

Minutes of the Board of Studies in International Relations and Politics held at the meeting room of the Central University of Kerala on 6th of February 2018 at 11.am.

Agenda

1. Eligibility Criteria for admission to the MA programme in International Relations & Political Science
2. The structure of the proposed syllabus effective from admissions 2018 (July) onwards.
3. The various optional courses to be offered
4. The content and reading list of the various courses.
5. The proposal to reintroduce an M. Phil. programme in International Relations

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Dr. Uma Parutholthoman and Dr. Lalji Pal participated as invitees.

The eligibility criteria for admission to the MA programme in International Relations and Political Science was viewed as follows.

Bachelor's Degree (under the 1+2+3 system) in International Relations, Political Science, Public Administration, Economics, History, Law and Media and Communication

Studies with not less than 50 percent marks or equivalent grade or other social sciences and Humanities with not less than 50 percent marks or equivalent grade with a minimum of 50 percent marks or equivalent grade in Political Science / World History as subsidiary/complementary.

It was decided to have the modified programme structure in place from 2018 July admission onwards. The course, the course codes and the credits for the various courses offered are detailed below.

Semester I

1. Concepts and Theories in Political Science (C)	GIR 5101	4
2. Indian Government and Politics (C)	GIR 5102	4
3. Contemporary International Relations (C)	GIR 5103	4
4. Theories of International Relations (C)	GIR 5104	4
5. Introduction to Public Administration (C)	GIR 5105	4

Semester II

6. Research Methodology (C)	GIR 5201	4
7. India's Foreign Policy (C)	GIR 5202	4
8. Comparative Political Analysis (C)	GIR 5203	4
9. Optional Course (E)	GIR 50XX	4

Semester III

10. Indian Political and Strategic Thought (C)	GIR 5301	4
11. International Political Economy (C)	GIR 5302	4
12. International and Regional Organisations (C)	GIR 5303	4
13. Optional Course (E)	GIR 50XY	4

Semester IV

14. Western Political Thought (C)	GIR 5401	4
15. International Security (C)	GIR 5402	4
16. Optional Course (E)	GIR 50XZ	4
17. Dissertation (C)	GIR 5403	4
18. Comprehensive Viva Voce	GIR 5404	4

Total

72

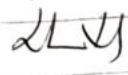
It was decided to have a Comprehensive Viva Voce covering the entire range of courses completed by the learners in addition to the dissertation topic. The optional courses will be offered in second, third and fourth Semesters. The offer of an individual elective course will depend on the availability of the faculty, space and the number of students deciding to take up that course. The following courses were identified as optional courses.

1. Political Economy of Kerala GIR 5001
2. Environment, Development and Politics GIR 5002
3. Gender in International Relations GIR 5003
4. Theory and Practice of Human Rights. GIR 5004
5. Local Governance and Development in India GIR 5005
6. International Law GIR 5006
7. Indian Administration GIR 5007
8. Africa in World Affairs GIR 5008
9. West Asia in International Politics GIR 5009
10. Foreign Policy of USA since World War II GIR 5010
11. China in International Politics GIR 5011
12. Peace and Conflict Resolution Studies GIR 5012
13. Society and Politics in Central Asia GIR 5013
14. State Politics in India GIR 5014
15. Government and Politics in South Asia GIR 5015
16. Contemporary Political Theory GIR 5016.

Further, it was resolved to incorporate the suggestions made by the members of the Board of Studies into the syllabi and circulate the same for obtaining the consent of the members.

It was also resolved to recommend to the University to start the M.Phil programme in International Relations with four courses, each having 4 credits, in the first semester and a dissertation and viva consisting of 16 credits (12+4) in the second semester.

The meeting came to an end at 3 pm with thanks from
and to the Chair.

 Chairman (BOS)
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GIR 5302 : INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY

Course Rationale

The twin objectives of this course are to familiarize the students with the key concepts for analyzing world politics and the core theoretical issues and empirical explanations in the field of International Political Economy (IPE). International political economy addresses issues relating to distribution of power, wealth and resources among nations. The course enables students to debate on key issues pertaining to the relationship between security and economic affairs, the tensions between the 'national' and 'international' loci for decision making on matters of global economic governance and politics of international trade, finance and labour. The centrality of North-South conflict in several domains, especially that of global environmental governance and the role of global social movements in resisting pressures of globalization, will also be discussed at length.

Course Outcome

Upon completion of the course, learners will be able to understand the evolution, scope and significance of International Political Economy (IPE). The learners will be able to understand the concepts, ideas, and debates in IPE and to analyze the theories/approaches of IPE. Further, the learner will be able to develop a critical perspective on the major issues in international political economic order.

Contents

Unit I: The Study of Global Political Economy: – Emergence of IPE - Schools of International Political Economy: Mercantilism, Liberalism, Structuralism – Interests and Institutions in IPE – Nature of Political Economy

Unit II: Political Economy of Trade: Trade and the Economy – The Debate over free Trade – Absolute Cost Advantage vs. Comparative Cost Advantage – Cooperation and Trade - World Trade Organisation and the World Trade System – Regional Trade arrangements and the WTO – The Political Economy of International Trade Cooperation: The economic case for trade and trade bargaining.

Unit III: The International Monetary System: Monetary System - Post War International Monetary system – Exchange Rate Systems – The Balance of Payments – Bretton Woods System – Reform of International Monetary Affairs.

Unit IV: State and Development: The theory of Development State – State and Economic Development – Debt Crisis and Structural Adjustment - Foreign Capital and Economic Development – Politics of Economic Reforms.

Unit V: Globalization and Nation States: Nature of Economic Globalisation – Multinational Corporations in the Global Economy – Globalization and Commodification of the Commons – Intellectual Property Rights – Trade, Environment and Resource Allocation - Governing the Global Economy: Neoliberal Institutionalism – The New Medievalism – Transgovernmentalism.

Reading Materials

George Crane and Abla Amawi, *The Theoretical Evolution of International Political Economy* (Oxford: OUP).

Graham Bannock, R.E. Baxter, and Evan Davis, *The Penguin Dictionary of Economics*, Eighth edition (New York: Penguin).

John Ravinhill, *Global Political Economy* (Oxford: Oxford University Press)

Randy Charles Epping, *A Beginner's Guide to the World Economy*, Third Edition (New York: Vintage).

Robert O'Brian and Williams, Marc, *Global Political Economy* (Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan)

Barry R Weingast & Donald A Wittman, *The Oxford Handbook of Political Economy* (OUP)

Jeffrey A. Friedman & David A. Lake, *International Political Economy*, (London & NY: Routledge)

Thomas Oatley, *International Political Economy: Interests and Institutions in the Global Economy*, Fifth Edition (New York: Pearson Longman).