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The Global South and World Politics

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| Course: | MA (IRAS) |
| Course No: | IA 540 |
| Course Title: | The Global South and World Politics |
| Course Type: | Optional |
| Semester: | Winter |
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| Credits: | 4 |
| Contact Hours: | 4 hours/week |
| Tutorial (for difficulties & discussion) | 1 hour/week |
| Class Schedule & Room Number | |

Course Objectives

This course explores the role and impact of the Global South in world politics, focusing on historical contexts, contemporary issues, and future trajectories. It will also examine the key concepts, theoretical frameworks, and case studies to understand the complex interactions between countries of the Global South and the broader international system.

It analyses historical and contemporary interactions, power dynamics, economic dependencies, and the impact of global politics on the development trajectories of global south countries. Through theoretical frameworks and case studies, students gain insights into the complexities of North-South relations, the role of the countries from the Global South in shaping global economic structures, and the implications for diplomacy and security. The course aims:

- (i) To understand the historical background and development of the Global South.

- (ii) To analyse the Global South's political, economic, and social dynamics.
- (iii) To critically evaluate the Global South's role in international relations and global governance.
- (iv) To explore contemporary challenges and opportunities facing the Global South.
- (v) To develop a nuanced understanding of the interconnections between the Global South and global politics.

Learning Outcomes

Upon the successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- (i) Identify and explain key concepts and theories related to the Global South.
- (ii) analyse the historical and contemporary roles of the Global South in world politics.
- (iii) critically assess the impact of globalisation, development policies, and international institutions on the Global South.
- (iv) apply theoretical frameworks to case studies from various regions within the Global South.
- (v) articulate informed perspectives on the future of the Global South in international relations.
- (vi) be able to use critical and analytical tools to broaden his/her understanding of contemporary politics of the Global South and the debates around it.
- (vii) augment her/his intellectual capability to understand contemporary world politics and its impact on the Global South.
- (viii) be able to make clear and concise arguments in written assignments and oral class participation.
- (ix) attain the necessary research skills.

Evaluation Methods

- **Mid-Semester Evaluation (50%)** (Compulsory)
 - Book/Article Review or Term Paper & Presentation
- **End-Semester Evaluation (50%)** (Compulsory)
 - End-Semester Examination
- *SIS Research Manual should be used as a guide for written assignments. Available at: https://www.jnu.ac.in/sites/default/files/SIS_Research_Manual_0.pdf.*

- *Students must maintain a high degree of academic integrity, which includes but is not limited to abstaining from copying and plagiarism. For details on plagiarism and research ethics, refer to SIS Research Manual.*

Course Content

Module 1: Introduction to the Global South

- (a) Overview of the course
- (b) Defining the Concept of Global South
- (c) Historical Context: Colonialism, post-colonialism and the birth of Global South
- (d) North-South Divide, Cold-War, NAM, Third World Countries, G77

Module 2: Theoretical Frameworks

- (a) Dependency Theory
- (b) World Systems Theory
- (c) Postcolonial Theory
- (d) Constructivism
- (e) Critical Theory

Module 3: Global South and World Order

- (a) International Order and the Cold War: Global South Response
- (b) Liberal Order and Post-Cold War: Global South Response
- (c) Bipolarity vs Multipolarity: Global South Perspectives

Module 4: Global Governance and the Global South

- (a) Economic and Developmental Issues
- (b) Political and Security Issues
- (c) Climate Change
- (d) Global South Role in International Organizations
- (e) UN, WTO, IMF, World Bank
- (f) OECD (ODA) Aid Policy

Module 5: Global South Strategies

- (a) North-South Dialogue, South-South cooperation
- (b) BRICS, IBSA and other emerging coalitions
- (c) Regional organisations and coalitions
Case studies: African Union, SCO

Module 6: Security Issues in the Global South

- (a) Intra and inter-states conflicts and state-building
- (b) Terrorism and insurgency

- (c) Human security, migration and public health (pandemics e.g. Covid-19)
- (d) Climate change and its impact
- (e) Global South perspectives on Climate debates

Module 7: Challenges and Way Forward for Global South

- (a) India and the Global South
- (b) Contemporary challenges and opportunities
- (c) Prospects for the Global South in contemporary World Politics: Role of G-21

Student Presentations and Course Wrap-Up (Week 16)

Readings

Module 1: Introduction to the Global South (1-2 Weeks)

Week 1

Essential Readings:

Alden, Chris; Morphet, Sally and Vieira, Marco Antonio, "The South and World Politics: An Introduction", in *The South in World Politics* (Palgrave Macmillan 2010), pp. 1-23.

