

**Centre for West Asian Studies
School of International Studies
Course for Ph.D.**

Course No.	:	WA620N
Course Title	:	India, West Asia and North Africa
Course Teacher	:	Md. Muddassir Quamar
Credits	:	2
Instruction Method	:	Lectures, Seminars and Tutorials
Evaluation Method	:	Class Participation, Semester Assignment & Semester Examination
Course Duration	:	One Semester (Monsoon)
Contact Hours	:	02 per week

Objective: India's relations with the WANA region have significantly transformed since the end of the Cold War. The course seeks to trace the trajectory of India's policy towards the region in a changing regional and international political situation. It also facilitates an understanding of India's multidimensional engagements with different countries in the region as well as its approach towards regional conflicts and challenges.

Learning Outcome: The course seeks to enable the students to understand India's varied interests and engagements in the WANA region.

Course Outline and Readings

Historical Overview: India's historical engagements with WANA region, especially during and after the Cold War, signifies the importance of the region in Indian foreign policy. The students will be able to appreciate the role of various domestic, regional and international factors in the evolution of India's relations with WANA.

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India's Perspective on Issues in WANA: The WANA region is beset with numerous challenges, including civil wars, oppressive regimes and mass rebellions, geopolitical tensions and protracted conflicts. India has historically taken a studied and balanced view of these issues within the broader foreign policy principle of a non-intervention in internal matters. Nonetheless, on protracted conflicts, India's position has witnessed nuanced shifts based on the changing dynamics and its own interests.

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India's Interests in WANA: India has varied interests in WANA region such as the safety and security of Indian expatriates, procurement of oil and gas and trade, commerce and foreign investments. Besides there are strategic dimensions in the relations such as maritime security, countering terrorism and radicalism and prevention of organised crime. The students will be able to assess and different dimensions of India's interest in the region.

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20. Joshi, Shashank, "India and the Middle-East," *Asian Affairs*, 2015, 46 (2): 251–269.
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Contemporary Trends in India-WANA: India's engagements with the WANA countries have become more frequent in recent years and has been defined in diplomatic parlance to have evolved from 'Look West' to 'Think West' and 'Act West'. The students will be able to assess and examine the growing dynamism in India's engagements with WANA region.

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