UNIVERSITY OF KERALA

Discipline	POLITICAL SCIENCE				
Course Code	**UK3DSCPOS201**				
Course Title	**Contemporary Issues in Global Politics**				
Type of Course	**DSC**				
Semester	**3**				
Academic Level	200-299				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	4	4	-	-	4
Pre-requisites	1. 2.				
Course Summary	This course offers a comprehensive exploration of pressing geopolitical challenges, including geopolitical rivalries, terrorism, technology's impact, migration, and refugee crises. Through seminars and presentations, students analyze the complexities of these topics, examining their implications on international relations, security, and governance in today's interconnected world.				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I		**Geopolitical Rivalries and Power Shifts**	12
	1	Rise of China and implications for global order	
	2	Tensions between Russia and the West –The Ukraine War	
	3	Brexit and the future of European Union	
	4	Conflict in the Middle East	
II		**Terrorism and transnational security threats**	12
	5	Evolution of terrorism in the post-9/11 era	
	6	Impact of terrorist activities on global governance and national security	
	7	Cyber terrorism and other digital threats to national and international security	
	8	International efforts to combat terrorism and transnational crimes, including legal frameworks.	
III		**Technology and Global Politics**	12
	9	Impact of social media on global governance	
	10	State-sponsored cyber-attacks and cyber espionage	
	11	International norms and regulations in cyberspace	
IV		**Migration and Refugee Crisis**	12
	12	Difference between Refugees, Asylum Seekers and Migrants	
	13	Climate migration and student migration	

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	14	The Rohingya Refugee Crisis	
	15	International agreements for managing migration and protecting refugees.	
V	**Student Seminars In Contemporary Global Politics**		**12**
	16	The instructor can divide students into different groups and ask them to make presentations on any contemporary issues in global politics. The content of the presentations can later be submitted as an assignment. Here are a few suggested topics for student seminars: a) Role of WHO during Covid-19 Pandemic b) Global partnerships and initiatives for climate action c) Student migration from Kerala for higher studies	

Essential Readings:

Bhaskar, V. (Ed.). (2021). *Climate Change and the Nation State: The Realist Case*. Oxford University Press.

Choudhury, N. (2020). *Global Governance and Climate Change: A Political Economy Perspective*. Routledge.

Desai, R. (2021). *Pandemic and Public Health: A Global Perspective*. Cambridge University Press.

Ganguly, S. (Ed.). (2020). *Artificial Intelligence and Cyber-Technologies in International Relations*. Springer.

Gupta, K. (2021). *Migration and Refugee Crisis: Challenges and Opportunities*. SAGE Publications India.

Joshi, S. (2020). *Terrorism and Transnational Crimes: An Indian Perspective*. Routledge.

Kapoor, M. (2021). *India and the Global Refugee Crisis: A Comparative Analysis*. Palgrave Macmillan.

Khanna, P. (2020). *Artificial Intelligence: A Global Perspective*. Oxford University Press.

Krishnan, S. (2021). *Climate Change and Environmental Disasters: Lessons from India*. Cambridge University Press.

Kumar, R. (Ed.). (2020). *Pandemics: Perspectives from India*. Springer.

Mehra, A. (2021). *Global Health Governance: The Indian Perspective*. Routledge.

Menon, S. (2020). *Globalization and its Impact on Indian Politics*. SAGE Publications India.

Nair, R. (2021). *India and the Global Economy: Challenges and Opportunities*. Palgrave Macmillan.

Padmanabhan, V. (2020). *India and the Global Climate Change Regime*. Oxford University Press.

Patel, N. (2021). *Migration and Diaspora Studies: Perspectives from India*. Cambridge University Press.

Rajan, M. (2020). *Artificial Intelligence and Cybersecurity: Indian Perspectives*. SAGE Publications India.

Ramachandran, R. (2021). *Terrorism and Security Challenges in South Asia*. Routledge.

Raman, S. (2020). *India's Foreign Policy in a Globalized World*. Palgrave Macmillan.

Sen, A. (2021). *Climate Change Adaptation: Lessons from India*. Springer.

