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35-Hour Online Certificate Course on Fundamentals of International Politics

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JGI JAIN CENTRE FOR RESEARCH IN SOCIAL SCIENCES AND EDUCATION

Presents
35-Hour Intensive Certificate Course (Online - Zoom)
on
Fundamentals of International Politics

5th, 6th, 8th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 17th, 18th, 19th, and 20th April 2023
Tentative date for certificate distribution- 28th April 2023 (Friday)

05:30 pm - 07:30 pm (Monday - Friday)
11:00 am - 03:30 pm (Saturday)

(26 hours –Online Synchronous Sessions + 9 Hours – Asynchronous)
3 Asynchronous Assignments which would require 3 hours each.
The candidates will be given 3 Google survey forms periodically, which would consist of 3 short essays each related to the topics. The final third form will include overall course feedback as well.

Resource Persons

Chair, Certificate Course
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Former Indian Ambassador to Armenia, Jordan, and Poland

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South Asian University

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Department of Political Science
St. Joseph's University

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Prof. Shibashis Chatterjee
Professor
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Jadavpur University

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Political Science, History
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Director
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CHRIST (Deemed-to-be University)

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REPORT

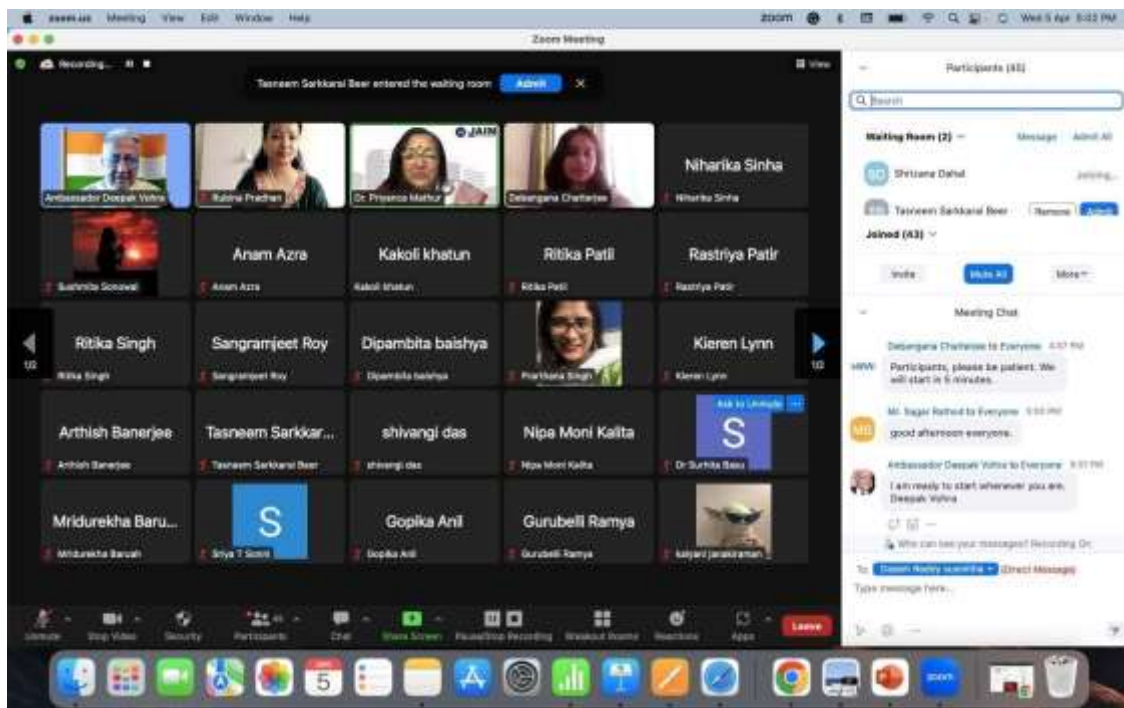
Centre for Research in Social Sciences and Education (CeRSSE), JAIN (Deemed-to-be University) has successfully conducted the second edition of the short-term Certificate Course, titled *Fundamentals of International Politics* between 5th April and 20th April. Coordinated by Dr. Debangana Chatterjee and Dr. Rubina Pradhan, Assistant Professor at the Centre, the course has immensely garnered the attention of scholars from various parts of the country. While the course's first edition, *Theoretical Aspects of International Politics*, was conducted in August 2022, this edition incorporated the feedback received at the end of the last edition.

