The course aims to explore and expose to a few principal conceptual and theoretical aspects of international organization. It is intended to enable you to begin with, and indeed go beyond, the mainstream IR theories to understand the complexities associated with both the conceptual issues and also the varied empirical forms of international organization. The central question concerns sources and effects of the behaviour of international organization in the interstate system. International organization is an evolving branch of knowledge, given the changing nature of expectations from and experiences of IOs in management of common concerns.

Methodology

The course themes will be approached through interactive lectures (twice a week – each of about 90 minutes’ duration). Students’ commitment in terms of reading of recommended literature before classes is a requirement. In addition to the theme-specific readings, the general and acclaimed works like Swords into Plowshares (by Inis Claude, 1971) and Routledge History of International Organization (by Bob Reinalda, 2009) Yearbook of International Organizations (JNU Library subscribes to online version), apart from journals like Global Governance, International Organization, Journal of International Organization Studies and Review of International Organizations would be useful. Active class participation is mandatory. Student evaluation will comprise group discussions, term paper presentations, book review, and an end semester examination. Plagiarism of any sort and/or lack of interest will be exemplarily dealt with. Students are welcome to see the Course Teacher separately when needed.

THEMATIC BREEAK UP

1. International organization as a field (3 interactions)


2. International Organization as a Concept (2 interactions)


3. Rationalist and Constructivist Perspectives on IOs (4 interactions)


4. Organization Theory and IO Performance (3 interactions)


5. On Design (2 interactions)


6. Autonomy, Delegation and Leadership (3 interactions)


6. Change and Legitimacy (2 interactions)


7. Competition and Collaboration among organizations (3 interactions)


8. Limits and Pathologies (3 interactions)


