

NIAS Online Certificate Course, 2021-22

# Global Politics: Contemporary International Relations, Order and Theories



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**Global Politics: Contemporary International  
Relations, Order and Theories**

**Name of School:**

Conflict and Security Studies

**Subject/ discipline:**

Interdisciplinary

**Course title:**

Global Politics: Contemporary International Relations, Order and Theories

**Level of course:**

Postgraduate, MPhil, PhD

**Name of the instructor:**

Prof D. Suba Chandran

**Probable starting date and schedule/ timings:**

Online, From Aug 2021, Daily (0900-1030 hrs)

**Program Description:**

Pakistan Reader (PR) is an academic initiative within the Conflict Resolution and Peace Research (CRPR) Programme at the National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS) in Bangalore. PR aims to study contemporary Pakistan with a comprehensive and regular focus, build a team of young scholars within India, and create a network of global scholars across the world.

**Course Structure**

The Course will cover the following:

**Unit 01: Brief History of International Relations**

From Ancient Greece to Magna Carta

The Age of Renaissance, Reformation and the Treaty of Westphalia

IR in the age of Revolutions

First and Second World Wars

Cold War

The Fall of Soviet Union and the Rise of China

The Rise of Asia

**Unit 02: International Relations through Theories**

Realism School

Liberalism

Marxism

**Unit 03: International Relations through Theories-II**

Critical Theories

Structuralism, Constructivism and Feminism

Theories of Security and Non-Traditional Security

## Theories of Institutions

### Unit 04: Contemporary World Order-I

East Asia  
Southeast Asia  
South Asia  
Middle East  
Africa  
Europe  
Americas

### Unit 05: Contemporary World Order-II

China  
US  
Big Power Politics  
Regional Orders  
Middle Powers

### Unit 06: Contemporary World Order-III

Climate Change  
Protest Movements  
Science, Technology and International Relations  
Trade and Political Economy

### Unit 07: Contemporary World Order-IV

The idea of State, Nation and Nation-State  
The idea of World Order  
Nation vs State building  
Praetorian State  
State Failure and Fragility

#### **Course Structure & Duration:**

This course will be taught mostly online over a duration of two semesters during 2021-22. Classes will be held online everyday morning between 0900-1030 hrs. The Course will start in August 2021, and end in July 2022.

The Course will include the following:

#### *Student Seminars, Assignments and Publications:*

The students are expected to make presentations every Mondays (1600-1730 hrs) as a part of Global Politics, Young Voices (GPYV) Discussions. The objective of the above Student seminars is to improve the presentation and writing skills of the students. Also, the students will be assigned weekly assignments. The assignments will be on current issues aimed at getting published in the Course portal – globalpolitics.in.

Students will have ample opportunities to publish regular focus notes in two weekly publications - *The World This Week & Conflict Weekly*. The final product of the assignments will be published as commentaries/briefs depending on the length.

#### *Lectures on IR Theories on Mondays:*

Regular lectures will be conducted on contemporary international theories. Duration 30 minutes.

Student Briefings on Tuesdays:

Students will make short briefings on contemporary international relations/developments, providing a brief background, major issues, and actors involved. Duration 30 minutes.

Guest Lectures on Wednesdays:

Guest lectures will be organised on Wednesdays on contemporary developments in international relations. Duration 45 minutes.

Book Reviews on Thursdays:

Students will present a review of a book or a journal essay. Duration 30 minutes

Lectures on IR History on Fridays:

Regular/guest lectures on international relations through history. Duration 30 minutes.

Weeklong residential course:

Depending on the availability of funds, the course at the end will have a week-long residential workshop at NIAS. Senior analysts in India, retired diplomats/officials will be invited to provide lectures during the workshop.

Two months internship:

The course will offer a two months internship to a select few at the end of the course.

**Eligibility**

Candidates applying for the Course should either be an enrolled Post Graduate Student or have completed postgraduation in India. The course is opened to student/ scholars from any field.

**How to apply?**

Write to Prof D. Suba Chandran, Course Supervisor, with the following:

- Rationale/ Statement of Purpose
- Areas of Interest.
- Recommendation letter by the Head of the Department/Supervisor/Director. Email your application and recommendation letters directly to [subachandran@nias.res.in](mailto:subachandran@nias.res.in).