



School of Conflict and Security Studies
Science Technology and International Relations Programme

National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS)

Indian Institute of Science Campus (IISc), Bangalore

NIAS Summer Certificate Course 2025

Arctic and Geopolitics: Science, Security & Governance

A multi-disciplinary Summer course designed to introduce the Arctic, its evolving role in world politics, global significance of climate change and its implications on the Arctic, and India's interests

Course Supervisor Prof D Suba Chandran

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Course Objective

This course aims to introduce the following:

- Contemporary developments relating to Arctic and their international importance
- Foreign Policies of select countries
- Institutions and Frameworks of Arctic governance
- Importance of Arctic for India

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About the Course

The Course will include the following the units.

1. Introduction to Arctic: Geopolitics, Climate Change and Governance
2. Arctic Policies of Russia, US, China and other Arctic Countries
3. Energy, Resources and Shipping Routes
4. Arctic Governance and Frameworks
5. India and the Arctic

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About the Course Components

The Course will have the following the components.

A. Regular and Guest Lectures at NIAS

The Course will be held for two weeks at NIAS. It will include regular lectures and guest lectures by experts from different disciplines.

Lectures will be held at NIAS tentatively during second/third week of May 2025.

B. Building Research Skills on Arctic: Presentations & Publications

The course is designed to improve presentation skills leading to publishing short commentaries, explainers and short notes on Arctic.

Students will have adequate opportunities to publish in our flagship publications - *Indo-Arctic*, and also in the Global Politics portal - www.globalpolitics.in.



Student presentations on Arctic will be held during the last week of May 2025.

C. Participation in national/international workshops and Dialogues

Students who successfully complete the course will have opportunities to participate in NIAS events, workshops on Arctic. Select students will get an opportunity to take part in the NIAS flagship Annual Polar Dialogue.

IV Eligibility

Students applying for the course should either be enrolled primarily for post-graduation or have completed postgraduate studies.

As an exception, a few undergraduate students with good recommendations from their respective departments will also be considered.

The course is open to students/ scholars from any field.

V How to apply?

Email the applications 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. (Compulsory)
- Short resume

Email application along with recommendation letters directly as a single pdf file to globalpolitics@nias.res.in, with a cc to subachandran@nias.res.in.

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Assessment, Attendance and Certificate

The Course will be taught at NIAS, tentatively during second/third week of May 2025

Assessment will be based attendance (100 per cent), regular presentations and publications.

A certificate will be issued at the end of the course, for those who fulfil the requirements and complete the same successfully.

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Last Date Apply

15 April 2025