Course No. : IS 454 N
Course Title : Political Geography
Teacher : Krishnendra Meena
Credits Allowed : 4 (Four)
Instruction Method : Lectures, Seminars/Tutorials
Evaluation Method : Sessional Work and Semester Examination
Course Duration : One Semester (Winter 2014)
Contact Hours : 3 per week

Course Content:

1. Meaning, Scope and Methodology of Political Geography
   a. Definition, Nature and Scope of Political Geography
   b. Functional Approach and Unified Field Theory
   c. Relevance of Political Geography in International Relations

Readings:
Chapter 1, Glassner, Martin Ira and Chuck Fahrer (2004), Political Geography, John Wiley, New Jersey
Chapter 1, Jones, Martin, Rhys Jones and Michael Woods (2004), An Introduction to Political Geography, Routledge, London
Chapter 1, Blacksell, Mark (2006), Political Geography, Routledge Contemporary Human Geography Series, Routledge, London
Ethington Philip J. and Jason A. Mc Daniel (2007), Political Places and Institutional Spaces: The Intersection of Political Science and Political Geography, Annual Review of Political Science, 10:127–42

2. Space, Territory and State
   a. Elements of State
   b. Laws of Spatial Growth of State

Readings
Chapters 4--7, Glassner, Martin Ira and Chuck Fahrer (2004), Political Geography, John Wiley, New Jersey
Chapter 2, Jones, Martin, Rhys Jones and Michael Woods (2004), An Introduction to Political Geography, Routledge, London
John Agnew (1994), The territorial trap: The geographical assumptions of international relations theory, Review of International Political Economy, 1 (1)
John Agnew, Sovereignty over Time and Space (Presentation, University of California, San Diego, January 2003)
3. Frontiers and Boundaries
   a. Concepts and Classifications
   b. Continental and Maritime Boundaries
   c. Case Studies

Readings:
Chapter 8, Glassner, Martin Ira and Chuck Fahrer (2004), Political Geography, John Wiley, New Jersey
Chapter 1, Prescott, Victor and Clive Schofield (2005), Maritime Political Boundaries of the World, Martinuss Nijhoff, Leiden

4. Emergence of Territorial State
   a. Core Areas, Capitals and Capital Regions
   b. Growth, Consolidation and Disintegration of Empires
   c. Idea of Nation-State and Federalism

Readings:
Chapter 9-10, Glassner, Martin Ira and Chuck Fahrer (2004), Political Geography, John Wiley, New Jersey
Lester, Alan (2008), Empire, in Kevin R. Cox, Murray Low and Jennifer Robinson (eds.), Sage Handbook of Political Geography, Sage, London
Chapter4, Painter, Joe (1995), Politics, Geography and Political Geography, Arnold, London

5. Geopolitics and Geostrategy
   a. Principal Components and Exponents
   b. Global Geopolitical and Geostrategic Patterns

Readings:
Spykman, Nicholas C.(1938) “ Geography and Foreign Policy I”, The American Political Science Review, Vol.32, No.1
Spykman, Nicholas C.(1938) “ Geography and Foreign Policy II”, The American Political Science Review, Vol.32, No.2
6. Ecological Perspectives on Foreign Policy
   a. Geographical Determinants of Foreign Policy
   b. Geopolitics of Linkage Patterns
   c. Environment and Development Imperatives

Readings:
Chapters 1 & 6, Rodriguez, Jean Paul (2006), The Geography of Transport Systems, Routledge, Oxon
Chapter on “Geopolitics and Environmental Security, Valdimir A. Krivilev

7. Resource Element in International Context
   a. Geographical Distribution of World Resources
   b. Resource Base and Industrial Development
   c. Trade and Commerce and Economic Interdependence
   d. Geopolitics of Foreign Aid, Assistance and Development Cooperation

Readings:
Leong, G. C. And Gillian C. Morgan (1990), Human and Economic Geography, Oxford University Press, Oxford
Johnston, R.J., Peter J. Taylor and Michael J. Watts (2004), Geographies of Global Change, Blackwell, Oxford

8. Regions and Regionalism in World Politics

Readings:
Fawn, Rick (2009), “‘Regions’ and their study: wherefrom, what for and whereto? Review of International Studies, 35, pp 5-34