This time, the number of participants was 56 and they hailed from various disciplinary backgrounds from across the country. Among the participants, 22 hailed from outside Karnataka. There were 28 bachelor's students, 17 master's students, four PhD scholars, three faculty members and one professional among the participants. These participants were shortlisted out of 93 registrations. Among them, 51 successfully fulfilled all the criteria and were certified. The successful participants made it through the attendance criteria of attending a minimum of 70 % of the live sessions but also successfully submitted all the assignments which included three Google forms with a total number of 12 subjective questions on the relevant topics based on the sessions. Candidates were expected to spend at least three hours for the submission of each Google form making it a total of 9 asynchronous hours. A small-scale learning management system (LMS) was curated by using Google Drive to allow easy access to the resource materials and recordings.

This time, Amb. Dr. Deepak Vohra, Chaired the certificate course. The course included a total number of 14 sessions including the introductory remarks by Amb. Vohra and the concluding Panel Discussion, where alongside Amb. Vohra, Prof. Shibashis Chatterjee, Professor, Dept. of IR, Jadavpur University, graced as a special guest for the session. There were 12 full-fledged learning sessions spanning 2 hours each with 12 resource persons from across the country including Professors from JNU, South Asian University, Pondicherry University, National Institute of Advanced Studies, St. Joseph's University, RV University, CHRIST, GITAM, and of course, JAIN. These sessions included various themes, e.g.- different theoretical perspectives of international relations, human rights, globalisation, third-world politics, area studies including Asian IR, gender, migration, and Indian foreign policy.

Based on the feedback received from all the participants, an overwhelming 96 per cent of them found the course beneficial. Based on the feedback, the course was overwhelmingly lauded for its well-crafted design and well-mannered conduct. While all the resource persons were highly rated by the participants, the LMS created for the course was appreciated for its well-structured and timely dissemination. The participants sought more future courses from the Centre in the areas like- International Political Economy, Climate Politics, Diplomatic Negotiations, and so on. The course has become one of the major steps in introducing interdisciplinarity in higher education.

On 28th April between 3 pm and 4 pm, a certificate distribution ceremony was held to felicitate the successful participants and express gratitude towards the esteemed resource persons for sharing their valuable knowledge. The online event was presided over by the honourable Vice-Chancellor of JAIN (Deemed-to-be University) and was joined by Dr. N. V. H. Krishnan, Registrar, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University). During the event, Dr. Singh spoke extensively on the need for an interdisciplinary approach in higher education and the certificate course is a step towards that. As the world grapples with multiple complexities, courses like this will benefit not only the experts in specialised fields but also the common citizens whom international affairs affect at various levels.



The introductory session with Amb. Dr. Deepak Vohra




Session 1b with Prof. Rajesh Rajagopalan as the resource person



Session 2 with Dr. Sanchi Rai as the resource person

Recording...


- In US-American scholarship knowledge about the non-Western world was hardly available in any organized fashion prior to World War II possibly with the exception of the rather small community of cultural anthropologists.
- With the United States entering the World War II in December 1941, however, background knowledge on historical, cultural, and political issues in a variety of Western and non-Western countries suddenly became urgently needed.
- Various military and government agencies began seeking support from scientists.
- Most notably, the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) and the Office of War Information (OWI), the prime wartime institutions for intelligence and propaganda, created large and well-organized research units that recruited scholars from various social science disciplines and the humanities from the top universities in the US and abroad.
- Additionally, the Army Specialized Training Program was launched at 227 U.S. universities by the end of 1942 to train military personnel in various specializations, among them specific area and country education at 55 campuses



Session 4 with Dr. Nanda Kishor as the resource person

Zoom Meeting

Recording...



