Course Outline

**Foreign Policy Analysis IR-21303**

**Course Description:**

Foreign Policy Analysis as a basic component study of International Relations provides basic conceptual understanding of the conduct, implementation and study of foreign policy. However understanding foreign policy decision making requires theoretical foundation for the subject.

Thus the course has three main aims:

* To introduce and critically examine the main and contending approaches to Foreign Policy Analysis.
* To introduce and study the central units of analysis used in the comparative study of foreign policy.
* To broaden out and deepen our understanding of both the contending approaches to Foreign Policy Analysis and the units of analysis used in its comparative study by examining five in-depth case studies of foreign policy decision-making.

By the end of the course, students will be:

* Well acquainted with the academic study of Foreign Policy Analysis.
* Have an ability to differentiate between and deploy its main explanatory approaches and units of analysis.
* Compare, contrast and critically assess the foreign policies of different types of actors within the international system.

**Method of Evaluation**

* Mid-term: 30 Marks
* Final-term: 50 Marks
* Sessional: 20 Marks
* Attendance: 5 (ensure 85% of attendance)
* Participation: 5 (through Quiz written/verbal of the book chapters/articles provided)
* Assignment & Presentation: 10 (Each student will be assigned specific questions (at least 2 questions) to answer from the readings and present on the given topic)

**Contents:**

* Introduction to FPA. FPA & IR. Approaches to study FPA
* Neo Classical Realism and rational decision making
* Cognitive and psychological factors and FPA
* The critique from within: Organizational Behavior, Bureaucratic politics and the Government politics models
* History and Identity
* State type and Foreign Policy - Great, middle and small powers
* Domestic influences on Foreign Policy - State-society relations and public opinion; The news-cycle, the media and decision-making
* External influences, non-state actors (NSAs)
* Foreign policy crisis
* Foreign policy implementation and foreign policy tools

**Essential Readings:**

* Mintz, A., & DeRouen, K. (2010) Understanding Foreign Policy Decision Making. Cambridge University Press, New York.
* Alden,C., & Aran, A. (2017) Foreign Policy Analysis: New Approaches, 2nd ed. Routledge, New York.
* Hudson, V. M. (2014) Foreign Policy Analysis: Classic and Contemporary Theory, 2nd ed. Rowman & Littlefield, UK.

**Further Readings:**

* Allison, G. T. (1971) Essence of Decision. Little, Brown, Boston.
* Bennett, W. Lance & Paletz, David L. (eds.), (1994) Taken by Storm: the media, public opinion, and U.S. foreign policy in the Gulf War. University of Chicago Press, Chicago.
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* Ayoob, M. (1989) The Third World in the system of states: acute schizophrenia or growing pains? *International Studies Quarterly*, 33:67-79.
* Cooper, D. A. (2011) Challenging contemporary notions of middle power influence: implications of the proliferation security initiative for ‘Middle Power Theory’. *Foreign Policy Analysis,* 7:317–336.
* Putnam, R. D. (Summer 1988) Diplomacy and Domestic Politics: The Logic of Two-Level Games’, *International Organization*, 42(3):427-460.
* Risse-Kappen, T. (2011) Public Opinion, Domestic Structure, and Foreign Policy in Liberal Democracies. *World Politics* 43:479-512.
* Caspary, W.R. (June, 1970) The mood theory: a study of public opinion and foreign policy’, *American Political Science Review*, 64:536-547.
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