

**GS FOUNDATION  
BATCH FOR CSE (2023-24)**

**ETHICS IN GOVERNANCE - HANDOUT 11**

**Laws, Rules, Regulations & Conscience as a Source  
of Ethical Guidance**

**Public Service Values & Ethics in Public  
Administration**

- Concept of Public Service
- Public Service Values
- Status & Problems
- Ethical Concerns & Dilemmas in government in government & private institutions
- Laws, Rules, Regulations & Conscience as a source of Ethical Guidance
- Accountability & Ethical Governance
- Strengthening Moral & Ethical Values in Governance
- Ethical Issues in international Relations & Funding
- Corporate Governance

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### **Ethical Issues in international Relations & Funding**

- **International Morality** – refers to morals or code of conduct governing relationship between different nations.
- **International Issues**
  - ✓ **Aggression & war**
  - ✓ **Global Commons**
  - ✓ **International Funding & Aid**
  - ✓ **Climate Change**
  - ✓ **Refugee & Migration**
  - ✓ **Clinical Trials**
  - ✓ **Dumping Hazards waste**

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### **Theories of International Relations**

- ✓ **Political Realism**
- ✓ **Political Idealism**
- ✓ **Constructivism**
- ✓ **Cosmopolitanism**

### **Political Realism**

- ✓ **World politics is always a field of conflict among actors pursuing power.**
- ✓ **Mankind is not benevolent but self-centered & competitive**
- ✓ **Example – World War I & II; Berlin crisis 1961; Middle East conflict; Donald Trump – ‘America First Policy; Russia-Ukraine conflict etc.**

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### Political Realism

- ✓ Classical Realism
- ✓ Neo-Realism
- ✓ Neo-Classical Realist

### Classical Realism

- ✓ Nature of human that pushes state & individuals to act in a way that places self-interest over ideologies
- ✓ Human nature & Domestic factors are key factor in explaining state behaviour & inter-state conflict.
- ✓ Example – Restrictive visa or trade policies; Nehruvian Panchsheel to Panchamrit [Five Nectars – dignity, dialogue, security, shared prosperity & culture]

### Neo-Realism

- ✓ International system is anarchy
- ✓ States face a situation of ethical dilemma -> task of survival & maximizing their power
- ✓ Example: NATO, CENTO, SEATO etc.

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### Neo-Classical Realist

- ✓ Combination of Classical Realism + Neo-Realism + certain other variables

### Principles of Realism

- ✓ State is Anarchic
- ✓ Statism [non-state actors – negligible role]
- ✓ Survival [Anarchic, struggle for power & survival]
- ✓ Self-Help [Help & defend itself]
- ✓ Presumptions – Self Interest, Pursue power, relationship between states are determined by relative levels of power, inherently aggressive & quest territorial expansion natural

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### Political Idealism

- ✓ Advocates moral principles in international relationship
- ✓ mutual help is key to peace & progress
- ✓ International Laws & institutions [UNO; WTO; WHO; WB; IMF, ICJ, UNCLOS etc.]

### Constructivism

- ✓ International relations are historically & socially constructed [social world is our making]
- ✓ shared ideas & beliefs play an important role in world politics [Example – North Korea nuclear missiles are threat than Britain Missiles]
- ✓ International relations can be shaped and reshaped by actors [Reality is always under construction]

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### Practice Question

1. At the international level, the bilateral relations between most nations are governed on the policy of promoting one's own national interest without any regard for the interest of other nations. This leads to conflicts and tensions between the nations. How can ethical consideration help resolve such tensions? Discuss with specific examples. [10 Marks]



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### Cosmopolitanism

- ✓ Ideology that believes all human being belong to one community (Cosmo Polis or world state) based on a shared morality [Example – New York, London, Sydney etc.]
- ✓ Cosmopolitan or Cosmopolite
- ✓ All humans are equal members of a universal community
- ✓ Emphasis on morally lawful behaviour & international community in deciding what is right & wrong.

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### Ethical issues in Global Governance

- Global Governance – It is related to functions through which cross-border and other international issues like migration, climate change, global commons, humanitarian & interventions etc. are managed through a set of rules, institutions & ethical and moral principles.
- Stakeholders – Sovereign states, Non-state actors, International Institutions, Private Sector, Citizens.
- Ethical Issues
  - ✓ Discrimination [NPT]
  - ✓ Principle of fairness [Climate change – CBDR]
  - ✓ Disregard to international laws
  - ✓ Aggression & intervention in the name of just war
  - ✓ Domestic vs Cosmopolitan dilemma

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### Ethical Consideration in International Funding & Aid

- ✓ Conditionality [Example – IMF 1991 to India]
- ✓ Debt – Trap [Example – China in Sri Lanka]
- ✓ Self-Serving interest [Strategic & Political Interest – China Belt Road Initiative]
- ✓ Transparency & Accountability
- ✓ Environmental Sustainability

### Ethical Issues Associated with war

- ✓ Loss of human life & property
- ✓ Long term consequences [Economic instability, displacement, environmental change etc.]
- ✓ war crimes & atrocities
- ✓ Power struggle, alliances, regional instability etc.
- ✓ Just war – just cause & procedure and as a last resort, principle of proportionality, approved by legitimate authority & reasonable chances of success.

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### Practice Question

2. 'International aid' is an accepted form of helping 'resource-challenged' nations. Comment on 'ethics in contemporary international aid; Support your answer with suitable examples.

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### **Ethical Issues related to turning back Refugees**

- ✓ Violation of principle of non-refoulement [international refugee law]
- ✓ Violates UNDHR [Asylum seekers]
- ✓ Against basic human rights
- ✓ Against Cosmopolitanism approach
- ✓ Against basic human values like empathy & compassion
- ✓ National Vs Global

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### **Practice Question**

**3. Refugees should not be turned back to the country where they would face persecution or human right violation". Examine the statement with reference to ethical dimension being violated by the nation claiming to be democratic with open society.**