

**Course No.** : IS 454 N  
**Course Title** : Political Geography  
**Teacher** : Krishnendra Meena  
**Credits Allowed** : 4 (Four)  
**Instruction Method** : Lectures, Seminars/Tutorials  
**Evaluation Method** : Sessional Work and Semester Examination  
**Course Duration** : One Semester (Winter 2014)  
**Contact Hours** : 3 per week

**Course Content:**

1. Meaning, Scope and Methodology of Political Geography
  - a. Definition, Nature and Scope of Political Geography
  - b. Functional Approach and Unified Field Theory
  - c. Relevance of Political Geography in International Relations

Readings:

Chapter 1, Glassner, Martin Ira and Chuck Fahrer (2004), Political Geography, John Wiley, New Jersey

Chapter 1, Jones, Martin, Rhys Jones and Michael Woods ((2004), An Introduction to Political Geography, Routledge, London

Chapter 1, Blacksell, Mark (2006), Political Geography, *Routledge Contemporary Human Geography Series*, Routledge, London

Hartshorne, Richard (1950), the Functional Approach in Political Geography, *Annals of the Association of American Geographers*, Vo.40, no.2 pp.95-130

Jones, Stephen B. (1954), A Unified Field Theory of Political Geography, *Annals of the Association of American Geographers*, Vol.44, No.2, pp.111-123

**Ethington Philip J. and Jason A. Mc Daniel (2007), Political Places and Institutional Spaces: The Intersection of Political Science and Political Geography, *Annual Review of Political Science*, 10:127-42**

2. Space, Territory and State
  - a. Elements of State
  - b. Laws of Spatial Growth of State

Readings

Chapters 4--7, Glassner, Martin Ira and Chuck Fahrer (2004), Political Geography, John Wiley, New Jersey

Chapter 3, Blacksell, Mark (2006), Political Geography, *Routledge Contemporary Human Geography Series*, Routledge, London

Chapter 2, Jones, Martin, Rhys Jones and Michael Woods ((2004), An Introduction to Political Geography, Routledge, London

Robert D. Sack (1983), Human Territoriality: A Theory, *Annals of the Association of American Geographers*, 73 (1)

**John Agnew (1994), The territorial trap: The geographical assumptions of international relations theory, *Review of International Political Economy*, 1 (1)**

John Agnew, Sovereignty over Time and Space (Presentation, University of California, San Diego, January 2003)

3. Frontiers and Boundaries
  - a. Concepts and Classifications
  - b. Continental and Maritime Boundaries
  - c. Case Studies

Readings:

Chapter 8, Glassner, Martin Ira and Chuck Fahrer (2004), *Political Geography*, John Wiley, New Jersey  
 Newman, David (2003), Chapter 9, Boundaries, in John Agnew, Katharyne Mitchell and Gerard Toal (eds.), *A Companion to Political Geography*, Blackwell, Oxford  
 Hakli, Jouni (2008), Chapter 28, Re-bordering Spaces, in Kevin R. Cox, Murray Low and Jennifer Robinson (eds.), *Sage Handbook of Political Geography*, Sage, London  
 Chapter 1, Prescott, Victor and Clive Schofield (2005), *Maritime Political Boundaries of the World*, Martinus Nijhoff, Leiden

4. Emergence of Territorial State
  - a. Core Areas, Capitals and Capital Regions
  - b. Growth, Consolidation and Disintegration of Empires
  - c. Idea of Nation-State and Federalism

Readings:

Chapter 9-10, Glassner, Martin Ira and Chuck Fahrer (2004), *Political Geography*, John Wiley, New Jersey  
 Lester, Alan (2008), Empire, in Kevin R. Cox, Murray Low and Jennifer Robinson (eds.), *Sage Handbook of Political Geography*, Sage, London  
 Shapiro Michael J. (2003), Chapter 18, Nation-states, in John Agnew, Katharyne Mitchell and Gerard Toal (eds.), *A Companion to Political Geography*, Blackwell, Oxford  
 Chapter 3, Blacksell, Mark (2006), *Political Geography, Routledge Contemporary Human Geography Series*, Routledge, London  
 Chapter 4, Painter, Joe (1995), *Politics, Geography and Political Geography*, Arnold, London

5. Geopolitics and Geostrategy
  - a. Principal Components and Exponents
  - b. Global Geopolitical and Geostrategic Patterns
  - c. Changing Perspectives and Perceptions of a World Order: National Images and International Systems.