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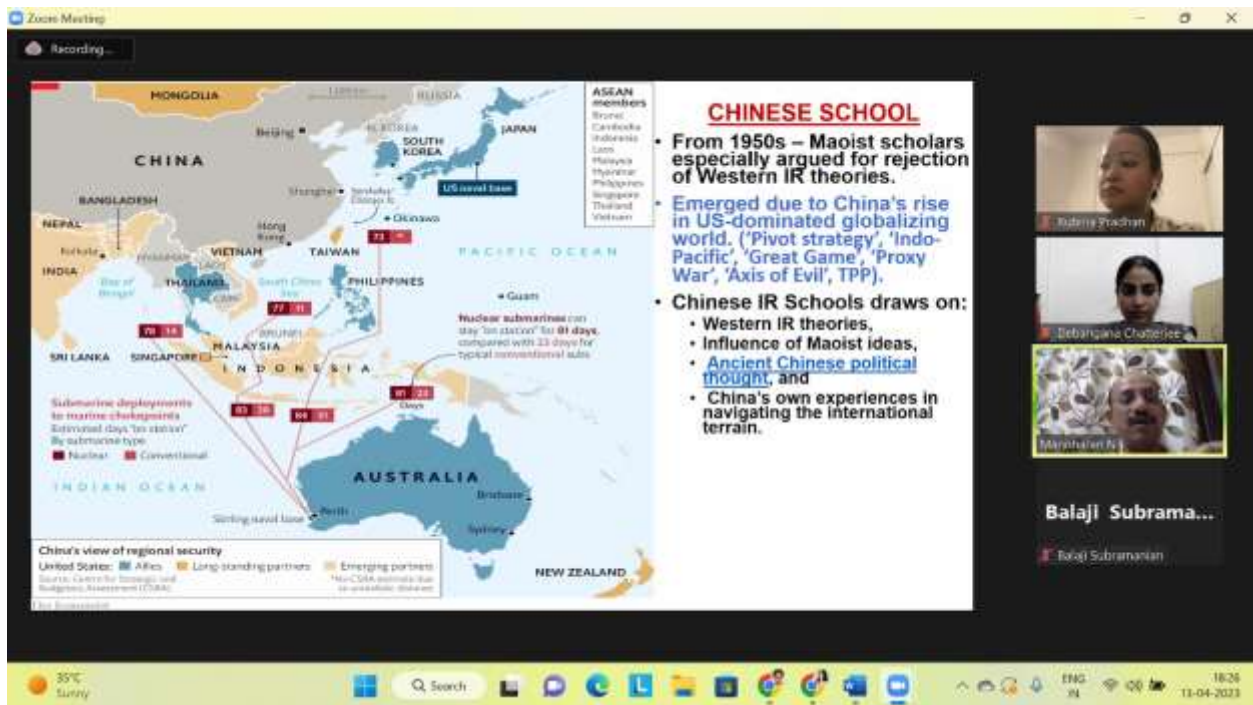
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Session 5 with Prof. Jayati Srivastava as the resource person



