Generic elective 1: UNITED NATIONS AND GLOBAL CONFLICTS
Course Code: IGECO17GE11
Credits: 06

Course Objective: This course provides a comprehensive introduction to the most important multilateral political organization in international relations. It provides a detailed account of the organizational structure and the political processes of the UN, and how it has evolved since 945, especially in terms of dealing with the major global conflicts. The course imparts a critical understanding of the UN's performance until now and the imperatives as well as processes of reforming the organization in the context of the contemporary global system.

Unit I: The United Nations
a) An Historical Overview of the United Nations, Principles and Objectives
b) Structures and Functions: General Assembly; Security Council, and Economic and Social Council; the International Court of Justice and the specialized agencies (International Labour Organisation [ILO], United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation [UNESCO], World Health Organisation [WHO], and UN programmes and funds: United Nations Children's Fund [UNICEF], United Nations Development Programme [UNDP], United Nations Environment Programme [UNEP], United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [UNHCR])

Unit II: UN Peace Keeping
Peace Keeping, Peace Making and Enforcement, Peace Building and Responsibility to Protect (e) Millennium Development Goals

Unit III: Major Global Conflicts since the Second World War
(a) Korean War
(b) Vietnam War
(c) Afghanistan Wars
(d) Balkans: Serbia and Bosnia

Unit IV: Assessment of the United Nations as an International Organization: Imperatives of Reforms and the Process of Reforms with special reference to UN Security Council

Unit 5: Tutorial 1
a) Group discussion: different topics related to course content
b) Presentations: different topics related to course content
c) Class test
Unit 6: Tutorial 2
a) Home Assignment
b) Viva Voce

Essential Readings I.
The United Nations (a) An Historical Overview of the United Nations
Moore, J.A. Jr. and Pubantz, J. (2008) *The new United Nations.* Delhi: Pearson Education, pp.39-62.
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Taylor, P. and Groom, A.J.R. (eds.) (2000) *The United Nations at the millennium*. London: Continuum, pp. 1-20.

Gareis, S.B. and Varwick, J. (2005) *The United Nations: an introduction*. Basingstoke: Palgrave, pp. 1-40.

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Thakur, R. (1998) 'Introduction', in Thakur, R. (eds.) *Past imperfect, future uncertain: The UN at Ffifty*. London: Macmillan, pp. 1-14.

Basu, Rumki (2014) United Nations: Structure and Functions of an international organization, New Delhi, Sterling Publishers

(b) Principles and Objectives

Gareis, S.B. and Varwick, J. (2005) *The United Nations: An introduction*. Basingstoke: Palgrave, pp. 15-21.

(c) Structures and Functions: General Assembly; Security Council, and Economic and Social Council; the International Court of Justice and the specialised agencies (International Labour Organisation [ILO], United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation [UNESCO], World Health Organisation [WHO], and UN programmes andfunds: United Nations Children's Fund [UNICEF], United Nations Development Programme[UNDP], United Nations Environment Programme [UNEP], United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [UNHCR])

Taylor, P. and Groom, A.J.R. (eds.) (2000) *The United Nations at the millennium*. London: Continuum, pp. 21-141.

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(d) Peace Keeping, Peace Making and Enforcement, Peace Building and Responsibility to Protect

Nambiar, S. (1995) 'UN peace-keeping operations', in Kumar, S. (eds.) *The United Nations at fifty*. New Delhi, UBS, pp. 77-94.

Whittaker, D.J. (1997) 'Peacekeeping', in United Nations in the contemporary world. London: Routledge, pp. 45-56.

White, B. et al. (eds.) (2005) Issues in world politics. 3rd edn. New York: Macmillan, pp. 113-132.

(e) Millennium Development Goals

Moore, J.A. Jr. and Pubantz, J. (2008) *The new United Nations*. Delhi: Pearson Education, pp.264-266.

Sangal, P.S. (1986) 'UN, peace, disarmament and development', in Saxena, J.N. et.al. *United Nations for a better world*. New Delhi: Lancers, pp.109-114.

Baxi, U. (1986) 'Crimes against the right to development'. in Saxena, J.N. et.al. *United Nations for a better world*. New Delhi: Lancers, pp.240-248.

Ghali, B.B. (1995) *An agenda for peace*. New York: UN, pp.5-38. United Nations Department of Public Information. (2008) *The United Nations Today*. New York: UN.

II. Major Global Conflicts since the Second World War (a) Korean War

Calvocoressi, P. (2001) *World Politics: 1945-200*. 3rd edn. Harlow: Pearson Education, pp.116-124.

Armstrong, D., Lloyd, L. and Redmond, J. (2004) *International organisations in world politics*. 3rd edn. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 42-43.

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(b) Vietnam War

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Achcar, G. (2004) *Eastern cauldron.* New York: Monthly Review Press, pp. 29-45 and 234- 241.

Achcar, G. (2003) *The clash of barbarisms: Sept. 11 and the making of the new world disorder.* Kolkata: K.P. Bachi & Co., pp. 76-81.

Prashad, V. (2002) *War against the planet.* New Delhi: Leftword, pp. 1-6. Ali, T. (ed.) (2000) *Masters of the Universe.* London: Verso, pp. 203-216.

Calvocoressi, P. (2001) *World Politics: 1945-200.* 3rd edn. Harlow: Pearson Education, pp.570-576.

(d) Balkans: Serbia and Bosnia

Ali, T. (ed.) (2000) *Masters of the Universe.* London: Verso, pp. 230-245 and 271-284.

Kaldor, M. and Vashee, B. (eds.) (1997) *New wars.* London: Wider Publications for the UN University, pp. 137-144 and 153-171.

Viotti, P.R. and Kauppi, M.V. (2007) *International relations and world politics-security, economy, identity.* 3rd edn. New Delhi: Pearson Education, pp. 470-471.

Goldstein, J.S. (2003) *International relations.* 3rd edn. Delhi: Pearson Education, pp 43-51.

Moore, J.A. Jr. and Pubantz, J. (2008) *The new United Nations.* Delhi: Pearson Education, pp.24-27.

III. Political Assessment of the United Nations as an International Organisation: Imperatives of Reforms and the Process of Reforms

Roberts, A. and Kingsbury, B. (eds.) (1994) *United Nations, Divided World.* 2nd edn. Oxford: Clarendon Press, pp. 420-436.

Taylor, P. and Groom, A.J.R. (eds.) (2000) *The United Nations at the millennium.* London: Continuum, pp. 196-223 and 295-326.

Gareis, S.B. and Varwick, J. (2005) *The United Nations: An introduction.* Basingstoke: Palgrave, pp. 214-242.

Moore, J.A. Jr. and Pubantz, J. (2008) *The new United Nations.* Delhi: Pearson Education, pp.91-112.

Additional Readings

Claude, I. (1984) *Swords into plowshares: the progress and problems of international organisation.* 4th edn. New York: Random House.

Dodds, F. (ed.) (1987) *The way forward: beyond the agenda 21.* London: Earthscan.

Rajan, M.S., Mani, V.S and Murthy, C.S.R. (eds.) (1987) *The nonaligned and the United Nations.* New Delhi: South Asian Publishers.

South Asia Human Rights Documentation Centre. (2006) *Human rights: an overview.* New Delhi: Oxford University Press.

Anan, K. (1997) *Renewing the United Nations: A Programme for Survival.* General Assembly Document: A/51/950; 14 July 1997. Available from: http://daccessdds.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N97/189/79/1MG/n9718979.pdf,Open Element (accessed on 13 October 2011).