Grovogu, Siba (2011), "A Revolution Nonetheless: The Global South in International Relations", *The Global South*, Vol. 05, No. 01, pp. 175-190

Trefzer, Annette; Jackson, Jaffrey T.; McKee, Kathryn; Dellinger, Kirsten (2014), "Introduction: The Global South and/in the Global North: Interdisciplinary Investigations" *The Global South*, Vol. 8, No. 2, pp. 1-15.

Recommended:

Lee Kuan Yew, "The Role of Developing Countries in World Politics" Speech from March 22, 1967.

Saran, Amb. Shyam (2014), "Nehru and the Concept of One World - Idealistic Fantasy or Practical Necessity?", Conference on "Nehru's Worldview and His Legacy-Democracy, Inclusion and Empowerment", November 17, Accessed on <https://www.ris.org.in/> , https://www.ris.org.in/sites/default/files/Opinions-Comments/Nehru%20and%20the%20Concept%20of%20One%20World%20_Final_.pdf

Weeks 2

- **Essential Readings**

Dirlik, Arif (2007), "Global South: Predicament and Promise", *The Global South*, Vol. 01, No. 01, pp. 12-23.

Bhardwaj, Sandeep (2024), "Three meanings of colonialism: Nehru, Sukarno, and Kotelawala debate the future of the Third World Movement (1954-61)", *Journal of Global History*, Vol. 19, No. 01, pp. 118–134.

Berger, Mark T (2004), "After the Third World? History, destiny and the fate of Third Worldism", *Third World Quarterly*, Vol. 25, No. 01, pp. 9-39.

Recommended:

Prashad, Vijay, *The Darker Nations: A People's History of the Third World* (The New Press, 2008).

Fred Halliday, "The Third World and the end of the Cold War," in Barbara Stallings, ed., *Global Change, Regional Response*.

Module 2: Theoretical Frameworks: (3-5 Weeks)

Week 3

Essential Readings:

Wallerstein, Immanuel, "The origins of our world", in *The Modern World System*, 1974. Introduction and Chapter One, pp. 2-37.

Arrighi, Giovanni, Beverly J. Silver, and Benjamin D. Brewer (2003) "Industrial convergence, globalization, and the persistence of the North-South divide", *Studies in Comparative International Development*, Vol. 38, No. 01, 3-31.

Litonjua, Meneleo, (2012) "Third world/global south: From modernization, to dependency/liberation, to post development", *Journal of Third World Studies*, Vol. 29, pp. 25-56.

Week 4

Frank, Andre Gunder (1969), "The Development of Underdevelopment", Reprinted in Mitchell A. Seligson and John T. Passé-Smith (eds), *Development and Underdevelopment* (fourth edition), Boulder: Lynne Rienner, 2008, pp. 257-268.

Chatterjee, Aneek (2014), "Theorizing the Global South in IR: Problems and Prospects." [Full Paper with Abstract submitted for the 1st Global South International Studies Conference organized by the Sciences Po (Menton) and ISA at Menton, France, Nov. 29-30, Dec. 01, 2012]. <https://fgsisc.wordpress.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/theorizing-the-global-south.pdf>

Week 5

Seth, Sanjay (2011), "Postcolonial Theory and the Critique of International Relations", *Millennium: Journal of International Studies*, Vol. 40 (1), pp. 167–183

Marilli, Marco (2011), "North-South relations and the promises of constructivism", March 11, Accessed on <https://www.e-ir.info/> <https://www.e-ir.info/2011/03/11/north-south-relations-and-the-promises-of-constructivism/>

Recommended:

Haggard, Stephen and Kang, David C (2020), "Western-Centrism in IR theory: What if IR Theory was based on Asian history?", in *East Asia in the World* (Cambridge University Press), pp. 1-64; 263-281.

