

Course: M.A. History

Semester	IV
Paper Number	II
Paper Title	International Relations: From the mid-20th Century till the Present
Paper Code	MHIS4402
No. of Credits	6
No. of periods assigned	Theory: 6 Practical:
Name of Faculty member(s)	
Course description/objective	This paper seeks to help the students to engage with some of the principal developments in global international relations after the end of the Second World War. It also seeks to introduce the development of Indian foreign policy. It is hoped that the students will be able to apply the skills and knowledge learned from this paper in analysing the evolution of the international situation and engaging with contemporary issues.
Course Outcome	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To gain an overall understanding about the development of international relations after the end of the Second World War. 2. To understand the principal themes, issues and debates in the field of international relations. 3. To be able to apply this knowledge in critical historical scholarship
Syllabus	<p><u>Module 1</u></p> <p>Unit 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routes to the Cold War – issues and debates • The nuclear arms race – From escalation to the various phases of disarmament • Global conflict – storm centres of the cold war across the globe – Korea, Vietnam, Cuba and Latin America <p>Unit 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The establishment of the Israeli state – From the recurring wars to the struggle for Palestine • Iran – foreign intervention, the regime of the Shah, the Islamic Revolution (1979) and Iran-Iraq war • The oil crisis and the emergence of OPEC <p>Unit 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The collapse of the Soviet Union and the end of the Cold War – issues and debates • The aftermath of the collapse – emergence of a neoliberal unipolar world order?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Gulf War • The Balkan conflicts <p><u>Module 2</u></p> <p>Unit 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decolonisation and the emergence of the Third World – concepts and issues • Decolonisation – the South Asian experience • Decolonisation in Africa <p>Unit 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evolution of the foreign policy of India – Non-Alignment amidst local conflicts – discussion of principal features • The strategic policy of India; India and nuclear weapons • Emerging issues – terrorism and related matters <p>Unit 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent issues in international relations – the rise of international terrorism, religious fundamentalism and the war on terror • The ‘Arab Spring’ and its consequences • Migrations and refugee crises • From unipolarism to multipolarism?
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Reading/Reference Lists	<p><u>Essential Reading</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. P. Calvocorressi – World Politics since 1945. 2. D. F. Flemming – The Cold War and Its Origin, 1917-1960. 3. H. Higgins – Vietnam 4. C. Brown and J. Mooney – Cold War to Detente, 1945-1983 5. Karuna Kaushik – History of Communist Russia, 1917-1991 6. J.N. Dixit – Across Borders : Fifty Years of India’s Foreign Policy 7. M.E. Yapp – The Middle East Since the First World War 8. E. Hobsbawm – Age of Extremes, 1914 - 1991 9. Arndt Michael, India’s Foreign Policy and Regional Multilateralism 10. Sumit Ganguly and Frank O’Donnell ed. Routledge Handbook of the International Relations of South Asia 11. John Baylis, et al. eds. (2015). The Globalisation of World Politics. 12. Aneek Chatterjee, (2018). International Relations Today. 13. Brian Hocking and Michael Smith. (2014). World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations. 14. Kanti Bajpai, Saira Basit and V Krishnappa, eds , India’s Grand Strategy : History , Theory , Cases (New Delhi: Routledge, 2014) 15. Kanti Bajpai and Harsh V Pant eds ,India’s Foreign Policy : A Reader 16. Jeffrey Frieden, David Lake and Kenneth Schultz, World
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	<p>Politics: Interests, Interactions, and Institutions</p> <p>17. Melvyn P Leffler ed. The Cambridge History of the Cold War, Vols 1-3</p> <p>18. S J Ball, The Cold War: An International History</p> <p>19. Mervyn P Leffler ed. The Origins of the Cold War: An International History</p> <p>20. Nathaniel J Citino, From Arab Nationalism to OPEC</p> <p>21. Fransisco Parra, Oil Politics: A Modern History of Petroleum</p> <p>22. Daniel Yergin, The Prize: The Epic Quest for Oil, Money, Power</p> <p>23. Rashid Khalidi, The Hundred Years' War on Palestine: A History of Settler Colonialism and Resistance, 1917–2017</p> <p>24. Charles D Smith, Palestine and the Arab Israel Conflict</p> <p>25. Charles Axworthy, A History of Iran</p> <p>26. Stephen Kinzer, All the Shah's Men</p> <p>Suggested Reading</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ervand Abrahamian, A History of Modern Iran 2. Plokhy, Serhii. The Last Empire: The Final Days of the Soviet Union. 3. Michael Kort, The Soviet Colossus: History and Aftermath 4. David Remnick, Lenin's Tomb 5. Cook, David. Understanding Jihad 6. Jalal, Ayesha. Partisans of Allah: Jihad in South Asia 7. Andrew White, A History of Terrorism 8. Mamdani, Mahmood. Good Muslim, Bad Muslim: America, the Cold War, and the Roots of Terror. 9. Martin Thomas, The End of Empires and a World Remade 10. Dietmar Rothermund, The Routledge Companion to Decolonisation 11. Jan C. Jansen, Decolonisation: A short history
Evaluation	CIA: 20 End-Semester: 80

