# Centre for Indo-Pacific Studies School of International Studies

Programme/ Course: Ph.D. / India and Southeast Asia (SA 657)

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### **Course Content**

### 1. Southeast Asia in India's foreign policy

- Locating Southeast Asia in India's foreign policy
- Significance of Southeast Asia
- Historical links between India and Southeast Asia
- Post-independence proactive policies and the influence of Southeast Asia on India's foreign policy

### 2. The Cold War rift—from mid-1950s till the end of 1980s

- The Bandung Conference and its aftermath
- The Cold War and its impact
- Differences between India and Indonesia
- Developments in Indochina
- The Cambodian issue

## 3. The Look East policy: compulsions and rationale

- The Indian Navy and Southeast Asia
- The end of the Cold War and its impact on India's relations with Southeast Asia
- The initiation of the Look East policy- initial motives
- Southeast Asian responses

# 4. The political dimension of India's engagement with Southeast Asia

- Development of institutional linkages with ASEAN and other regional multilateral frameworks
- Bilateral relations with select ASEAN member states

# 5. Forging of economic links

- Attempts at strengthening of economic links
- Bilateral free trade agreements (FTAs)
- India-ASEAN FTA

# Strategic interactions and defence diplomacy

- Circumstances that enabled India to evolve strong India's links with the countri of Southeast Asia
- Joint Exercises
- Strategic partnerships
- **Training**
- Arms exports

### 7. India, China and Southeast Asia

- China and Southeast Asia -brief outline
- China Factor in India's Southeast Asia policy

### 8. India, U.S. and Southeast Asia

- The emergence of Indo-Pacific as new geostrategic and geo-economic template
- Regional balance of power and India-US cooperation
- India-US Dialogue on Asia Pacific

### 9. India, Japan and Southeast Asia

- Convergence of interests
- India-Japan Cooperation in Asia Pacific
- India-Japan-US Trilateral Dialogue 10.

#### 11. **India-Myanmar Relations**

- Brief backdrop
- Renewed interest in the early 1990s.
- The China factor
- India's other security concerns
- Current status

# 12. Select Bilateral Relations

Indonesia, Malaysia, Vietnam and Singapore

India's Look East policy: critical assessment and future prospects 18.

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