Akgül, Pınar (2021), "Non-Western International Relations Theories", in *Critical Approaches to International Relations: Philosophical Foundations and Current Debates*, Brill, Vol. 205, pp. 217-239

Sato, Shiro; Ikeda, Josuke; Chen, Ching Chan; Cho, Young Chul (2011), "Re-examination of Non-Western International Theories", Centre for Southeast Asian Studies, Kyoto University. Accessed on <https://pure.jgu.edu.in/id/eprint/2097/1/Cho2011.pdf>

Module 3: Global South and World Order (6-7 Weeks)

Week 6

Acharya, Amitav and Tan, See Seng, "The Normative Relevance of the Bandung Conference for Contemporary Asian and International Order" in See Seng Tan and Amitav Acharya (eds), *(Bandung Revisited, NUS Press, 2008)*, pp. 1-18.

Stuenkel, Oliver Della Costa (2024), "The new world order and the Global South" *Oxford Review of Economic Policy*, 2024, 40, 396-404 <https://doi.org/10.1093/oxrep/gra008>

Haggard, Stephen and Kang, David C (2020), "Asian Wars and Asian Order", in *East Asia in the World* (Cambridge University Press), pp. 67-145

Week 7

Haggard, Stephen and Kang, David C (2020), "Western Contact, Colonialism in Asia, and IR Theory", in *East Asia in the World* (Cambridge University Press), pp. 149-259

Nehru, Jawaharlal (1955), "Speech to Bandung Conference Political Committee", Reprinted in G. M. Kahin 1956, *The Asian-African Conference*, New York: Cornell University Press, pp. 64-72.

Module 4: Global South and Global Governance: (8-9 Weeks)

Week 8

Freeman, Dena (2017), “The Global South at the UN: using international politics to revision the global”, *The Global South*, Vol. 11, No. 02, pp. 71-91.

Singh, J. P (2006), “The evolution of National Interests: New Issues and North-South Negotiations in the Uruguay Round”, *In Negotiating Trade: Developing Countries in the WTO and NAFTA* Edited by John S Odell (Cambridge University Press), pp. 41-84.

Walsh, Sean; Tian, Huifang; Whalley, John and Agarwal, Manmohan (2011), “China and India’s Participation in global climate negotiations” *International Environmental Negotiations*, Vol. 11, pp. 261-273.

Week 9

Hermes, Niels and Lensink, Robert (2001), “Changing the conditions for development aid: A new paradigm?” *The Journal of Development Studies*, Aug, Vol. 37(6)

Heinrich, Tobias (2013), “When is Foreign Aid Selfish, When is it Selfless?”, *The Journal of Politics*, Vol. 75, No. 02, pp. 422-435.

Hurt, Stephen R. (2010), “Understanding EU Development Policy: history, global context and self-interest?”, *Third World Quarterly*, Vol. 31, No. 1, pp. 159–168.

Recommended:

Berthélemy, Jean-Claude (2006), “Bilateral Donors’ Interests vs. Recipients’ Development Motives in Aid Allocation: Do All Donors Behave the Same?”, *Review of Development Economics*, Vol.10, No. 02, pp. 179-194.

Chowdhury, Abdur and Garonna, Paolo (2007), “Effective Foreign Aid, Economic Integration and Subsidiary: Lessons from Europe”, *Discussion Paper Series No. 2007.2*, UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE, Geneva, Switzerland,

Bearce, D. H. and Tirone, D. C. (2010), Foreign aid effectiveness and the strategic goals of donor governments, *The Journal of Politics*, Vol. 72, No. 03, pp. 837-851.

Hyden, G., Mukandala, R. (1999), “Studying Foreign Aid Organizations: Theory and Concepts”, In Hyden Goran, Mukandala Rwekaza (eds.) *Agencies in Foreign Aid*, London: Palgrave Macmillan.

Module 5: Global South Strategies and Agency (Weeks 10-11):

Week 10

Duggan, Niall; Hooijmaaijers, Bas; Rewizorski, Marek; and Arapova, Ekaterina (2022), "Introduction: 'The BRICS, Global Governance, and Challenges for South–South Cooperation in a Post-Western World'", *International Political Science Review*, Vol. 43, No. 4, pp. 469-480.

Kakonen, Jyarki (2014), "BRICS as a New Power in International Relations?" *Geopolitics, History, and International Relations*, Vol. 06, No. 02, pp. 85-104.

