



KAUTILYA SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY

GITAM (Deemed to be University)

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Course Code: PPOL6181	Course Title: Emerging Security Challenges	
Trimester: 3	Course Type: Elective	Credits: 3
Home Program(s): MPP	Batch/Academic Year: 2022-2024	
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Course Description

The course aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of emerging security challenges arising from a rapidly changing global environment and to familiarize students with main themes in security studies, with special emphasis on India's security interests.

The course begins with a broad overview of global security issues, including conventional and non-conventional threats. The latter part of the course expands on the security challenges faced by India and the existing frameworks to assess and address these threats, with special focus on policies and decision-making. The course is complemented by specific case studies with interactive sessions with students thus providing a solid grounding on concepts and their practical application.

Learning Objectives

1. Analyze critically the emerging security challenges and the concomitant policy responses.
2. Establish the interconnections between security challenges.
3. Examine the implications of conventional and unconventional security challenges and role and responsibility of various stakeholders.
4. Explore alternative options for better policy preparedness to deal with new emerging threats in the long term.

Course Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Ability to analyze various theoretical frameworks to examine the nature and scope of emerging security challenges
2. Capability to analyze implications of security challenges on infringement of development and growth
3. Knowledge to understand various security challenges impacting on India at local-regional-national level and the policies and decision making in place
4. Critical thinking about the trends and changing landscape of threats and its complexities

5. Skill sets to assess the impact of emerging threats useful for further engagement with the security policy actors and community relevant to public policy

Assignments and Evaluation

Task		Task Type	Task Mode	Weightage (%)	Due Date
A 1	In-class participation	Individual	NA	20%	NA
A 2	Book Review	Individual	Written	25%	22 Feb (assigned) 16 March (due)
A 3	Case Study	Individual	Part 1 Presentation	Part 1 25%	22 Feb (assigned) Part 1 26 April (due)
			Part 2 Report	Part 2 30%	Part 2 30 April (due)
				100%	

Textbooks and Course Materials

Required readings:

1. The Oxford Handbook of Indian Foreign Policy - Edited by David M. Malone, C. Raja Mohan, and Srinath Raghavan – select chapters
2. The Oxford Handbook of India's National Security- edited by Sumit Ganguly, Nicolas Blarel, Manjeet Pardesi- select chapters
3. The Power of Nations: Measuring what matters, Michael Beckley International security Fall 2018
4. Peter Hough, Shahin Malik, Andrew Moran and Bruce Pilbam International Security Studies: Theory and Practice (New York, NY: Routledge, 2015)
5. Understanding Emerging Security Challenges - Threats and Opportunities, By Ashok Swain
6. Strategic Challenges: India in 2030 edited by Jayadev Ranade

Additional Readings: will provided during the course

Course Schedule

Unit I	Sessions: 5	Overview of emerging security challenges at global and regional levels
Power and changing concepts of national security, traditional and non-traditional security challenges, National, regional and international responses, Meaning of Black Swan and Grey Rhino events. New technologies and actors		
Unit II	Sessions: 5	Traditional security challenges
Return of big power conflict, security doctrines, arms buildup and the arms race, continental and maritime security, weapons of mass destruction; hybrid war; international terrorism, insurgency, piracy organized crime; alliances, regional security; United Nations Security Council and Int law.		

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Unit III	Sessions: 5	Non-traditional security challenges
climate change, epidemics, energy security, cyber and space, AI, autonomous weapons, drones, migration and demographics, economic war and sanctions; regional and international response.		
Unit IV	Sessions: 5	India's major national security challenges
conventional threats, borders, radicalization and terrorism, narcotics, fake currency, insurgencies, pandemics and health security, migration and refugees; India's policy and institutional response. Regional and international dimensions.		
Unit V	Sessions: 4	Case Studies- indicative list
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Munich massacre; Mumbai terrorist attack; Kandahar hijacking; Boston Marathon bombing; -Exxon Valdez; BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico; Bhopal gas tragedy; - South China Sea territorial dispute; - India-China border dispute -Russia-Ukraine war; - changing nature of war; - sanctions and response -Taliban takeover in Kabul; -insurgencies and armed non-state groups; -cyber and space debris threats. -climate change and critical energy choices -migration, refugees, and security - new technologies and security- AI, semiconductors etc. 		