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NIAS Online Certificate Course 2024-25

Contemporary South Asia
State of Politics, Economy, Society & Foreign Policy

by
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Course Structure & Duration

The Course has the following components:

- Online Course
- Lectures by Experts from South Asia
- Student Seminars
- Internship
- Participation in NIAS Workshops
- Publication in NIAS
Dailies/Weeklies/Monthlies

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About the Course Objectives

The primary objectives of the course are the following:

- To introduce contemporary issues in South Asia to the students.
- To build research skills of the students through presentations and publications.

- To build a network of young scholars working on South Asia

The Course aims to achieve the above objectives through the following:

Building Research Skills

The course aims to improve the presentation and writing skills, through weekly assignments published as a part of NIAS Conflict Weekly, The World This Week and other related publications.

Student Seminars

Based on the lectures, students will be required to make regular presentations on contemporary issues.

Commentaries, Briefs and Essays

Based on the lectures, students will be writing regular commentaries (800-1000

words), occasional briefs (3000-4000 words) and one essay (8000-1000 words).

Building network of young scholars through national and international workshops

The course provides ample opportunities to participate regularly in workshops held with national and international participation. Course students are given priority in the residential workshops held at Bangalore / Pondicherry / Chennai / Mysore / Kottayam and other places.

Summer Internships

The course includes a short internship (unpaid) at NIAS.

Opportunity to take part in NIAS-STIR Projects & Publications.

The course offers an opportunity to take part in the NIAS projects relating to Global Politics, Area Studies, and International Peace Research Initiative.

Click here for our regular publications:

- [The World This Week](#)
- [Conflict Weekly](#)
- [Africa Reader](#)
- [Europe Monitor](#)
- [Pakistan Reader](#)
- [China Reader](#)

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III About the Course Units

The Course focus on the following units:

Unit 01: The Idea of South Asia

Focus of the unit will be on how each state in the region perceives the "Idea of South Asia."

This unit will have a set of introductory lectures, followed by individual lectures from country perspectives in South Asia.

Unit 02: Major Issues on Contemporary South Asia

Focus of the unit will be on contemporary issues across South Asia. It will look at bilateral and regional issues, state of cooperation, external presence and influence, and emerging issues.

Unit 03: State of Politics and Economy

Focus of the unit will be on the nature of contemporary politics within each country.

Unit 04: State of Conflicts

The unit will look at major conflicts in each countries. It will analyse the major issues causes, actors, and trajectories.

Unit 05: State of Society

The unit will look at contemporary issues facing the society looking at class, gender, religion, media and education.

Unit 05: State of External Relations

The unit will look at foreign policy pursuits of individual countries and the state of . It will analyse the major issues causes, actors, and trajectories.

Unit 06: State of External Interests and Influence

The unit will look at external interests and influences on South Asia and individual countries by actors outside the region.

IV Eligibility

Students should either be enrolled primarily for post- graduation or have completed postgraduation.

As an exception, a few undergraduate students with a good recommendation from their respective departments can also apply.

The course is open to students from any discipline.

V How to apply?

Applications are closed.

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