Week 11

Vieira, Marco Antonio and Alden, Chris (2011), "India, Brazil, and South Africa (IBSA): South-South Cooperation and the Paradox of Regional Leadership", *Global Governance*, Vol. 17, No. 04, pp. 507-528.

Milhorance, Carolina and Kohndou, Folashade Soule (2017), "South-South Cooperation and Change in International Organizations", *Global Governance*, Vol. 23, No. 03, pp. 461-48.

Nolte, Detlef (2010), "How to compare regional powers: analytical concepts and research topics", *Review of International Studies*, Vol. 36, No. 4, pp. 881-901

Recommended:

Renzio, Paolo de and Seifert, Jurek (2014), "South-South cooperation and the future of development assistance: mapping actors and options", *Third World Quarterly*, Vol. 35, No. 10, pp. 1860-1875.

RIS (2023), "Global South and Perspectives on Development Partnerships", ITEC Programme Report on "Development Partnership: Learning South-South Cooperation".
https://www.ris.org.in/sites/default/files/Publication/LSSC-23-Jan2023_REPORT.pdf

Module 6: Security Issues in the Global South (12-14 Weeks)

Week 12

Abrahamsen, Rita and Sandor, Adam, "The Global South and International Security", in the *The Oxford Handbook of International Security* (2018) Edited by Alexandra Gheciu and William C. Wohlforth, Oxford University Press

Iyekepolo, Wisdom O. (2016), "Boko Haram: Understanding the Context", *Third World Quarterly*, 2211-2228.

Orkaby, Asher (2017), "Yemen's Humanitarian Nightmare: The Real Roots of the Conflict", *Foreign Affairs*, (Nov./Dec.), 93-101.

Week 13

Krasner, Stephen D., (2004), "Sharing Sovereignty New Institutions for Collapsed and

Failing States", *International Security*, Vol. 29, No. 02, pp. 85–120.

Howarda, Tiffiany (2010), "Failed States and the Spread of Terrorism in Sub-Saharan Africa", *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism*, Vol. 33, pp. 960–988.

Greenhill, Kelly M. and Major, Solomon (2006/07), "The Perils of Profiling Civil War Spoilers and the Collapse of Intrastate Peace Accords", *International Security*, Vol. 31, No. 03, pp. 7–40.

Week 14

Paris, Roland, (2001), "Human Security: Paradigm Shift or Hot Air?" *International Security*, Vol. 26, No. 02, pp. 87-102.

Newman, Edward (2010), "Critical human security studies", *Review of International Studies*, Vol. 36, No. 01, pp. 77-94.

Simon, David (2003), "Dilemmas of development and the environment in a globalizing world: Theory, Policy and Praxis", *Progress in Development Studies*, Vol. 03, No. 01, pp. 5–41.

Recommended:

H. Adelman & A. Suhrke, "The International Response to Conflict and Genocide: Lessons from the Rwandan Experience"

Khudaykulova, Alexandra (2020), "Explaining the security of the global South: Western and Non-Western approaches", *Vestnik of Saint Petersburg University, International relations*, Vol. 13, pp. 394-417.

Jayaram, Dhanasree (2023), "A global south perspective on 'ecological security'", *New Perspectives*, Vol. 31, No. 01, pp. 31-38.

UNCCT (2022), "Global South Initiatives to Counter Terrorism and Prevent Violent Extremism"... Handbook of Global South initiatives to counter terrorism and prevent violent extremism was developed by the United Nations Counter Terrorism Centre (UNCCT) of the Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT), United Nations, 2022.

Module 7: Challenges and Way Forward for Global South (15-16 Weeks)

Week 15

Mignolo, Walter D. (2011), "The Global South and World Dis/order" *Journal of Anthropological Research*, Vol. 67, No. 02, pp. 165-188.

Onn', Tun Hussein (2012), "South-South Cooperation has a Viable Future", *ISIS Focus: Issue No. 3 (1)*, pp. 16-18.

Misalucha, Charmaine G. (2015), "The challenges facing the global south: perspectives

from the Philippines”, Bandung Journal of Global South, Vol. 2 (7), pp. 1-6.

Week 16

Student Presentations and Course Wrap-Up.