

**SCHOOL OF HISTORY, PHILOSOPHY, POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS**

POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS PROGRAMME

**INTP/POLS 212:
SPECIAL TOPIC: INDIA'S INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

**TRIMESTER 2 2012
16 July to 17 November 2012**

Trimester dates

Teaching dates: 16 July to 19 October 2012

Mid-trimester break: 27 August to 9 September 2012

Study week: 22-26 October 2012

Examination/Assessment period: 26 October to 17 November 2012.

If you enrol in this course, you must be able to attend the examination at the University at any time during the formal examination period, 26 October to 17 November 2012.

Withdrawal dates

Information on withdrawals and refunds may be found at

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/admisenrol/payments/withdrawlsrefunds.aspx>

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Class times and locations

Lecture Times: Mondays and Tuesdays 10:00 – 10:50am

Lecture Venue: Murphy (MY) LT102 (Mondays); Murphy (MY) LT101 (Tuesdays)

Communication of additional information

Additional information about the course or information about any changes will be announced in lectures and posted on the noticeboard Murphy 5th floor.

Course Prescription

India's economic growth over the last two decades has changed how the rest of the world looks at India, and how India looks at the rest of the world and itself. This course will examine how these changes are manifested in India's foreign policy and international politics.

Course Content

The course will look at India's changing international relationships with its neighbours and with such global actors as America, China and Russia. It will also look into factors contributing to regionalism which has made groupings like ASEAN, EU, BRICS etcetera matter more in international politics. In this context the role of SAARC will be examined. The course will address new challenges that India faces, namely, international terrorism, environmental degradation and resource insecurity. What notions of regional security India subscribes to against the background of a nuclearised region will be analysed. How much capacity India has to coordinate these efforts when its politics is fragmented and its central leadership is in under pressure from provincial forces which have little understanding of the dynamics of global politics? Is India's foreign policy becoming de-centralized is an important question that the course will try to answer. India's growing interest in south-west Pacific will also be part of the course.

After 190 years of British imperial domination India became independent in 1947. With freedom, however, came the traumatic experience of India's partition on religious grounds resulting in massive Hindu-Muslim riots that caused millions of deaths and refugees. Two nations that emerged, India and Pakistan, started off with conflicts, which the Cold War politics complicated further. Even the end of Cold War did not end them. It will be interesting to study how India has managed its democratic and economic development against this background as well as the fast-changing global realities. How much has India's world outlook, and, correspondingly, world's India outlook, changed? What are the factors behind these changes, and what are the challenges ahead? To what extent does India matter to New Zealand and vice versa?

Course Delivery

This course has two 50 minute lectures plus a 50 minute tutorial/workshop a week.

Learning Objectives

By the end of this course students should be able to:

- understand the interconnection between India's domestic politics and foreign policy;
- analyse the problems India faces in dealing with Pakistan and other neighbours;
- understand why non-alignment, once relevant, is no longer so; and
- analyse the interconnection between internal and external security demands.

Readings

Essential text:

Most required reading for this course will be available in a book of course readings. Please purchase this prior to or during the first week of the trimester. Some required readings will be added during the trimester. These will be announced on Blackboard and placed on VUW Library's E-Reserves.

All undergraduate textbooks and student notes will be sold from the Memorial Theatre foyer from 9 to 27 July 2012, while postgraduate textbooks and student notes will be available from the top floor of vicbooks in the Student Union Building, Kelburn Campus. After week two of the trimester all

undergraduate textbooks and student notes will be sold from vicbooks on Level 4 of the Student Union Building.

Customers can order textbooks and student notes online at www.vicbooks.co.nz or can email an order or enquiry to enquiries@vicbooks.co.nz. Books can be couriered to customers or they can be picked up from nominated collection points at each campus. Customers will be contacted when they are available.

Opening hours are 8.00 am – 6.00 pm, Monday – Friday during term time (closing at 5.00 pm in the holidays). Phone: 463 5515.

