PSH 403: THEORIES OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Course Objectives:

1. *To introduce students to diverse theoretical perspectives and multiple ways of seeing and comprehending International relations*
2. *To evaluate the effectiveness of theory as a lens to grasp International events and processes*
3. *To assess the potentialities, contributions and shortcomings of theoretical frameworks.*
4. *To enable students to conceptually delineate the dynamics and forces at work in International relations.*

Course Outcomes:

The course will equip students to -

1. *Apply abstract theory and methodology to grasp and evaluate global politically significant events*
2. *Grasp normative presuppositions inherent in analytical expositions*
3. *To look at major global developments/issues from theoretical points of view and to comprehend the underlying forces /thinking.*
4. *Be self-reflective of the theoretical positions; be intellectually engaged and accommodative of diverse viewpoints and, to be aware of the ontological premises of the argument.*

UNIT 1: Framework

1.1 Defining Theory: Role and significance

1.2 Traditional and modern approaches

1.3 Positivism and Post-positivism

1.4 Lineage and practise of International Relations- Major theoretical debates

UNIT 2: Positivistic theories

2.1 Realism

2.2 Idealism

2.3 Liberalism

2.4 Kautilya's Mandala Theory

UNIT 3: Contemporary theories/ Identities and Social construction

3.1 Neo-Realism; Deterrence

3.2 Neo-liberalism - Complex interdependence; Neo-functionalism

3.3 Constructivism

3.4 Feminism

UNIT 4: Critical International Relations theories

4.1 Marxism

4.2 Dependency

4.3 World System perspectives

4.4 Post-Colonialism

Basic readings:

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