

SYMBIOSIS SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

STUDENTS' RESEARCH CONCLAVE 2023

Indian Strategic Culture: Addressing Global and Regional Challenges

Tuesday, 31 October 2023

10 AM - 4 PM

Online Mode

Essay Submission and Presentation

on the themes

I. India's "Strategic Autonomy" in Big Power Politics

II. India's Strategy in the Indo-Pacific

III. Role of Narratives in India's Foreign Policy

Guidelines:

- Open to undergraduate and postgraduate students across India
- Word limit: 2500 words (including references in APA style)
- Essays will be peer-reviewed and will undergo strict plagiarism check
- Equal emphasis on PPT presentation (10 minutes per participant)
- For submissions and queries, write to us on ssissrc2023@ssispune.edu.in

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/1RDsZXNQsTXkrf9L7>



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This students' research conclave scheduled for 31 October 2023, is a precursor to the ninth edition of the **International Relations Conference (IRC) November 2023 on India's Strategic Culture: Addressing Global & Regional Challenges** organized by the Symbiosis School of International Studies under the aegis of Symbiosis International (Deemed University), Pune on 25-26 November 2023 which will be **inaugurated by the Hon'ble External Affairs Minister of India, Dr. S. Jaishankar**. With the global shift towards India's growing centrality in international relations, it is the opportune moment to engage in deliberations that would bring about changes in the discourse and narrative on Indian strategic thought in the realm of international relations, especially through a non-western lens. We invite young student scholars to articulate, contribute and share their knowledge and insights on selected themes through **well-referenced original essays**, to be presented at the research conclave.

Given that strategic culture comprises a country's worldview, understanding of subject-object relations and behaviours based on that country's history and geo-political and geo-economic situation, the time has come to ask how India has thought about international relations. Through the presentations by the students, the conclave will attempt to trace the traits of India's distinctive style of negotiations at the global platforms as well as its emphasis on strategic autonomy within the majorly contested global power space. Thus, the unique angle adopted by this conclave lies in providing an opportunity for the students to showcase their knowledge and research skills on the topic and learn extensively from the enriching discussions in the IRC 2023 at the later stage.

Important Dates:

- **Paper Submission Deadline: 20 October 2023, 2 p.m.**
- **PPT Submission Deadline: 25 October 2023, 2 p.m.**
- **Students' Research Conclave (Online): Tuesday, 31 October 2023, 10 AM - 4 PM**

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This research conclave seeks to serve as an opportune platform for graduate and undergraduate students to submit and present their original and unpublished referenced essays on any of the following three themes:

I. India's "Strategic Autonomy" in Big Power Politics

II. India's Strategy in the Indo-Pacific

III. Role of Narratives in India's Foreign Policy

The best two essay presentations will be awarded with a certificate during the inaugural ceremony of the IRC 2023 (25-26 November 2023). Selected reviewed essays will also be published on the online platform of the **Indian Review of Global Affairs** (<https://irga.in/>).

Note: The best two presenters (outstation) will be reimbursed in actuals for a 2-tier AC railway ticket fee and accommodation will be provided for the two days of the conference in November. The winners, if locally placed, will be reimbursed in actuals for to and from conveyance to the IRC 2023 venue at the Symbiosis Lavale campus on the conference days.

Guidelines:

- Participation is open to only undergraduate and postgraduate students enrolled in colleges and universities across India. A copy of a valid ID card is to be mailed along with paper submissions.
- All submissions (**max. 2500-word limit including references in APA style**) will undergo a peer-review process and plagiarism check which is to not exceed the range of 10-15% similarity for their consideration by the review panel. The essays will be evaluated based on their originality, writing style, accuracy and analytical content.
- There is an equal marking component allotted to the ppt presentation of the essays at the student conclave in online mode. The time allotted is **10 minutes per participant**.
- The deadline for essay submission is **20th October 2023, at 2 PM. No late submissions will be entertained.**

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