Readings:

Crowl, Philip (1986) *Alfred Thayer Mahan: Naval Historian* in Peter Paret (ed.) *Makers of Modern Strategy: From Machiavelli to the Nuclear Age*, Princeton University Press, Princeton  
 Sumida, Jon (1999), "Alfred Thayer Mahan, Geopolitician", *Journal of Strategic Studies*, Vol. 22, No.2/3  
 Mackinder, Halford J. (1904), "The Geographical Pivot of History", *The Geographical Journal*, Vol.23, No.4  
 Sloan, Geoffrey, "Sir Halford J. Mackinder: The Heartland Theory Then and Now", *Journal of Strategic Studies*, Vol. 22, No.2/3  
 Spykman, Nicholas C.(1938) "Geography and Foreign Policy I", *The American Political Science Review*, Vol.32, No.1  
 Spykman, Nicholas C.(1938) "Geography and Foreign Policy II", *The American Political Science Review*, Vol.32, No.2

Spykman, Nicholas C. And Abbie A. Rollins (1939), "Geographic Objectives in Foreign Policy I", *The American Political Science Review*, Vol.33, No.3  
Spykman, Nicholas C. And Abbie A. Rollins (1939), "Geographic Objectives in Foreign Policy II", *The American Political Science Review*, Vol.33, No.4  
Gerace, Michael P.(1991) "Between Mackinder and Spykman: Geopolitics, Containment and After", *Comparative Strategy*, Vol.10, No.4  
Chapter 1-3, Cohen, Saul B.( 2003), *Geopolitics of the World System*, Rowman and Littlefield, Boulder

6. Ecological Perspectives on Foreign Policy
  - a. Geographical Determinants of Foreign Policy
  - b. Geopolitics of Linkage Patterns
  - c. Environment and Development Imperatives

Readings:

Chapters 1 & 6, Rodriguez, Jean Paul (2006), *The Geography of Transport Systems*, Routledge, Oxon  
Luttwak, Edward N. (1990), "From Geopolitics to Geo-Economics: Logic of Conflict, Grammar of Commerce, National Interest, pp.125-130  
Taylor, Peter J. (2008), "The Political Geography of Uneven Development" , in Kevin R. Cox, Murray Low and Jennifer Robinson (eds.), *Sage Handbook of Political Geography*, Sage, London  
Chapter on "Geopolitics and Environmental Security, Valdimir A. Krivilev

7. Resource Element in International Context
  - a. Geographical Distribution of World Resources
  - b. Resource Base and Industrial Development
  - c. Trade and Commerce and Economic Interdependence
  - d. Geopolitics of Foreign Aid, Assistance and Development Cooperation

Readings:

Leong, G. C. And Gillian C. Morgan (1990), *Human and Economic Geography*, Oxford University Press, Oxford  
Le Billon, Phillip (2004), *Geopolitics of Resource Wars: Resource Dependence, Violence and Governance*, Frank Cass, London  
Johnston, R.J., Peter J. Taylor and Michael J. Watts (2004), *Geographies of Global Change*, Blackwell, Oxford  
Hiscock, Geoff (2012), *Earth Wars: The Battle for Global Resources*, John Wiley, Singapore

8. Regions and Regionalism in World Politics

Readings:

Fawn, Rick (2009), "Regions' and their study: wherefrom, what for and whereto? *Review of International Studies*, 35, pp 5-34  
Vayrynen, Raimo (2003), "Regionalism: Old and New", *International Studies Review*, 5 (1), pp 25-51  
Albert, Mathias and Paul Reuber (2007), "Introduction: The Production of Regions in the Emerging Global Order-Perspectives on 'Strategic Regionalization'", *Geopolitics*, 12(4), pp 549-554  
Acharya, Amitav (2007), "The Emerging Regional Architecture of World Politics", *World Politics*, 59, pp 629-652