

**Centre for West Asian Studies**  
**School of International Studies**  
**Jawaharlal Nehru University**  
**MA International Relations-West Asian Studies**

Course No: WA401

Course Title: Theories of International Relations

Course Teachers: Dr. Jajati K. Pattnaik and Dr. Amit Kumar

Credits: Four

Instruction method: Lectures, Seminars and Tutorials

Evaluation Method: Sessional Work and Semester Examination

Course Duration: One Semester (Monsoon)

Contact Hours: Two Per Week

**Objectives:**

The syllabus introduces the major theories of international relations and enables the students to acquire knowledge in emerging frontiers of the discipline from an analytical perspective. Having thrust on an interdisciplinary approach, the thematic modules provide enough scope for wide-ranging academic discussions as well as a comprehensive understanding of the subject.

**Learning Outcomes:**

The course seeks to achieve the following learning outcomes: to develop research skills in the learners to undertake rigorous and cutting-edge research in domain-specific or related ones; encourage analytical and critical thinking among the learners to expand their depth in the field; and to broaden the learners' scope of knowledge and open up new avenues for innovative research.

**I. Evolution of International Relations as a Discipline**

Colonialism; Decolonisation; Process of State Formation

**II. Classical Realism and Neo-Realism**

Classical Realism: Statecraft (Kautilya); The Prince (Machiavelli); Political Realism (Hans J. Morgenthau); Neo-Realism: Defensive realism (Kenneth Waltz); Offensive Realism (John Mearsheimer)

**III. Liberalism and Neo-Liberalism**

Liberalism: Liberal institutionalism (David Mitrany and Ernest Haas); Neo-Liberalism: Neo-Liberal Institutionalism (Robert Keohane and Joseph Nye)

**IV. Marxism and Neo-Marxism**

Marxism: Proletarian Internationalism(Karl Marx); Imperialism (Vladimir Lenin); Cultural Hegemony (Antonio Gramsci); Neo-Marxism: Dependency Theory (Andre Gunder Frank); World-Systems Theory (Immanuel Wallerstein)

#### V. Constructivism

Constructivism: World of Our Making (Nicholas Greenwood Onuf); Social Theory of International Politics (Alexander Wendt)

#### VI. Feminism

Feminism: Gender and Militarism (Cynthia Holden Enloe); Gendering World Politics (Ann Tickner); Islamic Feminism (Leila Ahmed and Fatema Mernissi)

### Reading List

Adamson, Walter L. (2014). *Hegemony and Cultural Revolution: A Study of Antonio Gramsci's Political and Cultural Theory*, Vermont: Echo Point Books &Media

Ahmed, Leila (2012). *A Quiet Revolution: The Veil's Resurgence from the Middle East to America*, Yale University Press.

Allison, G. (2018). *Destined for War: Can America and China Escape Thucydides Trap?* Mariner Books.

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Fanon, Frantz, (1961). *The Wretched of the Earth*, Penguin Modern Classics.

Frank, A.G. (1967). *Capitalism and Underdevelopment in Latin America*. New York: Monthly Review Press.

Guzzini, Stefano and Leander, Anna (2006). *Constructivism and International Relations: Alexander Wendt and His Critics*, Routledge.

Haas, M. (2016). *International Relations Theory, Competing and Empirical Paradigms*, Lexington Books.

Jackson. and Sorensen, G. (2010). *Introduction to International Relations: Theories and Approaches*, Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Kautilya (1992). *Arthashastra*, Penguin Classics.

Kennedy, Paul. (2017). *The Rise and Fall of the Great Powers*, William Collins.

Keohane, Robert O. (1984). *After Hegemony: Cooperation and Discord in the World Political Economy*, Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Kubalkova V. and Cruickshank A. (1989). *Marxism and International Relations*, Oxford: OUP.

Lenin, V. I. (1917). *Imperialism: The Highest Stage of Capitalism*, London: Wellred Books.

Linklater, A. (1990). *Beyond Realism and Marxism: Critical Theory and International Relations*, Palgrave Macmillan.

Machiavelli, Niccolò (1903). *The Prince*, London: R & R Clark.

Malchow, H.L. (2019). *History and International Relations: From Ancient World to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, Bloomsbury Academic India.

- McGlinchey, S. (2022). *Foundations of International Relations*, Bloomsbury.
- Mearsheimer, John (2001). *The Tragedy of Great Power Politics*, W.W. Norton & Company.
- Memmi, Albert (1957). *The Coloniser and the Colonised*, Profile Books.
- Mernissi, Fatima (1975). *Beyond the Veil: Male-Female Dynamics in Modern Muslim Society*, Bloomington: Indiana University Press.
- Mitrany, David (1976). *The Functional Theory of Politics*, St. Martin Press.
- Morgenthau, H.J. (1948). *Politics among Nations: The Struggle for Power and Peace*, New York: Knopf.
- Onuf, Nicholas Greenwood (2013). *World of Our Making: Rules and Rule in Social Theory and International Relations*, Routledge.
- Perkins, P. (2001). *International Relations*, CBS.
- Pevehouse, J.C.W., and Goldstein. J. (2017). *International Relations*, Pearson.
- Reus-Smit, Christian (2010). *Oxford Handbook of International Relations*, Oxford University Press.
- Said, Edward W.(1978). *Orientalism: Western Conceptions of the Orient*, Penguin Classics.
- Tickner, J. A. and Sjoberg L.(2013). *Feminism and International Relations*, Routledge
- Wallerstein, I. (2004). *World-System Analysis: An Introduction*, NC: Duke University Press
- Waltz, Kenneth N. (1979). *Theory of International Politics*, Illinois; Waveland and Pr Inc
- Wendt, Alexander. (1999). *Social Theory of International Politics*, Cambridge University Press.