



**Indraprastha College for Women
University of Delhi**

Work Plan for ODD SEMESTER – 2026

Course Name:	BA Programme
Paper Title:	Introduction to International Relations
Unique Paper Code:	2322203501
Semester:	V
Faculty:	Dr. Papori Konwar
Year:	2026-27

Work Plan			
Unit No.	Learning Objective	Lecture No.	Topics to be Covered
II Theories of International Relations	This course introduces students to the historical and conceptual foundations of the discipline of IR. It discusses the evolution of the discipline in the aftermath of the Second World War with theories being its main foundation and the lens through which it understood and explained the world. The disputations and challenges to these theories led to the emergence of “debates” which are then discussed and understood as the disciplines’ dominant ‘self-image’. This is	As per Syllabus, TT and Academic Calender	2.1. Realpolitik/Realism/Neo-realism 2.2. Liberalism/Neo-liberalism 2.3. Marxism/Neo-Marxism 2.4. Feminism
III Concepts & Issues		As per Syllabus, TT and Academic Calender	3.1. State and Sovereignty 3.4. Global governance: climate change negotiations

	followed by an elaboration of the discipline's major theoretical frameworks, each giving a different picture of the world — realism/neorealism, liberalism/neoliberalism, Marxism/Neo-Marxism and feminism. The course then examines major concepts—such as power, state and human rights. Students will also learn about the global governance with a case study of climate change negotiations. Finally, the course introduces scholarship from India within the wider context of Global South towards the development of a more inclusive IR from a Non-Western perspective.		
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S. No.	Name of Authors/Books/Publishers
1	Nirmal Jindal, (2020). Kautilya's Realpolitik 'in Nirmal Jindal, Kamal Kumar, (eds.) International Relations: Theory and Practice, Sage Publications, India. Pp.151-170.
2	Baylis, John and Steve Smith (2001), "Realism", The Globalisation of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations, New York: Oxford University Press. pp. 141-161.
3	Baylis, John and Steve Smith (2001), "Liberalism", The Globalisation of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations, New York: Oxford University Press. pp. 162-181.
4	Robert Jackson, Georg Sørensen (2019). 'Liberalism 'in Introduction to International Relations, Theories and Approaches, Oxford University Press: New York, Chapter 4, pp.107- 142.
5	Hobden Stephen and Richard Wyn Jones (2014), "Marxist theories of International Relations", in John Baylis, Steve Smith and Patricia Owens (et.al), The Globalization of World Politics, Sixth Edition, UK: Oxford, pp.116-129.
6	Wallerstein, I. (2000), "The Rise and Future Demise of World Capitalist System: Concepts for Comparative Analysis", in Michael Smith and Richard Little (eds), Perspectives on World Politics, New York: Routledge, pp. 305-317.
7	Ann Tickner, J., (2008). 'Gender in World Politics', in Baylis, J. and Smith, (et al.). The Globalization of World Politics. Oxford: Oxford University Press. pp. 262-277
8	. Peterson, V. Spike, ed. Gendered States: Feminist (Re)Visions of International Relations Theory. Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner, 1992. Chapter one. pp. 31-64.
9	Navnita Chadha Behera, (2020). 'State and Sovereignty, 'in Arlene B. Tickner and Karen Smith, eds., International Relations from the Global South: Worlds of Difference, London: Routledge: pp.139-160.
10	Reus-Smit, Christian, 2020, A Very short introduction to International Relations, Oxford University Press, Chapter four, 87-112.
11	Weiss, Thomas G, (2013) "What is global governance" in Global Governance: Why? What? Whither?, New York: Polity, 90-127
12	Agarwal, Anil and Sunita Narain (1991), Global Warming and Unequal World: A Case of Environmental Colonialism, Centre for Science and Environment, Delhi, pp. 81-91.

	Paper Components		
Credits	Lecture (L)	Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
	3	1	NA
Assessment Scheme			
S.No.	Component	Marking Scheme	Total Marks
1	Internal Assessment - Assignment - Class Test - Attendance		30
		14	
		10	
		6	
2.	Continuous Assessment (Tutorial) - Activity 1 - Activity 2 - Attendance		40
		20	
		15	
		5	
3.	Practical - Continuous Assessment - End Term Written/Practical Exam - Viva		NA
4.	End Semester Examination		