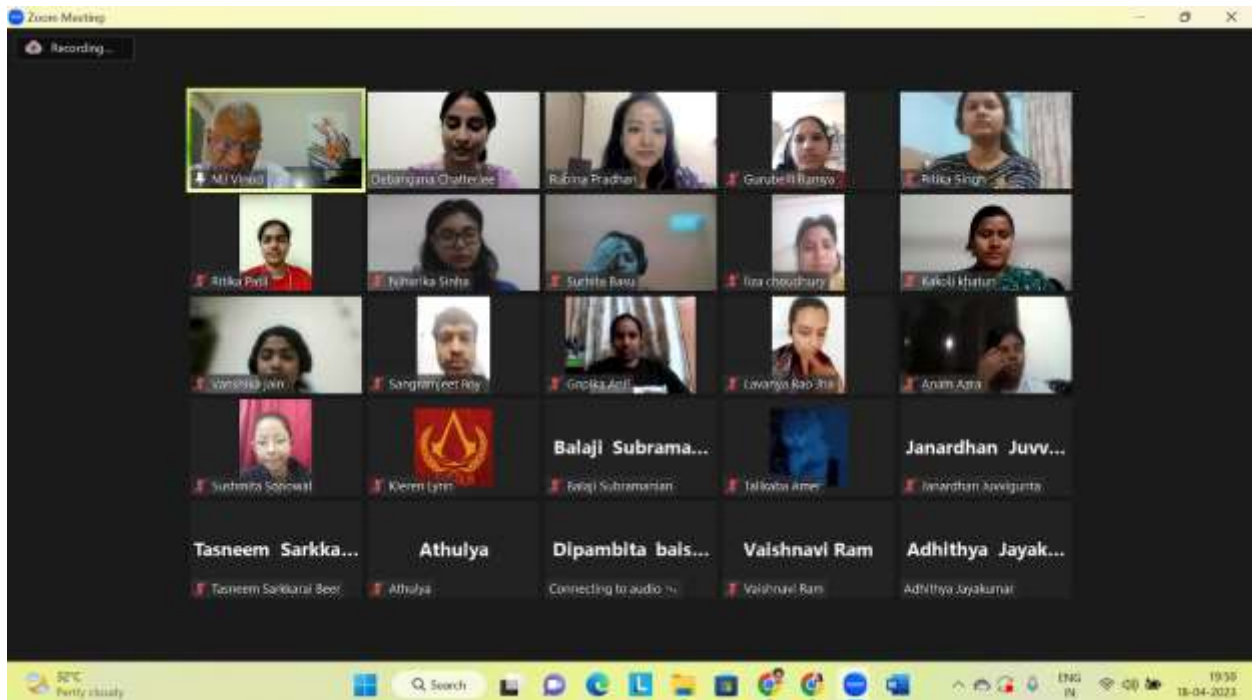
Session 6 with Prof. D. Suba Chandran as the Resource Person



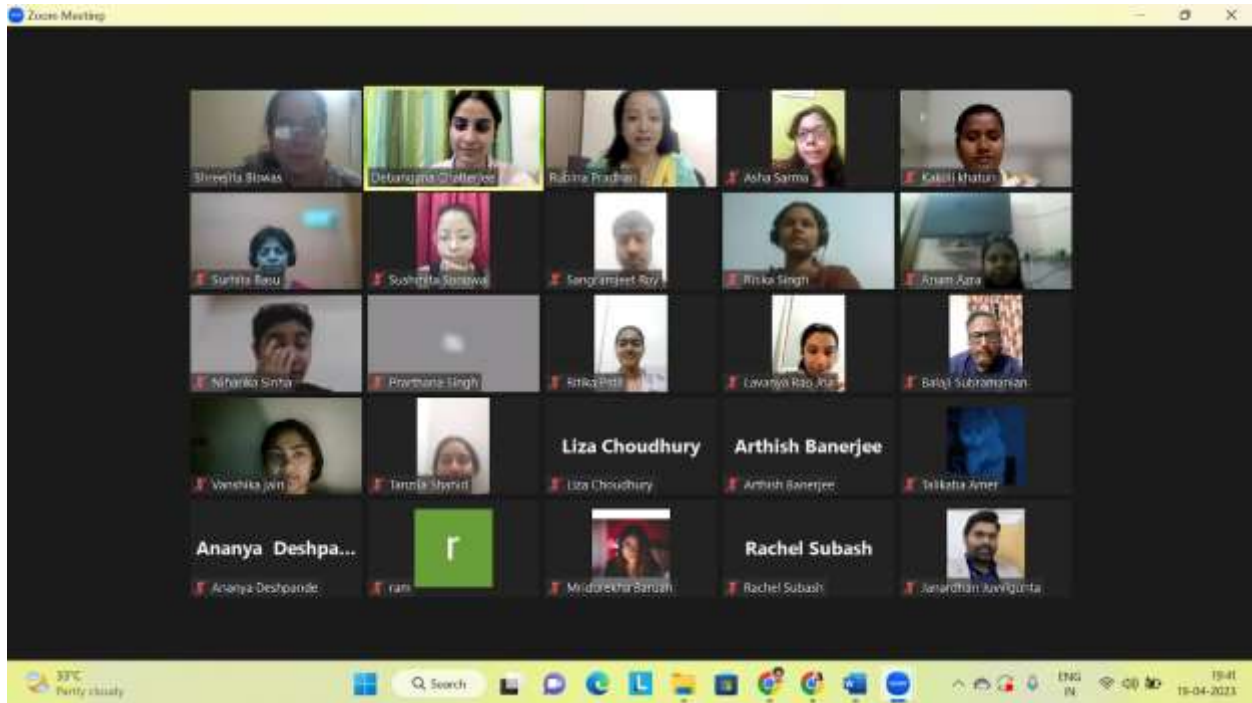
Session 7 with Dr. Manoharan N. as the Resource Person



