

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

MPhil/PhD Syllabus

Course Code	Course title	Credits	Total
INT-RS-C101	Theories of International Relations	4	100
INT-RS-C102	Research Methodology	4	100
INT-RS-C103	Literature Review and Proposal Writing	4	100

INT-RS-C101: Theories of International Relations

Unit I: Disciplinary History of IR

Contesting Ethno-centrism in IR theory
Problematizing the Great Debates
Revisionist Historiography of IR
Sociology of Knowledge

Unit II: IR Theory and the Global South

Asia
Africa
South America
Arab World

Unit III: Major Theorists and Theories in IR

Realisms
Liberalisms
Marxisms
Constructivisms
Feminisms
Postcolonialism

Unit IV: Theorising Issue Areas

Environment
Trade
Migration
Security

Essential Readings

- Baldwin, David, ed., *Neorealism and Neoliberalism: The Contemporary Debate* (New York: Columbia University Press, 1993).
- Edkins , Jenny, *Poststructuralism and International Relations: Bringing the Political Back in* (Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner, 1999).
- George, Jim, *Discourses of Global Politics: A Critical (Re) Introduction to International Relations* (Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner, 1994).
- Gill, Stephen (ed.), *Gramsci, Historical Materialism and International Relations*. (1993).
- Steve Smith, Ken Booth and Marysia Zalewski (eds) *International Theory: Positivism and Beyond*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press (1996)
- Mathias Albert, et al. (2001), *Identities, Borders, Orders: Rethinking International Relations Theory* (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press)
- Sylvester, Christine, *Feminist Theory and International Relations in a Postmodern Era*. Cambridge University Press, 1994
- Nicolas Guilhot (Ed) *The Invention of International Relations Theory: Realism, the Rockefeller Foundation, and the 1954 Conference on Theory* New York: Columbia University Press, 2011
- Caroline Kennedy-Pipe “International History and International Relations Theory: A Dialogue beyond the Cold War” *International Affairs (Royal Institute of International Affairs 1944-)*Vol. 76, No. 4 (Oct., 2000), pp. 741-754
- [Amitav Acharya](#)&[Barry Buzan](#) “Why is there no non-Western international relations theory? An introduction”, *International Relations Asia Pacific* (2007) 7 (3): 287-312.
- Siba N. Grovogui “A Revolution Nonetheless: The Global South in International Relations”, *The Global South*, vol. 5 no. 1, (2011).
- Vivek Chibber (2014) “Making sense of postcolonial theory: a response to Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak” *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*, 27:3, 617-624
- [Mark A. Neufeld](#), *The Restructuring of International Relations Theory*, New York, Cambridge University Press, 1995
- Judith Butler, *Gender Trouble: Feminism and the Subversion of Identity* New York: Routledge 1990
- Cynthia Weber, “Why is there no Queer International Theory?”, *European Journal of International Relations*, Vol 21, Issue 1, 2015

INT-RS-C102: Research Methodology

Unit I: Philosophy of Science

Thomas Kuhn
Karl Popper
Paul Feyerabend
Imre Lakatos

Unit II: Designing a Research Study
Literature Review: Finding the Literature, Organising and Mapping Arguments
Framing Research Questions and Hypotheses
Theory and Research Interface
Ethics in Research

Unit III: The Practice and Techniques of Research
Case Studies and Comparative Research
Historical Analysis
Survey Research, Quantitative and Statistical Reasoning
Field Research, Ethnographic Method (field trip)

Unit IV: Writing a Dissertation
Structuring a road map
Situating a study in terms of larger debates
The art of writing
Referencing

Essential Readings

Van Evera, Stephen, (1997) *Guide to Methods for Students for Political Science*, Ithaca: Cornell University press.

Marc Trachtenberg, (2006) *The Craft of International History: A Guide to Method*, Princeton University Press.

Samir Okasha, (2016), *Philosophy of Science: A Very Short Introduction* (Second edition), Oxford University Press.

Edward Schatz, (ed.) (2009) *Political Ethnography: What Immersion Contributes to the Study of Power*, the University of Chicago Press.

Umberto Eco, et.al. (2015) *How to Write a Thesis*. MIT Press.

Jon Elster, (1989)*Nuts and Bolts for the Social Sciences*, Cambridge University Press.

Helen Sword, (2012) *Stylish Academic Writing*, Harvard University Press.

Roger Gomm, Martyn Hammersley, Peter Foster (eds.) (2000) *Case Study Method: Key Issues, Key Texts*, Sage

Kurt Mueller-Vollmer (ed.) (2006) *Hermeneutics Reader: Texts of the German Tradition from the Enlightenment to the Present*, Continuum

Thomas Dietz, Linda Kalof, (2009) *Introduction to Social Statistics: The Logic of Statistical Reasoning*, Wiley Blackwell.

Neuman, W. Lawrence, (2007) *Social Research Methods: Qualitative and Quantitative Methods*, Sixth Edition, India: Pearson.

Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy, select readings on Thomas Kuhn, Karl Popper, Paul Feyerabend and Imre Lakatos.

INT-RS-C103 Literature Review and Proposal Writing

(Non-Lecture Paper)