



National Seminar

Indic Perspective on International Relations

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ABOUT DEPARTMENT

The department of Political Science and International Relations is fully committed to nationalist liberal tradition of intellectual curiosity and academic rigor. The mission of the department is to inspire students to become passionate and enabling them to think about political life in a variety of settings. The department provides a solid understanding of institutions, theory, and political processes to the students. Students are equipped with the tools to analyze policy issues and to conduct and evaluate research. The department offers BA (Hons.) Political Science, MA in Political Science and International Relations and PhD programmes.



ABOUT SEMINAR

The Indic tradition arose from our ancient Indian wisdom specially from the rishi tradition of spiritual endeavour, Vedic- Sarasvati culture, reflected in the continuity of Vedic literature from the Vedas to the Mahabharata, Buddhist and Jain literature and the Puranas. There is growing importance of interdisciplinary approach in the Social Sciences because it involves the combining of two or more academic disciplines into one activity. The discipline of International Relations and ancient Indian wisdom could be a natural ally as both have much to gain from engaging with each other. Ancient Indian wisdom based International Relations could provide a deeper understanding of the

motivations of world politics, while international history could offer a much needed comparative perspective to the manner in which history is approached. There is a quest for an 'Indian' contribution to International Relations foregrounds a wider debate now taking place in the discipline over the need for a 'global IR'. Indian narrative in International Relations is yet to make use of the window of opportunity produced by structural changes in the international system. It is a puzzle as to why Indian scholars - unlike their counterparts in Europe and, to a limited extent, in Southeast and Asia and China - have not yet offered a powerful challenge to the American International Relations theories. The reason may be the failure of Indian International Relations scholars to focus on key theoretical literature, even in areas where India has its own experience, such as democratic peace, nuclear deterrence, peaceful rise, non-alignment or strategic autonomy, and civilisational International Relations. There are few exceptions in Indian perspective on international Religions, one of the early leading figureheads of modern international thought in India was political theorist Benoy Kumar Sarkar. Sarkar's work merged South Asian intellectualism with the nascent disciplines of Political Science in America and Europe. His article in American Political Science Review, titled "Hindu Theory of International Relations", weaved the teachings of Kautilya's Arthashastra and Kamandaka's Nitisara into a re-articulation of the doctrine of mandala, which he described as underlying the "Hindu idea of the balance of power." Beside all efforts, the International Relations scholarship, especially in IR theory, does not receive due importance in India because of a perception that IR is a Western or an American discipline. The pioneers of IR studies in India did not pay much attention to IR theory and there was a lack of government support for high quality Social Science research. International Relations deserves much more attention from both scholarly and the official worlds in India. As India's position advances in the International System, the country will need to make many decisions, both for its own interest and in the collective interest of the world. Indic perspective in academia can provide foundational ideas for new thinking, be it in policy or theory. It is imperative to integrate Indian IR along with India's rapid economic, political and strategic integration in the world system. We have to explore narratives, which would be powerful features in the contemporary world, characterized by political uncertainty and cultural diversity. A narrative can bring people together and give expression to key ideational fault lines and to power struggles among agents.

SEMINAR THEMES

The Seminar invites papers that look into the complex cultural, historical and political contexts which underpin the Indic perspective in International Relations on the following sub-themes:

- Philosophical foundation of India's International Relations
- India as a Vishvaguru
- Indic Narrative and Determinants of India's Foreign Policy
- Indic Perspective and India's Neighborhood
- Indic Perspective and South-East Asia
- Indo-China Civilizational Perspectives in International Relations
- India's Soft Power Diplomacy
- Ethics in Foreign Policy
- Indian Strategic Culture
- Indic Narrative and the Himalayan States
- Indic Perspective and Great Powers
- Indic Narrative on Global Peace

GUIDELINES FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

An soft copy of the abstract about 200-300 words on any of the above themes in MS Office Word 2007 version should be mailed to mishrajnu@gmail.com. The accepted abstract will be communicated after the deadline. Registration in the Seminar is free of cost.

Last date for submission of abstract: 18 January 2019

Communication of acceptance of abstract: 20th January 2019

Last date submission of full paper: 24th January 2019.

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