

PSH 452: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: TRENDS AND ISSUES

Course Objectives:

1. To familiarise students with the major political, economic, strategic and other developments and events in the world
2. To enable students to comprehend and critically examine the major trends and issues in International relations
3. To enable students to grasp the underlying forces at work in shaping the International relations
4. To familiarise students with the divergent perspectives and debates on complex issues of the world

Course Outcomes:

The course will equip students to:

1. Comprehend the major issues in world today and analyse the complexities, factors, and influences operating thereupon.
2. Evaluate the visible and invisible impact of global institutions and events on the domestic settings and the linkages between the global and domestic
3. Critically reflect upon nature and underlying forces that shape the global scenario and its implications in particular on India
4. Be prepared to shoulder responsibilities as a political analyst/journalist/ researcher in International relations

UNIT 1: Framework

- 1.1 Cold War- Causes, Course and impact
- 1.2 End of Cold War – Causes and impact
- 1.3 Trends in Global Order – Integration and fragmentation; Unipolarity vs Multipolarity
- 1.4 Global governance – Issues and challenges

UNIT 2: Security Order

- 2.1 Disarmament and Arms Control – Purpose and Rationale, Disarmament – Constraints
- 2.2 PTBT, NPT, SALT I & II, CTBT, START I & II
- 2.3 Traditional and Non-Traditional security threats
- 2.4 Nuclear Deterrence; Global realignments and security order

UNIT 3: Structuring Political economy

- 3.1 Globalisation – Nature and implications
- 3.2 Regionalism and Regional organisations
- 3.3 TNCs –Role and implications
- 3.4 Global Economic Governance – IMF, World Bank, WTO

UNIT 4: Political Issues and concerns

- 4.1 Non- Alignment – Relevance; Multi-Alignment
- 4.2 Changing UN role, UN Reform debate
- 4.3 Humanitarian intervention
- 4.4 Challenges to International Security - Terrorism, Migration, Climate Change

Basic Readings:

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Suggested Readings:

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