

C3PS230641T

Semester: VI				
Programme: POLITICAL SCIENCE				
Course: TRENDS IN GLOBAL POLITICS				
Paper code: C3PS230641T				Credits: 4
Hours/week: 4				
Category: CORE (MAJOR)				
Theory / Practical / Composite: THEORY				
No of Modules: TWO				
<p>Course Overview: This course introduces students to the major trends and critical issues shaping contemporary global politics. It covers prominent global processes such as religion, identity, culture, environment and climate change, global health, international migration, refugee studies, gender, and human security. Students will engage with current debates and developments, including challenges posed by globalization, transnational movements, environmental threats, and questions of identity and human rights. The course emphasizes critical and imaginative analysis of world politics, encourages problem-solving approaches to global issues, and introduces perspectives from the Global South. By combining theoretical knowledge with contemporary examples, students are equipped for advanced inquiry in global studies and political science.</p>				
Course Outcomes:				
1. Remember- foundational concepts and key issues in global politics, including religion, identity, culture, environmental challenges, global health, migration, refugees, gender, and human security, referencing relevant historical and contemporary contexts.				
2. Understand- how major processes (such as environmental change, migration, globalization) and global actors (states, international organizations, transnational actors) shape world politics and impact international relations.				
3. Apply- real-world cases and empirical examples relating to topics such as climate change, displacement, cultural and gender politics, and global health from diverse theoretical frameworks.				
4. Analyze- the evolution and shifting dynamics of global political issues, distinguishing how global and local actors adapt strategies to address emerging trends, crises, and movements.				
5. Evaluate- the strengths and limitations of mainstream and alternative approaches to contemporary global challenges (e.g. environment, migration, human security), applying these perspectives to current debates.				
6. Create- comparative or thematic projects that synthesize theoretical insights and case studies to propose solutions or analyze contemporary challenges in global politics, such as climate change policy, migration governance, or identity politics.				
Prerequisites: Basic knowledge about any prior course				
SYLLABUS				
UNIT/Module	CONTENT	HOURS or NUMBER OF CLASSES	CO Mapping	COGNITIVE LEVEL

I	Religion, Identity and Culture	26	CO1 CO2 CO3 CO4 CO5 CO6	K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6
	Environment and Climate Change		CO1 CO2 CO3 CO4 CO5 CO6	K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6
	Global Health and Human Security		CO1 CO2 CO3 CO4 CO5 CO6	K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6
II	International Migration and Labour	26	CO1 CO2 CO3 CO4 CO5 CO6	K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6
	Refugees, Internally Displaced Persons and Stateless Persons		CO1 CO2 CO3 CO4 CO5 CO6	K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6
	Gender, Sex and Bodies		CO1 CO2 CO3 CO4 CO5 CO6	K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6

Text Books

1. Heywood, Andrew (2014), Global Politics, Palgrave
2. McGlinchey, Stephen (2022), Foundations of International Relations, E-IR
3. Kegley, Charles & Wittkopf (1999) World Politics: Trends and Transformations, Rowman and Littlefield
4. Baylis, J., Smith, S. & Owens, P. (2016) The Globalization of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations, Oxford University Press

Evaluation: Theory

CIA: 30 marks (Mid-semester exam: 20+ Assignment: 5+ Attendance: 5)

End semester exam :70 marks

Paper Structure for Theory Semester Exam Module:

Short Notes: 3 out of 5 of 5 marks each (3x5=15),

Essay Type: 2 out of 4 of 10 marks each (2x10= 20) (35 marks per module)

35+35 (Module I + Module II=70); (70+30=100)

Course outcomes (COs) and Cognitive Level Mapping

COs	CO Description	Cognitive levels
CO1	Remember: foundational concepts and key issues in global politics, including religion, identity, culture, environmental challenges, global health, migration, refugees, gender, and human security, referencing relevant historical and contemporary contexts.	K1
CO2	Understand: how major processes (such as environmental change, migration, globalization) and global actors (states, international organizations, transnational actors) shape world politics and impact international relations.	K2
CO3	Apply: real-world cases and empirical examples relating to topics such as climate change, displacement, cultural and gender politics, and global health from diverse theoretical frameworks.	K3
CO4	Analyse: the evolution and shifting dynamics of global political issues, distinguishing how global and local actors adapt strategies to address emerging trends, crises, and movements.	K4
CO5	Evaluate: the strengths and limitations of mainstream and alternative approaches to contemporary global challenges (e.g. environment, migration, human security), applying these perspectives to current debates.	K5
CO6	Create: comparative or thematic projects that synthesize theoretical insights and case studies to propose solutions or analyze contemporary challenges in global politics, such as climate change policy, migration governance, or identity politics.	K6