

# CIVILISATIONS AND WORLD ORDERS: THE MAKING OF GLOBAL INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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## Overview

The end of the 20<sup>th</sup> century saw the collapse of the Soviet Union and the Eastern European socialist bloc. The political map of the world that had been divided into two blocs for the better part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century no longer held. In the unipolar/multipolar world that has come into being since the end of the Cold War, the equations between states and nations are changing constantly, with new players and old staking new claims, asserting, striving for, and imposing their versions of 'democracy' in myriad ways. Religions, ethnicities, relations between minorities and majorities are often in conflict and these conflicts are cast in the academia under the garb of the 'Clash of Civilisations'. At the same time, rising global interdependence, the decline of the West and the increasingly important role of rising powers such as China and India in the world order make it imperative to challenge the Eurocentric conception of international relations and imagine the possibility of a Global IR. In this global scenario, it has become ever more important to revisit the concepts of 'civilisation' and 'world order', to examine them from a historical and global perspective and to analyse their interaction and inter-relationships through the ages and to draw lessons for the present and the future.

The series of 12 lectures on 'Civilisations and World Orders: The Making of Global International Relations' by Prof Amitav Acharya, under the aegis of the GIAN Programme, at the AIS, JMI, derives from Prof Acharya's idea and agenda of a Global IR Theory.

### The primary objectives of the course are as follows:

- To offer students in-depth understanding of some of the important concepts of International Studies and Area Studies
- To provide a broad ranging history of civilisations and world orders
- To examine some of the major civilisations in detail and to analyse their impact on the world orders of their times
- To examine the contemporary world order as well as the 'civilisational' stakes within it

## LECTURE-WISE COURSE PLAN (11 – 15 AUGUST 2016, 12 HOURS)

### THURSDAY, 11 AUGUST 2016:

- **Lecture 1:** 10:00 am – 11:30 am  
INAUGURATION AND INTRODUCTORY LECTURE
  - *Civilizations, World Orders and the Study of International Relations: Concepts and Framework*
- **Lecture 2:** 12:00 noon – 1:00 pm
  - *Inter-Civilizational Complexes and the 'Beginnings' of International Relations: The Amarna System, Greco-Persia, and Hellenization*
- **Lecture 3:** 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm
  - *The Indian World Order*
- **Lecture 4:** 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm
  - *The Chinese World Order*

### FRIDAY, 12 AUGUST 2016:

- **Lecture 5:** 10:00 am – 11:00 am

- *Southeast Asia and the Contrasting World Orders in the Mediterranean and the Indian Ocean*
- **Lecture 6:** 11:30 am – 12:30 pm
  - *The Islamic Foundations of the ‘West’ and the Origins of Globalization*
- **Lecture 7:** 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm
  - *The Rise of the West and the ‘Standard of Civilization’*

**SATURDAY, 13 AUGUST 2016:**

- **Lecture 8:** 10:30 am – 11:30 am
  - *Eastern Contributions to Western Civilization: 1500-1800 AD*
- **Lecture 9:** 12:00 noon – 1:00 pm
  - *The ‘Expansion of International Society’ Revisited*

**SUNDAY, 14 AUGUST 2016:**

- **Lecture 10:** 10:30 am – 11:30 am
  - *Postcolonial States and the Making of World Order After World War II*
- **Lecture 11:** 12:00 noon – 1:00 pm
  - *The Contemporary ‘Clash of Civilizations’ Thesis of Huntington*

**MONDAY, 15 AUGUST 2016:**

- **Lecture 12:** 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm  
CONCLUDING LECTURE
  - *Civilizations in the Emerging Multiplex World Order*
- **Examination and Evaluation:** 3:00 pm – 4 pm
- **Concluding Session and Certificate Distribution:** 5:15 pm

<b>Modules</b>	<p><b>A: Duration:</b> 11 – 15 AUGUST 2016 (12 Hours)</p> <p><b>B: Venue:</b> Ho Chi Minh Conference Room, Academy of International Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia</p> <p><i>Number of participants for the course will be limited to 50 (fifty).</i></p>
<b>You Should Attend If...</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ You are in academics, a teacher, research associate, research scholar, etc.</li> <li>▪ You are a student with a graduation degree, interested in the Social Sciences / Humanities / Area Studies / International Studies.</li> </ul>
<b>Fees</b>	<p>The participation fees for taking the course is as follows:</p> <p><b>Students: Rs 500</b></p> <p><b>Teachers: Rs 1000</b></p> <p><b>Participants from SAARC Countries (other than India): USD 200</b></p> <p><b>Participants from abroad (non-SAARC countries): USD 300</b></p>

## The Faculty



### Visiting Faculty

**Dr. Amitav Acharya** is Professor at the School of International Service, American University, Washington D.C. He is the UNESCO Chair in Transnational

Challenges and Governance and Distinguished Professor of International Relations at the School of International Service, American University, Washington, D.C. He is author of *Whose Ideas Matter?* (Cornell 2009), *The Making of Southeast Asia* (Cornell 2013), *Rethinking Power, Institutions and Ideas in World Politics* (Routledge 2013) and *The End of American World Order* (Polity 2014, Oxford India 2015), and editor of *Why Govern: Rethinking Demand and Progress in Global Governance* (Cambridge 2016). His articles have appeared in *International Organization*, *International Security*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Asian Studies*, *Journal of Peace Research*, and *World Politics*. He was a Fellow of the Asia Center, Harvard University, and a Fellow of Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government. He was elected to the Christensen Fellowship at St Catherine's College, Oxford University in 2012 and held the inaugural Nelson Mandela Visiting Professorship in International Relations at Rhodes University, South Africa during 2012-13. He is the first Indian, Asian and non-Western scholar to be elected as the President (for 2014-15) of the International Studies Association (ISA), the largest and most well-known scholarly association in international studies worldwide.



### Host Faculty

**Dr. Rashmi Doraiswamy** studied Russian language and literature at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. Her doctoral thesis was on Mikhail Bakhtin, the Russian philosopher. She is author of *The Post-Soviet Condition: Chingiz Aitmatov in the*

*'90s* (Aakar, 2005) and *Guru Dutt: Through Light and Shade* (Wisdom Tree, 2008). She is editor of *Cultural Histories of Central Asia* (Aakar, 2009), *Energy Security: Central Asia, India and the Neighbourhood* (2013) and *Perspectives on Multiculturalism: Pre-Soviet, Soviet and Post-Soviet Central Asia* (2013). She is co-editor of *Being and Becoming: The Cinemas of Asia* (Macmillan, 2002), *Globalisation and the Third World* (Manak, 2009) and *Asian Film Journeys: Selections from Cinemaya* (Wisdom Tree, 2010). Her entries on Indian and foreign films have appeared in *The Little Black Book: Movies* (Cassell Illustrated, London, 2007). She has participated in national and international conferences and has served on several statutory and non-statutory film festival and critics juries in India and abroad. She was the recipient of the National Award for the Best Film Critic in 1994. She was Coordinator of the UGC Central Asia Studies Programme at AIS and has organized several national and international conferences on Eurasia, Central Asia and Russia. She was international observer for the Presidential Elections in Uzbekistan in December 2007 and 2015. She is presently Officiating Director, AIS, JMI.

## Course Co-ordinator

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