UNIVERSITY OF DELHI
Bachelor of Arts (Programme) Political Science
(Effective from Academic Year 2019-20)
PAPERS FOR SEMESTER - IV

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4. Discipline Specific Core Course

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Courses for B.A. (Programme) Political Science

Paper IV - Introduction to International Relations
(62324407)
Core Course - (CC) Credit:6

Course Objective
This Course is designed to give students a sense of some important theoretical approaches to understand international relations; a history from 1945 onwards to the present; and an outline of the evolution of Indian foreign policy since independence and its possible future trajectory.

Course Learning Outcomes
- Students will learn about major theoretical approaches and the history of International Relations.
- The course will enhance students’ understanding on the major political developments in international relations since 1945.
- The paper will develop in-depth knowledge on the emerging centers of power like European Union, China, Russia and Japan.
- Students will also learn about basic determinants of India’s foreign policy and understand it in the context of India as an emerging power.

Unit 1
Early Debates in International Relations (27 lectures)
(a) Idealism vs Realism
(b) Liberalism to Neo Liberal Institutionalism
(c) Structural Approaches: World Systems Approach (Immanuel Wallerstein) and Dependency School (Andre Gunder Frank)
(d) Feminist Perspective (J. Ann Tickner)

Unit 2
Post War International Relations and the emergence of Cold War (20 lectures)
(a) Second World War & Origins Cold War
(b) Phases of Cold World War: First Cold War, Rise and Fall of Détente, Second Cold War End of Cold War and Collapse of the Soviet Union
(c) Post-Cold War Era and Emerging Centers of Power (European Union, China, Russia and Japan)

Unit 3
India’s Foreign Policy (13 lectures)
(a) Basic Determinants (Historical, Geo-Political, Economic, Domestic and Strategic)
(b) India’s Policy of Non-alignment
(c) India: An Emerging Power
References

1. Approaches to International Relations


2. Cold War & Post-Cold War Era


3. India’s Foreign Policy


S. Ganguly and M.S. Pardesi, “Explaining Sixty Years of India’s Foreign Policy”, in India Review, Vol.8 (1) pp.4-19


Additional Resources:

Classic Readings


Readings in Hindi

सुमित गाँगुली (2018), भारत की विदेश नीति: पुनरावलोकन एवं संभावनाएँ, नई दिल्ली: ऑक्सफोर्ड यूनिवर्सिटी प्रेस (अनुवाद: अभिषेक चौधरी).

अजय कुमार (2011), अंतर्राष्ट्रीय संबंधों के सिद्धांत: एक परिचय, दिल्ली: पियर्सन एजुकेशन.

पुष्पेश पत्त (2017), 21वीं शताब्दी में अंतर्राष्ट्रीय सम्बन्ध, दिल्ली: मक़्का हिल प्रकाशिंग, पांचवा एडिशन.

रम्भी बासु (2015), अंतर्राष्ट्रीय राजनीति: अवधारणाएं, सिद्धांत तथा मुद्दे, दिल्ली: सेज भाषा प्रकाशिका.

Additional Readings:

1. **Approaches to International Relations**


2. **Cold War & Post-Cold War Era**


3. India’s Foreign Policy


Teaching Learning Process

This course will help the students in getting introduced to major theoretical approaches and the history of International Relations and will enhance their understanding on the major political developments in international relations since 1945 as well as emerging centers of power like European Union, China, Russia, Japan and India. In this course the teaching process would include a combination of different pedagogic tools like class lecture, class discussion, class presentations, group discussion and debates. The students will also learn through power-point presentations and film screening. The teaching-learning process would also focus on regular revision through different methods like holding quiz after the end of every unit, dividing the class into different groups based on different ideologies in the discipline and holding a free debate amongst them on different issues relevant for the course. Students will also be asked to do small write-ups on a question or a topic given to them based on their understanding of the problem/issue after completing every unit.

