

Department of Political Science
Faculty of Behavioral & Social
Sciences University of the Punjab,
Lahore Course Outline



Programme	BS International Relations	Course Code	IR-202	Credit Hours	03
Course Title	International Relations Since 1945				
Course Introduction					
This interdisciplinary International Relations course unpacks the history, theory, and practice of global politics since 1945. The first part explores the historical evolution of the international system with emphasis on the Cold War, cultural diplomacy, decolonization, and economic globalization. Students will be introduced to the main historical actors and problems that have shaped international politics as well as participate in an interactive simulation based on the 1954 Geneva Convention on Indochina. The second part builds on these topics with empirical and theoretical analysis of the primary issues in contemporary IR studies, including the emerging multipolarity and seismic changes in world politics after 9/11.					
Learning Outcomes					
1. The objective of this course is to acquaint the students with evolution of the world politics since the end of the World War and historical background of the existing power politics at international level. To understand the present international scenario, it is essential first to know its historical roots.					
Course Content					
Week	Contents				
Week 1-2	World Politics since Treaty of Westphalia emphasis on World Wars				
Week 3	Impacts of World War II				
Week 4-5	Cold War: Causes and initial developments				
Week 6	Cold War: Korean War and Cuban Crisis				
Week 7-8	Cold War: Vietnam War, Détente, Afghanistan War and End of Cold War				
Week 9	Mid Term Exams				
Week 10-11-12	New World Order: Elements, significance and relevance in modern times				
Week 13-14	Incidents of 9/11 and Global war on Terrorism				
Week 15	Emerging Multipolarity				
Week 16-17	Changing Role of International Organizations: UN, NATO, SAARC, EU				
Week 18	Final Term Exams				

Textbooks and Reading Material
➤ John W. Young and John Kent, International Relations Since 1945, Oxford University Press, 2013. ➤ Eric Hobsbawm, Age of Extremes: The Short Twentieth Century 1914–1991 (London, 1994) ➤ Peter Calvocoressi, World Politics Since 1945 (London, 2009) ➤ M. H. Bell, The World Since 1945: An International History (London, 2001). ➤ Paul Kennedy, The Rise and Fall of the Great Powers: Economic Change and Military Conflict from 1500 to 2000 (New York, 1987) ➤ Shannon L. Blanton, Charles W. Kegley Jr ➤ (2016).World Politics: Trends and Transformation.(16th ed.) New York: St. Martin’s Press. Spiegel, Steven, L. (1999). World Politics in New Era. Harcourt: Brace College &Wehling, Fred L., Publishers.
Teaching Learning Strategies
Upon completing the course, students will be able to: • Identify and describe some key figures, events and trends in the recent history of international relations; • Identify and engage with different types of political theories in international relations; • Analyze and evaluate international issues and place them in their historical context. connect present-day problems to historical events and place them in a global context.
Assignments: Types and Number with Calendar
1. Assignment types, 2. Quiz competition among students. 3. Presentations with question answers session 4. And group discussions