Course Assessment

Course grade assessment would be based on the following:

1. Two in-class tests (20% each)
You will be required to write short essays. The first test will be held on **Tuesday, 21 August**. The second will be held on the last day of class, **Tuesday 16 October**.
2. You are required to write an opinion piece/commentary of not more than 1000 words on any current issue in Indian foreign policy. This assignment can be handed in any time from the beginning of the trimester until September 15. Other details will be provided during the introductory lecture. This will account for 20% of your grade.
3. You will be required to write an essay of 1500-2000 words on any issue in Indian foreign policy. This assignment is due on 29 September, but the topic/title of the essay must be finalized and approved by the instructor no later than 15 August. Other details about how to write the essay will be provided in class. This will account for 40% of your grade.

Penalties

Students will be penalised for late submission of written assignments—a deduction of 5% for the first day late, and 2% per day thereafter, up to a maximum of 8 days. Work that is more than 8 days late can be accepted for mandatory course requirements but will not be marked. However, penalties may be waived if there are valid grounds, e.g., illness (presentation of a medical certificate will be necessary) or similar other contingencies. In such cases prior information will be necessary.

Workload

In accordance with University Guidelines, the overall workload for this course is 200 hours. This includes two hours of lectures and one hour of tutorials per week.

Class Representative

A Class Representative will be elected in class and the person's name and contact details will be available to VUWSA, the Course Coordinator and the class. The Class Representative provides a communication channel to liaise with the Course Coordinators on behalf of students.

Mandatory Course Requirements

To gain a pass in INTP/POLS 212 each student must:

1. Sit the first in-class test on 21 August
2. Sit the second in-class test on 16 October

3. Submit a written commentary due by 5pm 14 August
4. Submit an essay on an approved topic due by 5pm Friday 28 September

Academic Integrity and Plagiarism

Academic integrity means that university staff and students, in their teaching and learning are expected to treat others honestly, fairly and with respect at all times. It is not acceptable to mistreat academic, intellectual or creative work that has been done by other people by representing it as your own original work.

Academic integrity is important because it is the core value on which the University's learning, teaching and research activities are based. Victoria University's reputation for academic integrity adds value to your qualification.

The University defines plagiarism as presenting someone else's work as if it were your own, whether you mean to or not. 'Someone else's work' means anything that is not your own idea. Even if it is presented in your own style, you must acknowledge your sources fully and appropriately. This includes:

- Material from books, journals or any other printed source
- The work of other students or staff
- Information from the internet
- Software programs and other electronic material
- Designs and ideas
- The organisation or structuring of any such material

Find out more about plagiarism, how to avoid it and penalties, on the University's website:
<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/plagiarism.aspx>

WHERE TO FIND MORE DETAILED INFORMATION

Find key dates, explanations of grades and other useful information at www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study. Find out how academic progress is monitored and how enrolment can be restricted at www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/academic-progress. Most statutes and policies are available at www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/policy, except qualification statutes, which are available via the *Calendar* webpage at www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/calendar.aspx Other useful information for students may be found at the website of the Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Academic), at www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about_victoria/avcacademic.

Schedule of Classes

I. July 16-20: Introduction to India and its Foreign Policy

Read: David M. Malone. 2011. *Does the Elephant Dance? Contemporary Indian Foreign Policy*. New Delhi: OUP: Chapter 2.

Recommended: Bimal Prasad. 1962. *The origins of Indian foreign policy: the Indian National Congress and World Affairs, 1885-1947*. New Delhi: Bookland.

II. July 23-27: 1950s: The Formative Decade

Read: Sumit Ganguly and Manjeet S. Pardesi. 2009. "Explaining Sixty Years of Indian Foreign Policy," *India Review* 8 (1): pp. 4-19.

Recommended: Partha S. Ghosh. 1978. "Domestic Sources of India's Policy of Non-Alignment," *India Quarterly* (New Delhi), 36 (3-4) pp. 348-62.

III. July 30-August 3: Wars India Fought and their Lessons

No assigned reading: class Lecture will cover the key points

Additional Reading: Kaushik Roy. 2004. *From Hydaspes to Kargil: A History of Warfare in India from 326 BC to AD 1999*. New Delhi: Manohar.

IV. August 6-10: Dealing with America

Read: G. Parthasarathy. 2009. "Emerging Trends in India-US Relations," *India Quarterly* (New Delhi), 65 (4): 373-81.