Assessment Methods

Students will be assessed at different stages during the completion of this course. They will be assessed on the basis of their performance in group discussions after completion of every unit, class presentations and one assignment on a given topic.

Keywords

International Relations, Idealism, Realism, Liberalism, Structuralism, Feminism, Post-war IR, India’s Foreign Policy
Course Objective
This course will introduce the students to the debates, principles and practices of public opinion polls in the context of democracies, with special reference to India. It will familiarize the students with the principles and practice of survey research and conceptualizing and measuring public opinion using quantitative methods. The course will give special attention to developing basic skills pertaining to the collection, analysis and utilization of quantitative data.

Course Learning Outcomes
On the successful completion of the course, students will be able to:
- Understand the importance of public opinion in a democracy and the role of survey research in comprehending the working of a democratic political system
- Learn about the methods used for conducting surveys and interpreting survey data
- Acquire basic skill sets related to understanding public opinion formation and conducting research through the use of sample date, framing a questionnaire, etc.
- Acquire basic skill sets related to measurement of public opinion such as data analysis using statistical methods.

Unit 1
Introduction to the course (6 lectures)
Definition and characteristics of public opinion, conceptions and characteristics, debates about its role in a democratic political system, uses for opinion poll

Unit 2
Measuring Public Opinion with Surveys: Representation and sampling (6 lectures)
a. What is sampling? Why do we need to sample? Sample design.
b. Sampling error and non-response
c. Types of sampling: Non random sampling (quota, purposive and snowball sampling); random sampling: simple and stratified

Unit 3
Survey Research (2 lectures)
a. Interviewing: Interview techniques pitfalls, different types of and forms of interview
b. Questionnaire: Question wording; fairness and clarity.

Unit 4
Quantitative Data Analysis (4 lectures)
a. Introduction to quantitative data analysis
b. Basic concepts: correlational research, causation and prediction, descriptive and inferential Statistics
Unit 5
Interpreting polls (6 lectures)
  Prediction in polling research: possibilities and pitfalls
  Politics of interpreting polling

References

I. Introduction to the course

II. Measuring Public Opinion with Surveys: Representation and sampling

III. Survey Research

IV. Quantitative Data Analysis

V. Interpreting polls

Additional Resources:
Additional Readings:


Teaching Learning Process

Students will be taught different forms of sampling methods and will receive training in conducting surveys. They will be given interactive lectures on measuring public opinion and will be taught quantitative methods and imparted with basic skills of collection, verification and analysis of data.

Suggested Student Exercises:

1. Discussion of readings and Indian examples. Groups of students to collect examples of and discuss various sample based studies across many fields: e.g. consumer behaviour, unemployment rates, educational standards, elections, medicinal trials etc.

2. Non-random sampling: The students have to identify one group of people or behaviour that is unique or rare and for which snowball sampling might be needed. They have to identify how they might make the initial contact with this group to start snowball rolling.

3. Give the students the electoral list of an area in Delhi ([http://ceodelhi.gov.in](http://ceodelhi.gov.in)). The students have to draw a random sample of n number of respondents.

4. For this activity, working with a partner will be helpful. The class should first decide on a topic of interest. Then each pair should construct a five-item self report questionnaire. Of the five items, there should be at least one nominal response, one ordinal response and one interval. After the common questionnaire is constructed putting together the questions from everyone, working in pairs, the questionnaire should be administered on different individuals.

5. Give the students a questionnaire from any public opinion survey and ask them to identify the type of variables.

Assessment Methods

Students will be assessed on continuous basis followed by end term examination. Internal assessment will be conducted at the end of each unit which may include term papers, assignments, projects and viva-voce. They will be assessed on the basis of their ability to critically apply their conceptual understanding to the field work. They will be required to submit project report on any one unit of the syllabus before end term examination.

Keywords

Analysis, Collection, Data, Public Opinion, Quantitative, Sampling, Survey