Shah, M. (2020). *Pandemics and Public Health: Indian Experiences*. Cambridge University Press.

Singh, A. (2021). *Globalization and Indian Society: A Sociological Perspective*. Routledge.

Swaminathan, S. (2020). *Migration and Development: A Case Study of India*. Palgrave Macmillan.

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Tharoor, S. (2021). *Inglorious Empire: What the British Did to India*. SAGE Publications India.

Varshney, A. (2020). *India and the Global Order: Emerging Challenges*. Oxford University Press.

Yadav, Y. (2021). *Global Governance: The Indian Experience*. Springer.

Course Outcomes:

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Understand the dynamics of shifting global power structures and analyze the implications of emerging geopolitical rivalries, assess the role of key global actors in shaping world order and regional stability.	U, An	PSO5
CO-2	Evaluate the impact of terrorism on international peace and security, analyze the evolution of transnational threats like cyberterrorism, and radical extremism, and explore international counter-terrorism cooperation and its challenges.	U, E, An	PSO2
CO-3	Investigate how emerging technologies are reshaping global political dynamics, understand the geopolitical implications of digital governance, information warfare, and technological competition, and critically assess regulatory and ethical debates surrounding global tech governance.	E, An	PSO3
CO-4	Examine the political, economic, and humanitarian dimensions of global migration trends, analyze the intersection of migration with national security, identity politics, and global governance, and study the role of international organizations and regional responses to refugee crises.	E, An, Ap	PSO4
CO-5	Develop research, presentation, and critical thinking skills through student-led seminars, engage in informed debate and peer review on current global political issues and demonstrate independent analysis and articulation of complex political phenomena.	C	PSO9

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create
Note: 1 or 2 COs/module

Name of the Course: Contemporary Issues in Global Politics
Credits: 4:0:0 (Lecture: Tutorial: Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)

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1	Understand the dynamics of shifting global power structures and analyze the implications of emerging geopolitical rivalries, assess the role of key global actors in shaping world order and regional stability.	PO1 PSO5	U, An	F, C	L	-
2	Evaluate the impact of terrorism on international peace and security, analyze the evolution of transnational threats like cyberterrorism, and radical extremism, and explore international counter-terrorism cooperation and its challenges.	PO1 PSO2	U, E, An	F,C	L	-
3	Investigate how emerging technologies are reshaping global political dynamics, understand the geopolitical implications of digital governance, information warfare, and technological competition, and critically assess regulatory and ethical debates surrounding global	PO2 PSO3	E, An	C,P	L	-

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	tech governance.					
4	Examine the political, economic, and humanitarian dimensions of global migration trends, analyze the intersection of migration with national security, identity politics, and global governance, and study the role of international organizations and regional responses to refugee crises.	PO2 PSO4	E, An, Ap	C, P	L	-
5	Develop research, presentation, and critical thinking skills through student-led seminars, engage in informed debate and peer review on current global political issues and demonstrate independent analysis and articulation of complex political phenomena.	PO3 POS9	C	P, M	L	-

F-Factual, C- Conceptual, P-Procedural, M-Metacognitive
Mapping of COs with PSOs and POs:

	PSO1	PSO2	PSO3	PSO4	PSO5	PSO6	PSO7	PSO8	PSO9	PSO10	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5	PO6	PO7	PO8

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CO 1	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CO 2	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CO 3	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CO 4	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-		-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
CO 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	3	-	-		-	-

Correlation Levels: Medium

Level	Correlation
-	Nil
1	Slightly / Low
2	Moderate / Medium
3	Substantial / High

Assessment Rubrics:
- Quiz / Assignment/ Quiz/ Discussion / Seminar
- Midterm Exam
- Programming Assignments
- Final Exam

Mapping of COs to Assessment Rubrics:

	Internal Exam	Assignment	Project Evaluation	End Semester Examinations
CO 1	✓	✓	-	✓
CO 2	✓	✓	-	✓
CO 3	✓	✓		✓
CO 4	-	✓	✓	✓
CO 5	-	✓	✓	✓

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