

III. MAJOR COURSE- MJ 11: PERSPECTIVES ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Marks: 25 (5 Attd. + 20 SIE: 1Hr) + 75 (ESE: 3Hrs) = 100

Pass Marks: Th (SIE + ESE) = 40

(Credits: Theory-04) **Theory: 60 Lectures**

Course Objectives:

1. This paper seeks to equip students with the basic intellectual tools for understanding International Relations.
2. It introduces students to some of the most important theoretical approaches for studying International Relations.
3. The course begins by historically contextualizing the evolution of the international state system before discussing the agency-structure problem through the levels-of-analysis approach. After having set the parameters of the debate, students are introduced to different theories in International Relations which will ensure a comprehensive understanding of the discipline of International Relations.

Course Learning Outcomes:

1. The course shall provide a fairly comprehensive overview of the major political developments and events starting from the twentieth century.
2. The course shall enable the students to learn about the key milestones in world history and equip them with the tools to understand and analyze the same from different perspectives.
3. The holistic knowledge and understanding of theory and facts shall equip students to approach the various branches of International Relations in a nuanced manner.

Course Content

1. International Relations: Meaning, Nature and Scope
2. Theoretical Perspectives:
 - a. Classical Realism and Neo-Realism
 - b. Liberalism and Neoliberalism
 - c. Marxist Approaches
 - d. Feminist Perspectives
 - e. Post-Modernism
 - f. Perspectives from the Global South

Reference books:

1. Tim Dunne- International Relation Theories
 2. Scott Burchill – Theories of International Relations
 3. Peu Ghosh- International Relations
 4. Oliver Dadow- International Relations Theory
 5. Dr. Richard Devetak – Theories of International Relations
 6. Robert Jackson and George Sorensen – Introduction to International Relations: Theories and Approaches
 7. John Baylis, Steve Smith and Patrick Owens- The Globalization of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations
 8. RumkiBasu- International Politics- Concepts, Theories and Issues
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