Session 8 with Dr. Soumita Basu as the Resource Person



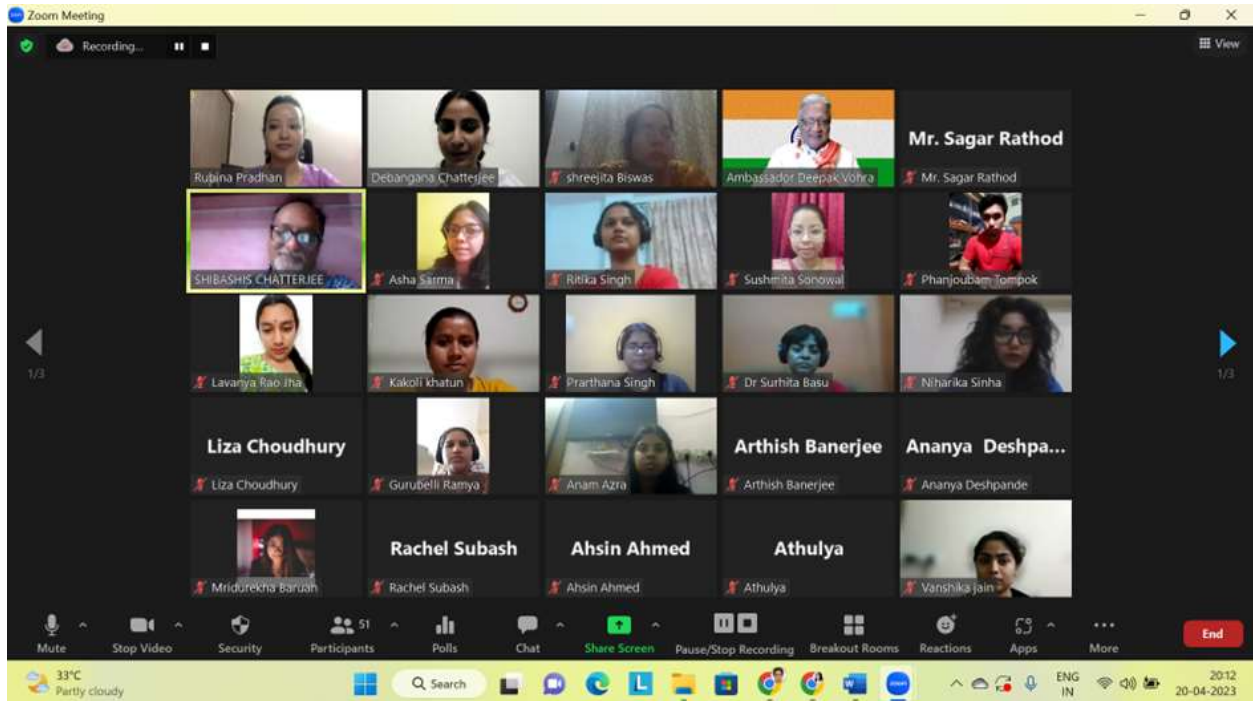
Session 9 with Prof. M. J. Vinod as the Resource Person



Session 10 with Dr. Shreejita Biswas as the Resource Person



Session 11a with Dr. Tejal Khanna as the resource person



At the end of the concluding session (Session 11b) on 20th April with Amb. Dr. Deepak Vohra and Prof. Shibashis Chatterjee



During the Certificate Distribution Ceremony on 28th April in the presence of Dr. Raj Singh, Vice-Chancellor, JAIN and Dr. N. V. H. Krishnan, Registrar, JAIN