



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 Online Certificate Course 2025-26 & Summer Internship

## Global Politics and the Contemporary World Order: Power Shifts, Emerging Challenges, and New Debates

*A course for advanced learners aimed at enhancing research skills, encouraging workshop participation and presentations, supporting publication efforts, and building a global young-scholar network.*

Course Supervisor Prof D. Suba Chandran  
Online, Weekly (Saturdays/Sundays)

Last Date to Apply: 30 November 2025

### **I** **Course Structure**

This course is designed for advanced learners seeking to strengthen their research capabilities, and learn on how to undertake rigorous research work. It further serves as a preparatory platform for undergraduate and postgraduate students, helping them gain the exposure needed to pursue further academic pursuits, including research careers and competitive degree programs in esteemed institutions in India and abroad.

The course will have four components:

- Regular Online Course (Weekly)
- Summer Internship Apr-Jul 2026 (For select students, for eight weeks at NIAS, and four weeks online)
- Participation in NIAS Workshops
- Publication in NIAS Dailies/Weeklies/Monthlies

Classes will be held online on Saturdays/Sundays.

The Course will start in December 2025 and continue until October 2026.

### **II** **Course Components**

Besides the regular lectures (See the Units in Section-IV) by the Supervisor and international faculty, the Course will include the following components:

#### **A. Student Seminars & Weekly Discussions**

The Course will have regular student seminars as a part of “NIAS Global Politics, Young Voices (GPYV)” Discussions held regularly during the evenings.

#### **B. Building Research Skills: Presentations & Publications**

The course is designed to improve presentation skills, leading to publishing



short commentaries, explainers and short notes.

Students will have adequate opportunities to publish in two flagship publications - *NIAS Conflict Weekly*, and *The World This Week*, and also in the Global Politics portal – [www.globalpolitics.in](http://www.globalpolitics.in).

Select students, depending on their interest and skills, will also be a part of the NIAS Global Politics daily publication – [The World Today](http://TheWorldToday).

The students will also have enough opportunities to publish briefs and essays, after the necessary review in four monthly monitors published by the NIAS Global Politics team relating to Pakistan, China, Europe, Africa, and Polar & Oceans.

### **C. Participation in national and international workshops**

Students enrolled in the course will have ample opportunities to participate in workshops held with national and international participation. Course students will be given priority to the residential workshops organised by the Global Politics team at NIAS. These workshops are held at Bangalore, Pondicherry, Chennai, Kottayam and other cities, in collaboration with NIAS partner institutions.

### **D. Summer Internships**

For the meritorious students who take part active part in the course, the course will offer a short internship (unpaid) at NIAS during the summer of 2026.

### **E. Participation in NIAS-STIR Projects**

The course will offer an opportunity to take part in the NIAS projects relating to Global Politics, Area Studies, and International Peace Research Initiative (IPRI). To know more visit: [www.globalpolitics.in](http://www.globalpolitics.in).

### **III 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.

### **IV About the Course**

The Course will focus on the following units:

Unit 01: Contemporary Global Developments

Unit 02: Contemporary World Order: Issues, Debates and Concepts

Unit-03: Contemporary Conflicts: Regional and Global

Unit-04: Regional Security Architectures

Unit-05: Research Workshops, Presentations & Publication Training

Unit-06: Qualitative and Quantitative Analyses and Field Research Training

### **How to apply?**

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

- Detailed Statement of Purpose
- 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](mailto:globalpolitics@nias.res.in), with a cc to [subachandran@nias.res.in](mailto:subachandran@nias.res.in).

### **V**

#### **Assessment, Attendance and Certificate**

The Course will be taught in two semesters. Students who complete the first semester will be enrolled for the second one.

Assessment will be based attendance (80 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.

**Last Date Apply**  
30 November 2025

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