

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 Parutholthaman 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

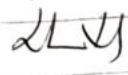
It was decided to have a Comprehensive Viva Voce covering the entire range of courses completed by the learners in addition to the dissertation topic. The optional courses will be offered in second, third and fourth Semesters. The offer of an individual elective course will depend on the availability 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 5102: Indian Government and Politics

Course Rationale

Studying political institutions and processes is indispensable for an exhaustive understanding of democracies. While institutions are often studied as parts of the state apparatus, this course is an effort to place them within the shared common space of democracy, which is created by the exchanges and interactions among institutions. The learners are expected to gain a basic knowledge on the Indian constitution and its working. Field trips to the sites of democratic policy making including to Indian Parliament, Kerala Legislative Assembly, Supreme Court and High Courts are encouraged to obtain firsthand experience of the working of these institutions

Course outcomes

Upon completion of the course learners will be able to:

- Understand the foundational ideas of the Indian Constitution
- Understand and analyse the philosophy of Indian constitution
- Understand the governmental institutions and its functioning and inter-relationships
- Evaluate the nature and conduct of Centre-State relations in India

Course Contents

1. *Foundational Ideas of the Indian Constitution*
 - a. Evolution of constitutional ideas - Constituent Assembly Debates
 - b. Transformative Constitutionalism in Post-Colonial Context
2. *Governmental Institutions: Functioning and Inter-Relationships*
 - a. Legislature: Issues of Representation and Diversity; Functioning, Parliamentary Committees and Privileges
 - b. Executive: Coalition Governments and Changing Role of President and Prime Minister
 - c. Judiciary: Judicial Review, Judicial Independence, Judicial Activism and Judicial Accountability
 - d. Issues of Institutional Supremacy and the Debate on Basic Structure Doctrine
3. *Federalism*
 - a. Union-State Relations – cooperative federalism

- b. Accommodation of Diversity – autonomy arrangements
 - c. Intergovernmental Mechanisms
4. *Local Self Government*
- a. Panchayats
 - b. Municipalities
5. *Rule of Law, Rights and Accountability*
- a. Rule of Law, Debates on Extraordinary Laws, and Civil Liberties, Armed Forces Special Powers Act
 - b. Institutional Mechanisms: The National Human Rights Commission, The National Commission for Scheduled Castes, The National Commission for Scheduled Tribes, The National Commission for Minorities, Central Information Commission, The Women’s Commission, Union Finance Commission, Central Vigilance Commission
6. Caste and the Politics of Social Justice- Debate over secularism- Separatism in Kashmir and the Northeast- Quotas for women