

Centre for European and Latin American Studies Jamia Millia Islamia

presents a seminar course on Introduction to International Relations

by Ambassador B S Prakash
September 25 & 26, 2013 (2 pm to 6 pm)

This seminar course of four lectures is meant to be an introduction to International Relations. Students and scholars in history, political science, areas studies including language and culture, sociology, law and management may be either curious or interested in the broad aspects of the theory and practice of IR. IR itself ought to be a multi-disciplinary study with substantive linkages to all these studies. Ambassador Prakash, Visiting Professor at the Centre for European and Latin American Studies intends to cover the basics in theory with contemporary examples of interest to India. These will include: the case of Jammu and Kashmir, the ethnic conflict in Sri Lanka, the 9/11 attack and the discussion on terrorism, the Iraq war and the current crisis in Syria. The different perspectives and doctrines in theory of IR will be explained with these examples.

Sept 25: Lecture I

What is IR theory? - Relation to history, political science, area studies and social sciences - Growth of IR studies - Indian IR studies. Basic concepts in IR: Nation- state, Sovereignty, Concept of power, Security and International order.

Sept 25: Lecture II

Theories of IR - Realism, Liberalism, Constructivism, Structuralism, Other 'isms' - Relevance of theory
The nature of power in the 21st century - from bipolarity to multipolarity? - diffusion of power.

Sept 26: Lecture III

Current issues in IR - Conflicts and conflict- resolution - Security dilemmas - Terrorism - Non-proliferation
- Drones - Human rights - Human security - Responsibility to protect - Evolution of doctrines in IR

Sept 26: Lecture IV

United Nations - Role and utility - Legitimacy and effectiveness -UN Reforms - Other regional and specialised organisations - New forms of multilateralism (IBSA, BRICS, G-20) -Reform of UN system - Multilateralism and multi-polarity.

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