

MA Semester: II

Major Issues in the Contemporary World

Course Code: HIS472

Paper: Minor

Credits: 02

Objective: This course aims to introduce the student to the major issues in the contemporary world, particularly since the second world war.

Learning Outcomes: After the completion of the course, the student will be able to:

- a. think critically about historical and political concepts and systems.
- b. know about the major issues in the contemporary world and the politics behind them.
- c. analyze and demonstrate the ability to construct and evaluate analytical arguments concerning the international events and their implications.
- d. conceptualize the major trends in the global phenomena.

Unit I

Founding of United Nations Organization (UNO); Decolonization and Independence of Nations after the Second World War

Unit II

Power Blocs in World Politics; Cold War and Struggle for Hegemony; Nuclear Armament, Major Global Conflicts after the Second World War

Unit III

Era of Liberalization, Privatization and Globalization; Rise of Multinational Corporations; Emergence of Religious Fundamentalism, Separatism and Terrorism; War on Terror

Suggested Readings

Cox, R.W. (1992), "Multilateralism and World Order", *Review of International Studies*, 18, 2, 161-180.

Gilpin, R. (1981), *War and Change in World Politics*, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press.

Dattagupta, Rupak (2019), *Global Politics*, First Edition, Pearson India.

Baylis, John, Steve Smith and Patricia Owens (2018), *The Globalization of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations*, Second Edition, Oxford University Press.

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Lowe, Norman (2013), *Mastering Modern World History*, Fifth Edition, Palgrave Macmillan.

Dev, Arjun and Indira Arjun Dev (2009), *History of the World: From the Late Nineteenth to the Early Twenty-First Century*, Orient BlackSwan.