



Certificate Course

On

“MULTILATERALISM AT WORK”

Conducting GNLU Centre for Foreign Policy and Security Studies

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Title of the Certificate Course “Multilateralism at Work”

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Introduction:

The objective of the course will be to understand the nature and functioning of multilateralism with a case study approach.

The case studies will relate to

- 1 Expansion of UNSC permanent membership and India's efforts at becoming a permanent member.
- 2 The formation of G-4 as a group for permanent membership of the UN, its logic and limitations.
- 3 The formation of BRICS as a grouping and the opportunities and challenges for this group.
- 4 India's view of the NPT, and the diplomacy relating to our nuclear posture.
- 5 India's approach to issue of Terrorism in the UN, and efforts at Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism (CCIT)
- 6 India's approach to membership of International Criminal Court (ICC)
- 7 Responsibility to Protect (R2P) doctrine

Detail Course:

- Nature of multilateralism as distinct from bilateralism – Types of multilateralism – U.N.- Specialised UN Agencies or Organisations (WHO, FAO, UNDP, UNICE)- Regional Organisations (ASEAN, EU, SAARC) - Functional or specific-interest based Organisations (IAEA, OPEC), Identity based (OIC, BRICS, SCO), Coalitions (NATO), Changing nature of multilateralism in a multipolar world.
- India and UN –India's contributions to UN system- to peace efforts and to peace keeping- India's approach to UN reform and restructuring – Problems and prospects in expansion of UNSC
- India's case for inclusion as permanent member of UNSC.
- India's profile and agenda in other multilateral forum and its rationale – NAM, G-77, Commonwealth, SAARC, G-20, SCO, ASEAN dialogue partner, BRICS, IBSA- selection of forum to advance an agenda

- Case study of IBSA and BRICS
- Case study of India and the NPT regime.
- Case study of why India has not signed the International Criminal Court (ICC)
- India's reservations about the doctrine of Responsibility to Protect (R2P)
- Case study of why Indian draft of Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism (CCIT) is still pending conclusion.

Duration:

14 hours

Number of participants:

35-40

Who can participate?

Students, Academicians, Researcher, Professionals

Methodology:

Lecture and discussion method

Evaluation:

Group Discussion or Multiple Choice Questions

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Provisional Course Schedule:

Sr. No.	Date	Day	Time	Duration	Topics
1.	26-09-2018	Wednesday	2:30 PM- 04:30 PM 05 PM- 06:30 PM 07:00 PM- 08:00 PM	5 hour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the course – Differentiating multilateralism from bilateralism – Types of multilateral organisations – U.N. Regional, Functional, and Identity based etc. • Case study and quiz session involving how to differentiate and identify different organisations (Eg: WHO, OPEC, SAARC, BRICS) (90 minutes of exercise, quiz and interactive session) • Changing nature of multilateralism in a multipolar world- Contemporary approaches to multilateralism - Trump, EU, India etc – Reservations about multilateral system (Eg: NPT regime, WTO regime, Intl. Criminal Court) (90 minute session of lecture and Q and A)
2.	27-09-2018	Thursday	2:30 PM- 04:30 PM 05 PM- 06:30 PM 07:00 PM- 08:00 PM	5 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • India and the UN – India's participation and contribution to the UN system – to Peace and Conflict resolution – to Peacekeeping and peace building – in economic and social spheres

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UN reform and the case for India's inclusion as a permanent member of the UNSC (90 minute exercise and interactive session with 'role play', quiz and Q and A) • India in other multilateral organisations – NAM, G-77, G-20, BRICS and IBSA, SAARC and its future and others – Opportunities and challenges for India in the multilateral system (90 minute session)
3.	28-09-2018	Friday	2:30 PM- 3:30PM 04 PM- 05:30 PM 06:30 PM- 08:00 PM	4 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengths and weaknesses of UN and multilateral systems- a historical and analytical summary • Discussion on difficulties with Indian draft of UN convention on Terrorism (CCIT); or with the ICC or the Responsibility to Protect doctrine (any two): Discussion and student exercise (90 minutes) • Discussion on difficulties with Indian draft of UN convention on Terrorism (CCIT); or with the ICC or the Responsibility to Protect doctrine (any two): Discussion and student exercise (90 minutes) • Future of multilateralism, Review and test (90 minutes)

Course material:

Reference material shall be provided.

Fees:

Rs.2000/- (Registration Fee for External Students)

Rs. 1500/- (Registration Fee for GNLU students)

(Note: The fees includes registration fee, tuition fee and Course kit. Additional charges would apply for meals, break fasts, lunch and accommodation etc.)

Profile of Faculty / Resource Person:

His Excellency Ambassador B S Prakash, a career diplomat has a degree in Physics, a MA in Philosophy and M.Phil in international relations. After thirty eight years in the Indian Foreign Service, he completed his career as India's Ambassador in Brazil. His earlier postings include Germany, Saudi Arabia, Austria, Sri Lanka, Uganda and the US in different capacities. He was India's alternative representative to the IAEA in Vienna, Head of the UN division in the Ministry of External Affairs, and a member of the Indian delegations to UN, NAM, G-77, BRICS and IBSA conferences. Currently Amb Prakash has been engaged in academia as a visiting Professor, researcher and writer.

Faculty Coordinators: Dr. Aruna Kumar Malik, Assistant Professor of Political Science, GNLU.

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