Recommended: C. Raja Mohan, *Crossing the Rubicon: The Shaping of India's New Foreign Policy* (New York: Palgrave-Macmillan, 2004)

V. August 13-17: Dealing with Russia

Read: Gulshan Sachdeva. 2012. "India's Relations with Russia", in David Scott (ed.), *Handbook of India's International Relations*. London: Routledge: 213-222.

Recommended: P. Stobdan, ed. 2010. *India-Russia Strategic Partnership: Common Perspectives*. New Delhi: Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses.

***** First paper due 5pm 14 August.**

VI. August 20: China and South East Asia

Read: Sujit Dutta. 2011. "Managing and Engaging Rising China: India's Evolving Posture," *The Washington Quarterly*, 34(2): 127-44.

Recommended: Zorawar Daulet Singh. 2011. "The Himalayan Stalemate: Retracing the India-China Dispute," Maneshaw Paper No. 27. Centre for Land Warfare Studies (CLAWS), New Delhi.

August 21: First in-class test

VII. September 10-14: India's South Asian Neighbourhood

Read: Partha S. Ghosh. 1995. *Cooperation and Conflict in South Asia*. New Delhi: Manohar (South Asian Studies No.21 of the South Asia Institute, Heidelberg University)—available online.

Recommended: Jorge Heine and Partha S. Ghosh. 2011. "The Elephant in the War: India and the Afghan-Pakistan Link," *Canadian Foreign Policy Journal* (Ottawa), 17 (1), March: 50-61, and also, Partha S. Ghosh. 2010. "Kashmir Revisited: Factoring Governance, Terrorism and Pakistan, as Usual," *Heidelberg Papers in South Asian and Comparative Politics* (Heidelberg University), Working Paper No. 54, March.

VIII. September 17-21: The Security Discourse

Read: Arundhati Ghose. 2009. "Nuclear Weapons, Non-proliferation and Nuclear Disarmament: Evolving Policy Challenges," *India Quarterly* (New Delhi), 65 (4): 431-40.

Recommended: Christian Wagner. 2010. "India's Soft Power: Prospects and Limitations," *India Quarterly* (New Delhi), 66 (4): 333-342.

IX. September 24-28: The Non-Conventional Threats

Read: Arijit Mazumdar. 2011. "India's Search for a Post-Cold War Foreign Policy: Domestic Constraints and Obstacles," *India Quarterly* (New Delhi), 67 (2): 165-182.

Recommended: Anasua Basu Ray Chaudhury. 2009. "The Energy Crisis and the South Asian Security: An Indian Perspective," *India Quarterly* (New Delhi), 65 (2): 137-51.

***** Second paper due 5pm 28 September**

X. October 1-5: Challenge of International Terrorism

Read: Partha S. Ghosh. 2008. "Islamic Extremism in South Asia," *International Journal Law, Crime and Justice* (Amsterdam) (formerly, *International Journal of the Sociology of Law* [Oxford]), 36 (4): 286-97.

Recommended: Ramesh Thakur. 2011. "Delinking Destiny from Geography: The Changing Balance of India-Pakistan Relations," *India Quarterly* (New Delhi), 67 (3): 197-212.

XI. October 8-12: Population Movements in South Asia

Read: Partha S. Ghosh. 2009. "Mapping the Mixed and Massive Human Flows in South Asia", unpublished.

Recommended: Ranabir Samaddar. 1999. *The Marginal Nation: Transborder Migration from Bangladesh to West Bengal*. New Delhi: Sage.

XII. October 15: India and South West Pacific

Read: Pankaj Jha. 2010. "Reconfiguring India-New Zealand Relations" in Rajaram Panda and Pankaj Jha, eds. *India and New Zealand: Emerging Challenges*. New Delhi: Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses: 161-77.

Rajaram Panda. 2012. "India and Australia: Security Dynamics in the Asia Pacific", *Asia-Pacific Review* (London), 19(1): 130-156.

Recommended: David Capie. 2010. "Grand Designs?—The Promise and Pitfalls of Asia's New Regionalism" in Rajaram Panda and Pankaj Jha, eds. *India and New Zealand: Emerging Challenges*. New Delhi: Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses: 37-49

October 16 – Second in-class test

