regimes


Suggested Readings


Dunn J., ed., Political Studies, (Special Issue on Human Rights).

7. South Asia and World Politics

i) Foreign Policies of South Asian States
ii) Major Powers and South Asia
iii) Regional Cooperation in South Asia

Required Readings


Supplementary Readings


UNDP, Human Development Reports.

**Key Journals on the International Relations**


**Useful Websites**